

SYCAMORE IS BACK! Beginning Monday 21st September, 7.30–9.00pm, in the parochial house, Knockbridge.. Bring a friend. Give faith a chance. Contact Fr Gerry: [042 6826106](tel:0426826106) or olqopoffice@gmail.com

Media & Communications We are looking for volunteers particularly with the **website, social media, church screens, slideshows, posters and graphics**. No previous experience is necessary, and training and support will be provided.

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group is looking for volunteers to join them. This offers a compassionate, confidential space where those who are grieving can be listened to, supported and helped to find hope as they adjust to life after loss. Training commencing. October 26. Contact Catherine Barrett 0868726442 for further details

Monday's with Jesus. Eucharistic Adoration has been ongoing in the Parish of Knockbridge for a quarter of a century on Mons. from 10am to 10pm. Would you be interested in having some quiet time with Jesus. Please contact Nuala 086 2660964 or Irene 0876677654

Knockbridge Vintage Club: Preparations are underway for Knockbridge Vintage Club's 20th Anniversary Vintage Rally on Sunday 23rd August. Anyone interested in getting involved, helping with preparation, or volunteering on the day are encouraged to contact 087 2204261 or a member of the committee.

St. Peter's Church Dromiskin Centenary Year 2026

This year we celebrate one hundred years of St Peter's Church — a sacred place where generations of our families were baptised, married, mourned their loved ones, received the Eucharist and brought their hopes, sorrows and prayers before the Lord. A Mass to mark this milestone will take place on Sunday Oct.4th at 3.00pm followed by a light meal in St. Joseph's GFC hall. The Mass will be led by Archbishop Eamonn Martin.

St Peter's Church Centenary Building Project

As we celebrate 100 years of St Peter's Church, we are preparing for a major programme of essential works to preserve and improve the church for future generations. The proposed works include: Complete rewiring and a new lighting system — **€160,000** External bitmac surfacing and drainage — **€75,000**

New weekday Mass chapel and meeting room — **€20,000**

New external building with toilets, boiler facilities and storage— **€60,000**

€36,000 has been raised for mosaics around the altar, and **€5,500** for repairs to the stained-glass windows.

When builders' works, scaffolding, insurance, professional fees and other associated costs are included, the total cost of the project is expected to be approximately **€450,000–€500,000**. The work can be carried out in phases as funds become available. Every donation, large or small, will bring us another step closer to completing these necessary works. Grant-awarding bodies normally require clear evidence that the local parish community is actively supporting and fundraising for a project. Our own contribution will therefore be vital in helping us to secure additional grant funding. To date, **€1,900** has been donated We sincerely thank all who have contributed. How to Donate:

By cheque: Payable to the **Darver Dromiskin Account**

By bank transfer: **IE 62BOFI 90336574478226**. Cash or cheques may also be left with:

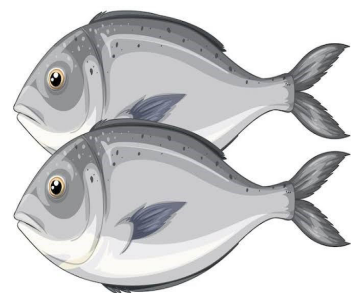
Fr Pat Readypenny A91 YC60 or **Fr Gerry Knockbridge** A91 NA03

Please include your name and contact details so that your donation can be acknowledged.

St Peter's Church has served generations of families for the past century. With your support, we can ensure that it continues to serve our parish community for many years to come.

ATTENTION ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS — SAVE THE DATE!

The Pastoral Area Council is delighted to invite **all parish volunteers across our Pastoral Area** to a special **outdoor appreciation meal on Sunday 30th August**. This will be a joyful opportunity to gather together and to say a heartfelt **thank you** for the time, generosity and faithful service you give to the life of our parishes. **Please mark the date in your diary. Further details will follow.**



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Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

**2nd August 2026
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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Parochial House, Knockbridge, Co. Louth, A91 NA03



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 2nd August 10.30am - Gerry Cranny, Larry & Fr. Donal Sweeney & DFM, Patrick, Aileen & Joanne Dromgoole

Tuesday 9.30am:Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Saturday 1st August 7.00pm -Families of the Parish

Mon. 3rd August. -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 1st August 6.00pm - Kathleen & Matthew McKenna, Claire McKenna, Declan Rice

Sunday 2nd August 10.30am - Josie McConville

Tuesday 9.30am—Thursday 9.30am—

Friday 7th August 7.30pm— Peter McDermott M.M.

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

CHURCH OF ST. MARY’S, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 1st August 7.30pm - Joe & Joan McDonagh & daughter Olivia

Sunday 2nd August 11.30am – Philip (Philly) Farrell, Sean Clifford and Ciaran McKenna

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

Wed - 9.30am:Fri - 9.30am —

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 1st August 5.30pm – Marian Murphy MM

Sunday 2nd August 9.30am — May & Mick Byrne & DFM

Tuesday 4th August 9.30am: Barney Neary, Sean McDonnell

OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN

Due to Patrun Sunday in Louth on 2nd August NO MASS in Stonetown

Mass on the second Friday— 7.30pm

RECENTLY DECEASED.

Please pray for Tony Charity, Mena Wallace, Evelyn Eccles, Robert & Kathleen Marks (Cooley),Pat Conlon, Marian Murphy, Vincent Reilly, Shane Kierans, (Drogheda), Gerry Duffy (Faughart), Bridie Connor (Ard Easmuinnn),

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver Sunday 9th August 10.30am—Michael Lynch, Jack & Molly McGuinness, Tommy Mitchell, Rose & Alex Sweeney & DFM, Deceased members of the Dolan family

Dromiskin: Saturday 8th August 7.00pm—Special intention

Kilkerley: Saturday 8th August 6.00pm - Helen & Tom Litchfield, Teddy & Elizabeth Oakes

Sunday 9th August 10.30am—Michael & Nellie McGee, Noel, Paul & Liam McEntegart, Michael Corrigan

Knockbridge: Saturday 8th August 7.30pm -Brendan & Sheila Hamill, Ned McEnteggart, Michael Donnelly

Sunday 9th August 11.30am– Vincent McKey, Baby James McKenna, Ann Matthews, Peter & Mary Rose Grant

Louth: Saturday 8th August 5.30pm - Pat Conlon M.M, Marcella McGee & DFM

Sunday 9th August 9.30am—Special Intention

COLLECTIONS DROMISKIN : 26TH JULY €394 DARVER 26TH JULY €468 LOUTH 26TH JULY €725

KILKERLEY: 26TH JULY € 980 KNOCKBRIDGE: 26TH JULY €912.82

Welcome Sunday

Every 1st Sunday of the month is welcome Sunday. So, the Hospitality Team will be at the entrance to the churches to serve tea/coffee and refreshments after Mass TODAY. Sunday 2nd August. Volunteers still needed for this ministry in Darver.

Pastoral Area Visitation Team

The Pastoral Area Council is preparing to begin a new Visitation Team this October. The team will visit people who are housebound and living on their own. . We are looking for people over 18 who would be willing to give a little time to sit, listen, and show kindness. Training will be provided, and clear procedures will be in place. To express your interest, please give your name to Lorraine Quigley, Chair of the Pastoral Area Council and coordinator of the Hospitality Team, on 086 3867627. Let us reach out to those with few or no visitors, and remind them that they still matter, they are still loved, and they still belong.

MONTHLY COMMUNION VISITS

Our sick and housebound parishioners will be visited during the first week of August at the usual times. Please do not let anyone miss the joy, strength and comfort of receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. A relative, neighbour or friend may be longing for a visit but unsure how to ask. Contact the priest in your parish or the Pastoral Area Office on 042 6827418. One simple phone call could bring Christ into someone’s home and great consolation to their heart.

Blessing of Graves in the Pastoral Area

Knockbridge Sunday 9th August @ 11.30am in the church Please bring your own water bottles.

Darver: Sunday 16th August @ 12noon in the cemetery. Mansfieldtown @5.00pm

Killincoole (Darver) Sunday 24th August @12noon in the cemetery.

Blessing of graves Knockbridge.

Due to ongoing work there is limited parking at the school. Parking will be available in the new Bride's field on the Dundalk Road. Volunteer tidy up in the cemetery on Wednesday 5th. at 7pm - Strimming, hedge trimming sweeping up etc. Bring relevant equipment.

Mercy Prayer Healing’ (MPH)

afternoon will take place on Sunday 9th August from 3.00 to 5.20pm.

The afternoon will begin with Confessions, Adoration, the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Holy Rosary. At 4.00pm the Family Tree Healing Mass will begin. At 5.20pm Hospitality will be offered in the Community Centre.ie sandwiches, cakes, tea, coffee and juice. Everyone is welcome. The theme is: ‘Jesus: Calms Family Storms.’

Feast of the Assumption Masses.

Vigil Fri,14th Kilkerley 6pm Dromiskin 7.00pm Stonetown 7.30pm

Morning Sat. 15th Louth 9.30am, Darver 10.30am Knockbridge 11.30am

NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2026

Are you longing for a deeper relationship with Jesus and a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life? Join us in St Mary’s Church, Knockbridge, for nine Friday evenings of inspiring teaching, personal testimony, music and prayer, beginning on Friday 25th September from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Themes will include the love of God, healing and forgiveness, faith, Jesus as Lord, the promise of the Holy Spirit, and Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Music will be led by the Holy Family Prayer Group, Drogheda, with guest speakers each week. All are welcome — come and discover the new life God desires for you. For further details, contact the Pastoral Area Office on (042) 6827418.