

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**. We are also offering Sycamore on the same mornings in Kilkerley Community Centre 10am-11.30am. **Come as you are. Bring a friend. Give faith another look.** Contact Fr Gerry: [042 6827418](tel:0426827418) or olqopoffice@gmail.com.

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**

€30,000 was raised at the Quid Games Fundraising event on 31st May 2026. This along with €10,000 from a private donor will cover expenses for the repair of mosaics around the altar, (**€36,000**) and repairs to the stained-glass windows (**€5,500**). The parish will cover the remaining **€1,500**. Both Mosaics & Windows will be ready for the opening Mass on Oct.4th.

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 since the cemetery appeal on 19th July **€5,000** has been donated. This is excluding Mosaics & Windows. 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 Pastoral Area 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)

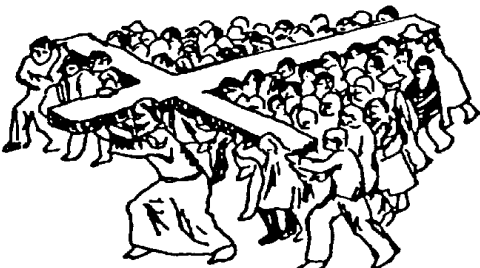
Monthly Communion Rounds: The first Friday of September is approaching: where has the summer gone! The sick and housebound will be visited either on that day or whatever day (that week) you have arranged with the priest.

The Family Tree Healing Mass will take place on **Monday 7th September at 8.00pm**, with **Confessions from 7.00–7.45pm** and the **Rosary at 7.30pm**. Family Tree Healing does not suggest that we inherit the personal sins or curses of our ancestors — **we do not**. Through Baptism we are made new in Christ. Yet the **consequences of sin** and brokenness can affect families across generations, leaving wounds and unhealthy patterns that can be repeated. At this Mass, we bring the **past and present story of our families to Jesus**.

Dromiskin: Devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima (First Saturday) will be held in St. Peter's Church, Dromiskin on Saturday 5th September with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and the Holy Rosary with meditations. Vigil Mass at 7.00pm

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

'Mercy Prayer Healing' (MPH) afternoon will take place on Sun. 13th September at 3.00pm with Confessions. At 3pm to 4pm there will be Adoration, the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Holy Rosary. At 4pm the Family Tree Healing Mass. At 5.20pm Hospitality in the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome. The theme is: **Healing through Forgiveness**



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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 30th August 10.30am - Tony Agnew & DFM

Tuesday 9.30am:Thursday 9.30am



CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Saturday 29th August 7.00pm - Nancy & Jackie Neary, Michael Kerr & DFM

Mon. 31st 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 29th August 6.00pm -

Sunday 30th August 10.30am - Tuesday 9.30am—Thursday 9.30am—

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

CHURCH OF ST. MARY’S, 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

Wed 2nd Sept 9.30am—Rose & Tom FlanaganFri 9.30am

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

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 29th August 5.30pm – Seamus Byrne & DFM, May Kindlon

Sunday 30th August 9.30am — Bridget, John Joe & Ettie McArdle

Tues 9.30am—Fri 9.30am—

ROSARY & ADORATION: Tuesday 10am –12noon



OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN

Sunday 6th September 11.00am—Paddy Butler

Friday 11th Sept — 7.30pm

St. Endas prayer group Stonetown Tuesday 1st September at 7 o’clock Confessions & Mass with Cardinal Sean Brady

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

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 6th September 10.30am: - People of the parish

Dromiskin: Saturday 5th September 7.00pm— People of the parish

Kilkerley: Saturday 5th September 6.00pm— Pat, Josephine & Joe Kieran, Phylis Pepper & Baby Daithi

Pepper, Patsy & Sheila Murtagh, Shirley Clarke & DFM, Martin McGeough & Dec members of the Kirk family

Sunday 6th September 10.30am—

Knockbridge: Saturday 5th September 7.30pm - John & Sheila McNally, Packie, Nuala, Katie, Fintan, Kevin, Darren, Packie Jnr & Eileen Callan, Fiona Quigley O’Donnell, Jim & Mary Dullaghan, Peggy Hudson

Sunday 6th September 11.30am– Brendan Byrne, Gerard Myles, Doris & Jimmy Duffy & DFM

Louth: Saturday 5th September 5.30pm— Patricia Campbell & DFM

Sunday 6th September 9.30am—

COLLECTIONS DROMISKIN : 23RD AUGUST €387 DARVER 23RD AUGUST €502

LOUTH 23RD AUGUST €710 KILKERLEY: 23RD AUGUST € 1080 KNOCKBRIDGE: 23RD AUGUST €827.80

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 TODAY: 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.

Knockbridge Vintage Club – Thank You Knockbridge Vintage Club would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported the 20th Anniversary of its Annual Vintage Rally and Working Day, held last Sunday, 23rd August. A wonderful day was enjoyed by all, and the various charities supported by the Club will benefit greatly from the generosity shown. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to making the day such a success — organisers, volunteers, exhibitors, entertainers, sponsors and all who came along to support the event. And, thankfully, even the weather was kind ! Well done to Knockbridge Vintage Club on 20 wonderful years of bringing the community together and supporting so many worthy causes.

Welcome Sunday’ is back on 6th September The Hospitality Team in each parish & the Children's Liturgy Team will be ready to welcome you . Come and join the celebration. Volunteers still needed for these ministries in Darver. Come on ‘**Darverians**’...you can do it :)
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.

KNOCKBRIDGE: Parish Tour is on Friday 18th September. For further details Contact Marion 086 8175797, Kathleen 087 7927931, Teresa 086 8429511 Interest is huge this year.

ROSARY VIGIL FOR LIFE - outside Belfast City Hall on Sunday 30th August at 2.00pm. Join Precious Life in prayer to uphold the sacredness and dignity of unborn life, and pray that Belfast Council will reject plans to illuminate the City Hall in celebration of abortion. For more information, **contact 028 9027 8484 / 07592 280522 or email info@preciouslife.com**