

**Media & Communications Corner** We are delighted to share that our Pastoral Area Social Media Ministry team is now in place. Liz Davey (Knockbridge) joins Kirstie Matthews (Darver & Dromiskin) in helping to share the life, faith, and good news of our parishes across our online platforms. Through this ministry, we aim to keep parishioners connected, informed, and inspired by highlighting parish events, celebrations, and moments of community life. If you have a parish event, notice, photo, or any suggestions of what you would like to see shared online, please feel free to contact: Kirstie – [kirstiematthews96@hotmail.com](mailto:kirstiematthews96@hotmail.com) | 087 915 6682 or message us on our socials @ourladyqueenofpeacepalouth (Facebook, Instagram, TikTok). Thank you for your continued support as we grow our Pastoral Area presence online.

**Pastoral Area Finance Committee** will take place in the parochial house Knockbridge on Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7.30pm. We welcome new member Karen McArdle representing Kilkierley.

**Kilcrony: Coffee morning** in the Old school on Tuesday 5th May from 10.00am till 2.00 pm . Historical records of Kilcrony on view on the day. Proceeds in aid of Ardee Hospice.

**Monday's with Jesus. Eucharistic Adoration** has been ongoing in the Parish of Knockbridge for a quarter of a century on Mondays from 10am to 10pm. Through Adoration many people experience extra graces & blessings. Would you be interested in having some quiet time with Jesus. Please contact Nuala 086 2660964 or Irene 087 6677654

**Dromiskin: Maríosa Prayer Hour** on Tuesday 7-8pm in St. Peter's Church. A time for silence, rosary, scripture, reflection and Adoration. All in our PA. and beyond are invited and will be very welcome.

**Devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima** (First Saturday) will be held in St. Peter's Church, Dromiskin on Saturday, 2nd May with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary at 5.30, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6.00pm and concluding with the Holy Rosary at 6.30. Vigil Mass at 7.00 pm.

**Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group** meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in the church meeting room in Louth Village. Feel free to drop in.

### **Annual Rosary Rallies**

The Annual Rosary Rally will take place in many locations across Ireland on Saturday 16 May at 4.00pm, praying especially for the conversion of Ireland. One confirmed venue is St Joseph's Grotto, St Joseph's Church, Chapel Road, Glenavy, Crumlin, Co. Antrim, with tea and coffee afterwards.

**The All-Ireland Rosary Rally at Knock Shrine** will take place separately on Saturday 6 June 2026. All are welcome to take part in these national moments of prayer.

**Dromiskin:** On Saturday 9th May the rosary will be recited for the conversion of Ireland in St. Peter's Church, Dromiskin at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

### **Quid Games – Dromiskin Fundraiser**

Quid Games is taking place on 31st May 2026 at the Fairways Hotel Dundalk. This event is a joint effort between St. Peter's Church and School. We are still seeking volunteers to assist in 4 key areas over the coming months: Contestants, Marketing, Ticket Sales, and Sponsorship. You can support our contestants by donating on the official fundraiser page for St. Peter's School and the Church, Dromiskin. Every contribution makes a real difference by going to the link: <https://clubspotevents.ie/clubs/st-peters-school-church-dromiskin/> There is still time for new contestants to take part, fundraise, and enjoy the event on 31st May 2026 at the Fairways Hotel Dundalk ie people in DARVER, DROMISKIN, KILKERLEY, KNOCKBRIDGE & LOUTH. If you would like to get involved or participate, contact Kirstie Matthews on 087 915 6682

**The annual Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** takes place from Sunday 10th May to Friday 15th May 2026. We wish all pilgrims, especially those travelling from our pastoral area, every blessing and many graces as they set out on pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Lourdes. May this be a time of prayer, healing, peace and renewed hope for all who travel, and for the sick, assisted pilgrims, carers, clergy, youth helpers and all who support the pilgrimage. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them.

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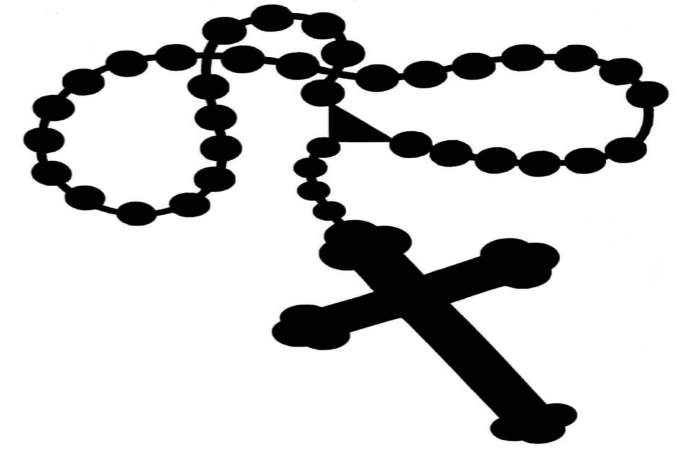
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**Our Lady  
Queen of  
Peace  
Pastoral  
Area**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
3rd May 2026**



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### **OUR MISSION: 'TO OPEN THE DOORS AND LET JESUS RETURN'**

**BAPTISMS:** will normally take place on Saturdays at 2pm in each of the churches. . It is now obligatory for all first time parents to attend a pre-Baptism course. Please contact the Pastoral Area Office for further information or contact the priest residing in the parish where the Baptism will take place

**WEDDINGS:** Please contact Fr Gerry Campbell directly for all wedding enquiries. It is important that all couples who intend to marry make contact with the pastoral area office at least four months before the wedding (details above) to ensure that all necessary requirements and paperwork are fulfilled on time.

**CONFESSIONS:** Before monthly **Family Tree Healing Mass ( Sun. 3pm Mon. 7pm)** or on request.

**VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** If you know of anyone who requires a visit please contact the pastoral area office. If it is an emergency contact the nearest priest.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** can be emailed to [olqopoffice@gmail.com](mailto:olqopoffice@gmail.com) at least two weeks prior to the date of the anniversary for inclusion in the parish bulletin, or contact the priest residing in the parish where the Mass will be offered. You can also book with the sacristan.

**ALL SACRAMENTAL AND PASTORAL AREA NOTIFICATIONS** can be emailed to [olqopoffice@gmail.com](mailto:olqopoffice@gmail.com) no later than Wednesday midnight.

**Webcam** Masses and other events are broadcast live via webcam and can be accessed through either: [www.ourladyqueenofpeacepa.ie](http://www.ourladyqueenofpeacepa.ie) or [www.churchmedia.tv](http://www.churchmedia.tv) (Recording is possible on request by contacting the pastoral area office in advance.)

## CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL, DARVER

**Sunday 3rd May 10.30am :** Bríd McDonnell M.M., Patrick Murtagh 1st Anniv, Bernard & Elizabeth Murtagh

**Tuesday 9.30am:**

**Thursday 9.30am**

## CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

**Saturday 2nd May 7.00pm:** Joan Murtagh, Peter & Christine Morrissey

**Mon. 4th May. -6.20pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **6.30pm** Rosary

**7.00pm Mass & Novena - Wed —9.10am** Rosary, **9.30am** Mass:

**Fri 10am** Rosary, **9.30am** Mass—**10am** Adoration

**Sat: 6.30pm** Rosary

## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, KILKERLEY

**Saturday 2nd May 6.00pm:** May & Owenie Hamill

**Sunday 3rd May 10.30am :** - Cissie Duffy, Barney, Nicholas & Kathleen Shevlin

**Tuesday 9.30am—**

**Thursday 9.30am—**

**ROSARY & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FRIDAY 6.30-7.30PM**

## CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S, KNOCKBRIDGE

**Saturday 2nd May 7.30pm :** Paddy & Larry Flynn & DFM

**Sunday 3rd May 11.30am :** Bernadette Larkin, Aaron Trimble

**Wed - 9.30am:**

**Fri - 9.30am —**

**Adoration: Monday 10am to 10pm**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday 10am to 10pm**



## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

**Saturday 2nd May 5.30pm:** Peggy Hughes M.M. Peter & Theresa Boyle, Agnes (Babs) Matthews

**Sunday 3rd May 9.30am:** - Joe Hamill, Phyllis Neary, Dan, Katie & Danno Breen, Jason Kenny

**Tues 5th May 9.30am—** Seamus Dullaghan

**Fri 9.30am—**

**ROSARY & ADORATION:** Tuesday 10am –12noon

## OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN

Mass on First Sunday at 11am  
Mass on the second Friday— 7.30pm

**RECENTLY DECEASED.** Please pray for Mickey Farrell, Patsy Sharkey, Tom McElroy, Maureen Whelan, Fr. James O'Connell SM, Rose Kavanagh, Garry O'Reilly, Brid McDonnell, Una Dunne, Mary B Boylan, Patricia Cluskey, Peggy Hughes,

### **ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Darver:** **Sunday 10th May 10.30am** - Rose Kavanagh M.M., Fr. Peter Paul Kerr

**Dromiskin:** **Saturday 9th May 7.00pm** - Stephen McArdle, Fr. Peter Paul Kerr

**Kilkerley:** **Saturday 9th May 6.00pm** - James Kneel, Noel McElroy, Cathy McCaffrey

**Sunday 10th May 10.30am** - Margaret McCullagh

**Knockbridge:** **Saturday 9th May 7.30pm** - John & Bridget Kirk, Bernard & Kate Rose Rooney, Eithna Murphy, Joe & Padraig Ward, Bernard & Mary Ann Ward, Tommy Mulholland

**Sunday 10th May 11.30am** – Patricia Cluskey M.M., Joseph & Rose Nolan & DFM, Mary, Matthew & Denis Flynn & DFM

**Louth:** **Saturday 9th May 5.30pm** – Gerry Lennon, Kitty Marron & dec members of the McGeough & Marron family, Keith Byrne, Special intention

**Sunday 10th May 9.30am —**

**COLLECTIONS DROMISKIN:** 26TH APRIL €691 **DARVER** 26TH APRIL € 327

**KILKERLEY:** 26TH APRIL €1015 **KNOCKBRIDGE:** 26TH APRIL €1262.50 **LOUTH:** 26TH APRIL € 965

### **Marian Month of May (a gentle word of encouragement from Fr. Gerry)**

As we enter the month of May dedicated to Our Lady, I encourage you to pray the Rosary individually and/or with your family; the Rosary is a gentle but powerful prayer that brings us closer to Jesus through the heart of Mary.



**Monthly Welcome Sunday (Today)** will take place on Sunday 3rd May. This means CHILDRENS LITURGY the little ones will be taken aside to explore God's Word through stories and artwork. Also the HOSPITALITY teams will offer Tea/Coffee/ Treats as you leave the church building. We are still waiting for Darver to join us.

**Knockbridge: The Safe Routes to Schools** works have begun, with the first phase taking place in the church car park. While some disruption is unavoidable, we hope it will be kept to a minimum. The full programme is expected to take up to 3 months. We ask for your patience and understanding as these works are carried out, and we hope they will be of lasting benefit to the children, families, and wider parish community.

**Ordination to the Priesthood.** We rejoice that Deacon Gabriel Neal, Deacon Jacek Tuskiewicz and Deacon Paul O'Reilly will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday 9 May 2026 in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, at 3.00pm. All three have undertaken their formation with the Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Dundalk. Please pray for Gabriel, Jacek and Paul and for their families.

**Family Tree Healing Mass (FTHM)** will take place on **Mon. 4th May** at 8pm preceded by Confessions at 7.00pm and the Holy Rosary at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. The theme is: **'WOUNDED. HEALED. SENT'**  
**The next 'Mercy Prayer Healing' (MPH)** afternoon will take place on **Sunday 10th May** at 2.30pm with Confessions. At 3pm to 4pm there will be Adoration, the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Holy Rosary. At 4pm the Family Tree Healing Mass. At 5.20pm Hospitality in the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome. The theme is: **HEALING OUR ROOTS, LIVING HIS PROMISE.**

### **St. Peter's Church, Dromiskin celebrates 100 years (Oct.4th 2026)**

This will be marked by a Mass led by Archbishop Eamon Martin on Sunday Oct. 4th at 3pm followed by a meal at 5pm. Important work needs to be done to the interior of the church: **A new Lighting system in and outside the church, a comprehensive upgrade and replacement of the churches electrical wiring, a complete restoration of the mosaics in the sanctuary, many of the windows require sealing to ensure that they are air-tight.** This is a huge undertaking and will require much fundraising, private donations and sponsorship. If you wish to donate to Dromiskin Church project you can by cheque to **Darver Dromiskin** Or by bank transfer **IE62BOFI 903365 74478226**

**Sacrament of Confirmation 2026** **Louth:** Friday 8th May at 11.00am

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2026** will take place on the following dates:

**Darver and Kilkerley:** Saturday 9th May at 11.00am, **Knockbridge:** Saturday 16th May at 11.00am

**Dromiskin:** Saturday 23rd May at 11.00am. **Louth :** Saturday 30th May at 11.00am