

Media & Communications We are looking for volunteers who might help to continue the great work Kirstie started, particularly with the **website, social media, church screens, slideshows, posters and graphics**. No previous experience is necessary, and training and support will be provided.

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.

Unbound Ministry offers gentle, confidential prayer to help people find freedom, healing and a deeper experience of God's love in their lives. Unbound Ministry takes place each month in **St Mary's Church, Knockbridge**, from **1.00pm to 5.30pm**. The next Unbound ministry will take place on Saturday 18th July. To make an appointment, please call **Joan** on 0863288847

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

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.

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 TODAY, **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.

Blessing of Graves in the Pastoral Area

Dromiskin Sunday 19th July @ 12noon in the cemetery (please note Centenary Church Appeal above)

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. **Mansfieldtown** @5.00pm

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

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.**

Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 26th July will take place on the **26th of July 2026**.

The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly — "I will never forget you" (Is 49:15) — reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age.



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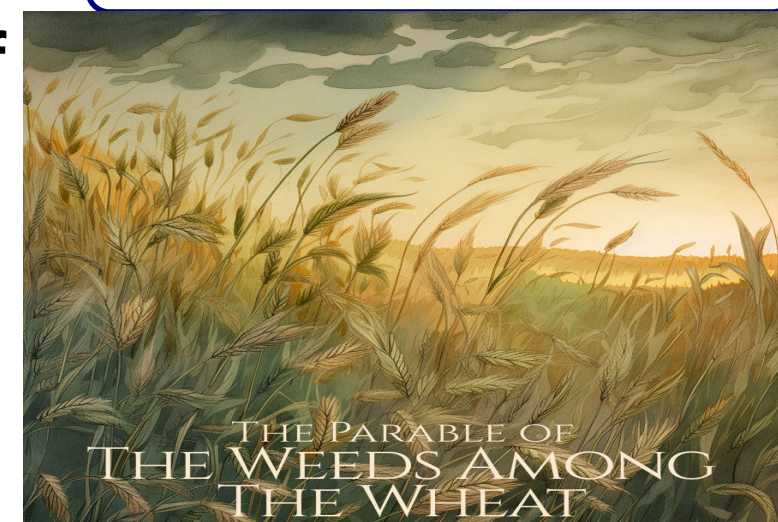
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Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

**19th July 2026
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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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 19th July 10.30am :

Peg & Michael Casey, Brenda Byrne, Margaret McEnteggart,
Pauline O’Rourke, Lena Bird

Tuesday 9.30am:

Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Saturday 18th July 7.00pm:

Bernadette Hoey M.M.

Sunday 19th July 12 noon—Patrún—souls of all those interred in Dromiskin Cemetery

Mon. 20th 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 18th July 6.00pm:

Tom Laverty, George & Anne Franklin, Michael Kelly

Sunday 19th July 10.30am :

Pat Gorman, Margaret & Peter Clarke,
Dec. members of the Clarke & McElroy families

Tuesday 9.30am—

Thursday 9.30am—

CHURCH OF ST. MARY’S, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 18th July 7.30pm :

Joe Byrne, Martina Woods, Tracy Byrne, Thomas Connor & DFM, Maryann Brennan & DFM, Sean Gethins, Fr. Michael Gethins, Baby Michael Crawford, Pat Mcardle, Tom & Rose McGeeney

Sunday 19th July 11.30am :

Tom McGahon, (Prospect) Meegan family (Rosmakea),
Sarah Jane & Eddie Bell, Special intention

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 18th July 5.30pm:

Barney Neary, Aoife Neary (Kilcroney)

Sunday 19th July 9.30am: -

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 Pat Conlon, Marian Murphy, Vincent Reilly, Shane Kierans, (Drogheda), Gerry Duffy (Faughart), Bridie Connor (Ard Easmuinnn),

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 26th July 10.30am - Briege Dullaghan, James & Catherine Mulholland,
Paddy, May & Matthew Quigley, Hugh & Mary Barron, Rose & Pat Kieran

Dromiskin: Saturday 25th July 7.00pm -Seamus McGuinness & Grandsons Ciaran, Owen & Denis & Imelda
O’Neil, Kitty, Brian, Margaret, Patrick & John Ward

Kilkerley: Saturday 25th July 6.00pm - Jackie, Thomas, John, Sarah & Margaret Quinn, Ambrose McEntegart
Brian & Jane McElroy & DFM

Sunday 26th July 10.30am -

Knockbridge: Saturday 25th July 7.30pm - William & Katie Wallace, Paddy Rogan & DFM

Sunday 26th July 11.30am –

Louth: Saturday 25th July 5.30pm – James & Brigid Duff, Patrick & Dora Reilly, Gerry Grimes,
Ursula Casey, Brendan Gartlan

Sunday 26th July 9.30am — Michael Byrne & DFM

COLLECTIONS DROMISKIN: 12TH JULY €323 DARVER 12TH JULY €429 LOUTH 12TH JULY €NEXT WEEK

KILKERLEY: 12TH JULY CEMETERY SUNDAY € 3931 KNOCKBRIDGE: 12TH JULY €768

Would you stop for a second & read this?.

When the darnel (weeds that look like wheat) seem to be over-taking the wheat—when your adult children and grandchildren drift from Mass and Jesus (for the two are intertwined)—do not give up, for God alone sees what is still alive beneath the surface and He is patient with every soul. As St Augustine said, “There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future”—so keep praying, keep witnessing, and trust that the wheat may yet rise.



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.

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.

‘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.’

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.

SYCAMORE IS BACK!

Would you like to know more about your Catholic faith or explore life’s deeper questions? Join us for seven relaxed evenings of inspiring videos, discussion, friendship and hospitality, beginning Monday 21st September, 7.30–9.00pm, in the parochial house, Knockbridge. Come as you are. Bring a friend. Give faith another look. Contact Fr Gerry: 042 6826106 or olqopoffice@gmail.com.

Stonetown

Confession, Divine Mercy & song @7pm. Holy Mass @ 7.30pm with Bishop Michael Router in Stonetown N.S on Monday 27th July. All welcome.