

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 6827418** or **olqopoffice@gmail.com**.

ATTENTION ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS —

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 at 3pm in the back garden of the parochial house**. (or in the event of inclement weather, Knockbridge Community Centre) Food will be served, so come hungry! You are very welcome to bring a family member or friend. The event is for adult volunteers in all 4 Parishes in our Pastoral Area. An event for our younger volunteers will be held separately at a later date.

To: **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of the Word, Music Ministry, collectors, counters, cleaners, florists, PA Baptism Team, PA Bereavement Team, Hospitality Teams, Children's Liturgy Team facilitators, Safeguarding Representatives, Do This in Memory Coordinators, PA Finance Committee, Cemetery Committees, Diocesan Congress Delegates, Prayer/Adoration groups, St Vincent de Paul Society, Altar Society, Apostolic workers, PAC, Sacristans, Clergy, MPH Core Team.....**

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, **€5,000** has been donated. We sincerely thank all who have contributed. How to Donate:

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

By **bank transfer: IE62BOFI 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.

September Meetings

PA Finance Committee will meet in the parochial house, Knockbridge on Wed. 2nd September at 7.30pm

Pastoral Area Council will meet in the parochial house Knockbridge on Thur. 10th September at 7.30pm (**NB Change of date**)

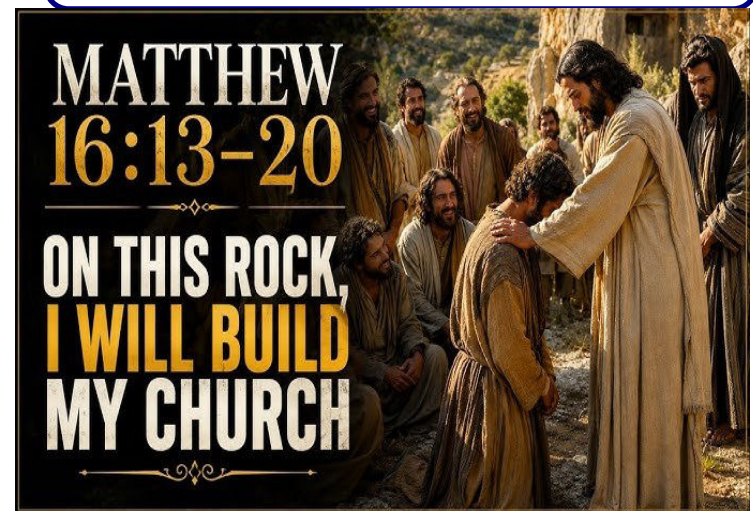
Monthly Communion Rounds: The first Friday of September is approaching: where has the summer gone! The sick and housebound will be visited either on that day or whatever day (that week) you have arranged with the priest. If you know anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, please contact the Pastoral Office, Knockbridge

TRIDUUM: Mark the Dates **29/09/26 & 30/09/26 & 01/10/26** Annual Triduum in honour of St. Therese of Lisieux in Kilkerley with Mass each night at 7.30pm: Speakers **Night 1** Sinead Strong (Catholic Mothers Ireland) **Night 2** Fr. Gerry Campbell & **Night 3** Maria Steen. (Writer& Commentator)



Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

**23rd August 2026
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Darver & Dromiskin, Kilkerley, Knockbridge & Louth

www.ourladyqueenofpeacepa.ie

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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.)

**Who Do
You Say
That I Am?**

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CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL, DARVER

Sunday 23rdAugust 12 noon - Alfie Reilly, Aine O’Callaghan, Lena Bird, Pauline O’Rourke

Tuesday 9.30am:Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Saturday 22nd August 7.00pm - People of the Parish

Mon. 24th August. -6.20pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm Rosary

7.00pm Mass & Novena Tom Smyth — 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 22nd August 6.00pm - Bridget & Michael Brosnan, Tommy Woods

Sunday 23rd August 10.30am - Mena Wallace M.M.

Tuesday 9.30am—Thursday 9.30am—

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

CHURCH OF ST. MARY’S, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 22nd August 7.30pm - Paddy Monahan

Sunday 23rd August 11.30am – Aideen Lawless, Pat Marry

Wed 9.30amFri 9.30am

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

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 22nd August 5.30pm – Anthony (Tony) Charity M.M,

Sunday 23rd August 9.30am —

Tues 9.30am—Fri 9.30am—

ROSARY & ADORATION: Tuesday 10am –12noon

OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN

Mass on the second Friday— 7.30pm (Stonetown)

RECENTLY DECEASED. Please pray for Martin McHugh Killencoole, Readypenny, Ethna Breathnach, Rosaline Sweeney, Mary McArdle, Thomas Kelly, Mary Cunningham (nee Mulholland) Conventry, Joe Quigley,Tony Charity, Mena Wallace,

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:
Darver Sunday 30th August 10.30am: - Tony Agnew & DFM
Dromiskin: Saturday 29th August 7.00pm— Nancy & Jackie Neary, Michael Kerr & DFM
Kilkerley: Saturday 29th August 6.00pm—
Sunday 30th August 10.30am—

Knockbridge: Saturday 29th August 7.30pm - Olivia & Mary McKeown,
Dec. members of the Mackin family
Sunday 30th August 11.30am– Mary McArdle M.M., Brigid, Joseph & Margaret Callan
Louth: Saturday 29th August 5.30pm— Seamus Byrne & DFM, May Kindlon
Sunday 30th August 9.30am— Bridget, John Joe & Ettie McArdle

COLLECTIONS **DROMISKIN**: 16TH AUGUST €975 **DARVER** 16TH AUGUST €369 CEMETERY COLL. **€2512**
LOUTH 16TH AUGUST €830 **KILKERLEY:** 16TH AUGUST €1250 **KNOCKBRIDGE:** 16TH AUGUST €905.32

TODAY 23 August, Knockbridge Vintage Club celebrates its 20th anniversary with its annual Vintage Rally and Working Day, featuring live music from Claudia Buckley and Gavin Gribben, an extensive family entertainment programme, vintage displays and much more. Organisers are looking forward to welcoming visitors from across Ireland to join the celebrations and support an event that has been at the heart of the community for two decades. Gates open at 10am, with ample free parking available. For further information and event updates, visit the Knockbridge Vintage Club Facebook page or contact 087 2204 261.
Dromiskin: Celebrating Heritage week 2026, There will be a walk and talk with Eanna Ní Lamhna on Sunday 23rd August at 11.30am . Meet at the co-op field (opposite Centra) park in the school carpark. Light refreshments in school afterwards

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.

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.

St. Endas prayer group Stonetown 24th August Prayer group at 7.30pm

Parish Tour is on Friday 18th September. For further details Contact Marion 086 8175797, Kathleen 087 7927931, Teresa086 8429511

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

GATHERING OF FRIENDS meet on Wednesday next. August 26th.at 11am in St. Brides clubrooms. New members always welcome just come along on the day.

Diocesan Theology Programme. This programme is accredited by St Patrick’s Pontifical University, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams. Our Theology programme will be continuing this year and starting late September. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Milanda at milanda@parishandfamily.ie All are welcome.