

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**.

Or what about the 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 **milada@parishandfamily.ie** All are welcome.

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

.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: 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

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: **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.

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** at 3pm. 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

**9th August 2026
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



"Lord, don't let me go"



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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 9th August 10.30am - Michael Lynch, Jack & Molly McGuinness, Tommy Mitchell, Rose & Alex Sweeney & DFM, Deceased members of the Dolan family
Tuesday 9.30am: Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Saturday 8th August 7.00pm -Special intention
Mon. 10th 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 8th August 6.00pm - Helen & Tom Litchfield, Teddy & Elizabeth Oakes

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

Tuesday 9.30am— Thursday 9.30am—

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

CHURCH OF ST. MARY’S, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 8thAugust 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 , Patsy Murphy
Thursday 13th August :Mass for Thomas Kelly @ 2pm
Monday- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am to 10pm

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 8th August 5.30pm – Pat Conlon M.M, Marcella McGee & DFM
Sunday 9th August 9.30am — Special Intention

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 Mary McArdle, Mary Cunningham (nee Mulholland) Conventry, Joe Quigley,Tony Charity, Mena Wallace, Evelyn Eccles, Robert & Kathleen Marks (Cooley),Pat Conlon, Shane Kierans, (Drogheda),Bridie Connor (Ard Easmuinnn),

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:
Darver Sunday 16th August 12 noon — Patrún

Dromiskin: Saturday 15th August 7.00pm— Benny Campbell

Kilkerley: Saturday 15th August 6.00pm - Tom & Margaret McElroy & DFM, Kevin & Nancy Lambe, Eugene Kelly & DFM

Sunday 16th August 10.30am— Evelyn Eccles M.M., Roisin, Oliver & Rose Quigley,

Knockbridge: Saturday 15th August 7.30pm - Rose O’Callaghan, Terry Brennan & DFM, Anthony & Nancy Wynne

Sunday 16th August 11.30am– Special Intention, Pat Clarke

Louth: Saturday 15th August 5.30pm -
Sunday 16th August 9.30am— Kitty Carroll

COLLECTIONS DROMISKIN : 2ND AUGUST €360 **DARVER** 2ND AUGUST €402 **LOUTH** 2ND AUGUST € 500 & CEMETERY COLLECTION €2,715 **KILKERLEY:** 2ND AUGUST €645 **KNOCKBRIDGE:** 2ND AUGUST €632

Mercy Prayer Healing’ (MPH) afternoon will take place on **TODAY 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.**’

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 23rd 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.

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**



Knockbridge: Memorial Mass in St. Mary’s Church on Thursday 13th August at 2.00pm for **Thomas Kelly** of Luton and formally of Ballinloughan. Burial of ashes afterwards.

NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2026 Are you longing for a deeper relationship with Jesus and a fresh out-pouring 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 in Stonetown National school Monday 10th August at 7 o’clock with Brother Thomas Paul.