

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 | 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.

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: Mariosa 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. **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.

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 If you would like to get involved or participate, contact Kirstie Matthews on 087 915 6682

Sycamore Retreat Day — Saturday 30th May

Parents of children in primary school — and anyone else who is interested — are warmly invited to a Sycamore Retreat Day on Saturday 30th May, from **10am to 4pm**, in the idyllic setting of Stephenstown Pond.

Sycamore is a welcoming and gentle programme for exploring the Catholic faith in a relaxed and friendly way. The day will include short videos, discussion, a meal, tea and coffee — and, above all, some much-needed peace and quiet. This retreat has been organised by local parents and members of the Pastoral Area Council. It promises to be a lovely opportunity to pause, breathe, meet others, and reflect on faith in a beautiful setting.

And by the way — it's free!

So, if you're interested give your name to your school secretary or call Fr Gerry at the Parochial House. All are welcome.

The Camino de Santiago de Compostelo 27 July 2026 for 7 nights . Walk the Camino (The Portuguese Way), beginning in Vigo and finishing in Santiago. The route takes pilgrims through stunning countryside, villages and towns and we will also walk past terraced fields, lush forests and beautiful vineyards. Over the course of the week, pilgrims will walk approximately 100km and pilgrims will spend the last day in the ancient city of Santiago de Compostela where we will have the opportunity to visit the tomb of St James the Apostle. A spiritual director and guide will accompany the group. For further details and booking see www.marian.ie or email info@marian.ie or call 028 95680005 or 01 8788159

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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 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 no later than Wednesday midnight.

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

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL, DARVER

Sunday 17th May 10.30am : Mary & Peter McDonnell, Paddy Matthews, Hugh & Brigid Kinahan & DFM

Tuesday 9.30am:

Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Saturday 16th May 7.00pm: Sean Mulligan, Brigid & Tony Gorham, Eamon White & Larry Donnelly

Brendan & Madge Matthews & son Brendan, Noeleen & Michael Maguire

Mon. 18th 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 16th May 6.00pm: Turlough Lennon, Terry, Eileen, Pat & Brendan Lennon & DFM

Sunday 17th May 10.30am : -

Tuesday 9.30am—

Thursday 9.30am—

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

CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 16th May 7.30pm : Aaron Callan, Patsy & Patricia Byrne

Sunday 17th May 11.30am : Mickey Farrell M.M., Briege Kerr, Mary Grant & DFM,

Bernard & Marie Quigley & DFM

Wed 20th 9.30am: Eddie McCormack

Fri - 9.30am —

Adoration: Monday 10am to 10pm



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 16th May 5.30pm: Seamus Sweeney 1st Anniversary

Sunday 17th May 9.30am: - John & Katie King, Deceased members of the Burke family

Tues 9.30am—

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 Tom Killeen, Ena Fulcher, Mickey Farrell, Patsy Sharkey, Maureen Whelan,

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 24th May 10.30am - Roisin McCaul

Dromiskin: Saturday 23rd May 7.00pm - Brian McKernan, Jack & Peg Doherty & Olive Duffy,
Alice & Jackie Kinahan

Kilkerley: Saturday 23rd May 6.00pm - John, Bridget & Charlie McMaster

Sunday 24th May 10.30am - Patrick Lynch, Phyllis Fee, Grace & Betty McKeivitt & DFM

Knockbridge: Saturday 23rd May 7.30pm -

Sunday 24th May 11.30am – Ann Casey & DFM

Louth: Saturday 23rd May 5.30pm – Gerry Connolly, Margaret, Thomas & Michael Connolly,

Chris Sunderland, Brendan, Ursula, Pat, Hilda, Maurice, & Sadie Gartlan

Sunday 24th May 9.30am —

COLLECTIONS DROMISKIN : 10TH MAY € 666 **DARVER** 10TH MAY €418

KILKERLEY: 10TH MAY €880 **KNOCKBRIDGE:** 10TH MAY €1209.84 **LOUTH** 10TH MAY € 1785

Marian Month of May: Pray this pray for the conversion of our families and Pastoral Area to Jesus through Mary.

The Memorare: Remember , O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy clemency hear and answer me Amen.

First Holy Communion 2026 : Congratulations to the girls and boys who received their First Holy Communion yesterday in **Knockbridge** “Lord Jesus, bless these children with a deep love for You in the Eucharist and keep their hearts always close to Yours” **First Holy Communion** will take place in **Dromiskin:** Saturday 23rd May at 11.00am. **Louth :** Saturday 30th May at 11.00am

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 airtight.** 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 **IE-62BOFI 903365 74478226**

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.

Unbound (Freedom in Christ) Deliverance Ministry: Are you feeling trapped, & bound up with unforgiveness, anger, fear, addictive behavior, depression, loneliness...then this ministry is for you. The next Unbound afternoon takes place on Saturday 23rd May. Call Joan for bookings & other details (086)3288847

Fr Mike Schmitz – The Parables Tour, Dublin, 20 July 2026

Fr. Mike Schmitz will visit Ireland next summer for The Parables Tour: A Time of Reflection with Fr Mike Schmitz, taking place in the National Stadium, Dublin, on Monday 20 July 2026, from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. On the same day, the Evangelisation and Youth Ministry Sub-Council of the Irish Bishops' Conference will host a special Mass for young people at 5.00pm in Saint Teresa's Church, Donore Avenue, Dublin, at which Fr Mike Schmitz will preach. This promises to be an engaging opportunity for young people to gather with others from across the wider Church for an evening of faith, reflection, and encouragement. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.ie. Young people, parents/guardians and youth groups are encouraged to consider this event.

Louth News: Station Masses– June

Louth Parish will be organising Station Masses during the month of June. Parishioners who would like to host a Mass in their home or premises are kindly requested to inform Fr. Sijo or any member of the Parish Council.