

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.

Media & Communications Message from Kirstie Over the past few months, I have gradually been stepping back from some of my roles within our Pastoral Area. Having stepped down from the Pastoral Area Council in June, I will also finish my role in IT and Communications this December. as I move into a new chapter. It has been a real privilege to serve our Pastoral Area over the past two years and to work alongside our priests, deacon, sacristans, volunteers and parishioners. I am very grateful for the friendships, encouragement and support I have received. We are now looking for people who may be willing to help with roles such as **Pastoral Area Council Secretary, Website Administration, Social Media, slideshows and screens, and posters and graphics.** You do not need to be an expert — simply someone willing to learn and use your gifts in service of our Pastoral Area. Training and support will be provided. Although I am stepping away from these roles, I remain very much part of our pastoral area community. I look forward to seeing these ministries flourish through the gifts and talents of others. Thank you.

Dromiskin: Mariosa Prayer Hour will be discontinued for July and August.

Louth: 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.

Knockbridge: Our Lady Queen of the Travellers—Wednesday 8th July An Unbound Ministry Day will take place in St Mary's Church from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Teachings will be given by Fr Gerry Campbell and Mrs Helen Stewart, Regional Coordinator for Unbound Ministry, with music ministry led by the Holy Family Prayer Group, Drogheda. The day will include prayer ministry, confessions, Holy Mass, and hospitality in the Community Centre. All are very welcome.

NB. Due to this event Mass on Wed. 8th July will be celebrated at 8.30am

Blessing of Graves Schedule 2026

Kilkerley: Sunday 12th July at 10.30am in the cemetery. We would greatly appreciate volunteers who could spare an hour or two to help prepare and tidy the cemetery ahead of the Blessing of Graves, when many visitors will return to the parish. Please contact Bernard on **086 3606483**. Following the Blessing of Graves, **Kilkerley Emmets GFC** will host a fundraiser with tea and baked goods in the Community Centre. All are very welcome.

Dromiskin Sunday 19th July @ 12noon in the cemetery

Centenary Year Appeal 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 led by Archbishop Eamonn Martin. At the Blessing of Graves, **the collection** will go towards much-needed restoration work inside the church.

Each family will also receive **an envelope** outlining how they may contribute towards this important work. Those buried in our graveyard built this parish church, sustained it through difficult times and handed on the faith to us. Now it is our turn to honour their memory by caring for the church in which they worshipped. Let us work together to bring St Peter's Church back to its former glory — not simply for ourselves, but as a living tribute to our faithful departed and as a gift of faith for the generations yet to come.

Louth Sunday 2nd August @ 6.00pm in the cemetery.

Knockbridge Sunday 9th August @ 11.30am in the church.

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

Killincoole (Darver) Sunday 24th August @11.30 in the cemetery.



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.



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**Our Lady
Queen of
Peace
Pastoral
Area**

**5th July 2026
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



"COME TO ME....I WILL GIVE YOU REST Matt.11:28"

Darver & Dromiskin, Kilkerley, Knockbridge and Louth



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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 5th July 10.30am : Brian & Joan McDonnell, Rosaleen, Elizabeth, Peter & Gerard McCartney, Aidan McCartney

Tuesday 9.30am: **Thursday 9.30am**

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Saturday 4th July 7.00pm: Joe Kinahan M.M., Pat & Carmel McKenna

Mon. 6th July. -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

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, KILKERLEY

Saturday 4th July 6.00pm: Sally Faughey M.M., Patsy McGuinness & DFM, Madge Lennon & DFM, Brian, Florrie, Petie & James Lynch

Sunday 5th July 10.30am : - Nan & Edward Donnelly

Tuesday 9.30am— **Thursday 9.30am—**

CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 4th July 7.30pm : -

Sunday 5th July 11.30am : Jim Myles

Wed 9.30am: **Fri - 9.30am —**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday 10am to 10pm



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 4th July 5.30pm: Betty Gogarty M.M, May Meegan M.M, Tom & Kenneth Meegan, Fergus Commins

Sunday 5th July 9.30am: - Gerard Clarke

Tues 9.30am— **Fri 9.30am—**

MASS IN STONETOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL ON MONDAY 6TH JULY AT 7.30PM PRECEDED BY CONFESSIONS @ 7PM

OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN

Mass on First Sunday 5th July at 11am - Margaret O'Connor, Paddy McCoy, Alex, Margaret & Marie Sweeney, Jim McArdle & DFM

Mass on the second Friday— 7.30pm

RECENTLY DECEASED. Please pray for Noel Brennan Co.Cavan, Bernadette Hoey, Gerry Ward, Joe Kinahan, Christina (Tina) Kerr, Kevin Mackin, Betty Gogarty, Sally Faughey (Donaghmore) May Meegan, James Clarke

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: **Sunday 12th July 10.30am -** Christina Kerr M.M, Gerard Ward M.M,

Kevin Mackin M.M, & wife Anna, Derek Kenneally,

Dromiskin: **Saturday 11th July 4.00pm -** Michael, Elizabeth, Chris & Lily Murtagh, May & Paddy Neary

Kilkerley: **Saturday 11th July 5.00pm -** Gene Woods

Sunday 12th July 10.30am -

Knockbridge: **Saturday 11th July 5.00pm -** Pat, Bridget & Jim Byrne

Sunday 12th July 11.30am — Colette Meehan, John, Maura, Sean, Mickey & Anthony Joyce,

Joseph, Alice & Padraig Breen

Louth: **Saturday 11th July 4.00pm —** Seamus, James & Elizabeth Campbell & DFM, Cora McArdle Curley

Sunday 12th July 9.30am — Kevin, Ebbie, Michael & Kevin Conlon, Bernadette Byrne

COLLECTIONS DROMISKIN : 28TH JUNE €400 **DARVER** 28TH JUNE €367

KILKERLEY: 28TH JUNE €882 **KNOCKBRIDGE:** 28TH JUNE € 832.55 **LOUTH** 28TH JUNE €700

DO YOU HAVE A TICKET FOR THE MATCH?

Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area Council warmly congratulates the Louth Men's Senior Football Team on their incredible victory over Monaghan last Sunday.

Next Saturday at 6.00pm, Mayo stand in the way — and then, please God, the All-Ireland Football Final 2026. With a 'Sam' Mulroy and a James "Maguire" on the team, surely the signs are there that Louth could lift the 'Sam Maguire' for the first time since 1957!

We are especially proud of our local representatives: Craig Lennon and Ciaran Byrne of St Mochtas, Kieran McArdle of St Bride's, and Conall McCaul of St Joseph's — (grandson of Darver's beloved sacristan Aileen Dorian). Their commitment and achievement bring particular joy to their families, clubs and communities. The dream is becoming reality. We wish the players, management and all involved every blessing as they carry the hopes of the Wee County. Thank you for lifting the hearts and spirits of Co. Louth. **An Lú Abú!**



Change of Mass Times: To facilitate those who cannot attend the match, please note changes in Mass times next Saturday 11th July.

Louth and Dromiskin 4.00pm Kilkerley and Knockbridge 5.00pm

St. Oliver Plunkett The memorial of St. Oliver Plunkett took place on 1st July. Every year a special outdoor Mass is celebrated in Ard Patrick outside Louth Village where St. Oliver lived for a time and celebrated the sacraments including Ordinations. Fr. Gerry will celebrate this Mass **today at 3.00pm**. Everyone is welcome.

Quid Games Raise €61,372 for St. Peters Church and School. As part of the centenary celebrations of St. Peter's Church and the Golden Jubilee of St. Peters School the recent Quid Games raised the magnificent sum of €61,372. This wonderful total will be shared between the church and school to assist with much needed renovation work. A sincere word of thanks to everyone who took part, supported, sponsored, volunteered or played any role in organising the Quid Games. Your generosity, commitment and hard work have brought great fruit for Dromiskin Community.

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

Family Tree Healing Mass will take place on Monday 6th July at 8pm in St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge. Mass will be preceded by Confessions at 7pm and Holy Rosary at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Theme "Bring your wounds to Jesus"

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. For some, a visit may be the only real conversation they have all week — a reminder that they are not forgotten. 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.

St.Vincent de Paul collection this weekend in Louth 4th/5th July.