

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 essential works including rewiring and lighting (€160,000), external surfacing and drainage (€75,000), a weekday Mass chapel/meeting room (€20,000), and new toilet, boiler and storage facilities (€60,000). The overall project is expected to cost **€450,000–€500,000** and will be completed in phases. **€30,000 from the Quid Games and €10,000 from a private donor** will largely fund the altar mosaics and stained-glass repairs, which will be completed for **4th October**.

Since the Centenary Appeal began on **19th July**, **€16,600 has been donated** including €10K from a USA donor. We sincerely thank all who have contributed but many more donors are needed. Every donation, large or small, will help preserve St Peter's for future generations and strengthen our applications for grant funding. Donations may be made by cheque to **Darver Dromiskin Parochial Account** or by bank transfer to **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.

So Phase 1 are the Mosaics & Windows. Phase 2 will be the total Rewiring & Lighting.

Phase 3 (Part 1) – The New Side Chapel (approx. €20k)

The area designated as the **new side chapel** can be successfully separated from the main body of the church by introducing a stud wall and two sets of double doors. One set would be positioned within the existing archway leading from the porch, with the second set incorporated into the new stud wall. The principal reason for this design is to achieve symmetry with the existing doorway and porch on the opposite side of the church. The existing doors can be successfully replicated, using identical materials and detailing. This would ensure that the new chapel remains fully in keeping with the rich character and architectural beauty of St Peter's Church, while avoiding the introduction of a modern glazed screen which could be at odds with the character of the building. The new side chapel would comfortably accommodate approximately 16 people, using the existing built-in niche for the Altar and Tabernacle. Importantly, this smaller space could be **heated independently** using electric radiators or a cassette heating unit controlled by a room thermostat. This would provide a warm and comfortable space for weekday Masses and smaller gatherings, without the expense of heating the entire church. **Next week Phase 3 (Part 2) Utility/WC/Storeroom Stand alone building. (approx.€50k) CHECK OUT THE PLANS IN ST. PETERS.**

St Peter's Church Centenary Book As part of the Centenary celebrations, Pat Mulligan former principal & local historian will give a special presentation on the new illustrated history of St Peter's Church, Dromiskin in St Peter's School Hall on Sunday 27th September at 3pm. Refreshments will follow, and the book will be available on the day at a special reduced price. All proceeds will go to St Peter's Church Centenary Fund. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish and community, to celebrate the story of St Peter's, to remember the generations who have gone before us, and to support the future of our beautiful church. We would love to see a great turnout for what promises to be a very special afternoon in this historic Centenary Year. Please come along and be part of it.

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: Sinead Strong (29th) Fr. Gerry Campbell (30th) and Maria Steen (1st)

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

Kilkerley Lourdes Committee are having our annual Flag Day collection in Dundalk on Friday the 18th of September. If you could spare an hour to help out please let any member of the committee know or Catherine Lynch on 0879575658

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**13th September 2026
24th 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 13th September 10.30am - Tommy & May McDonnell, Jim & Briega Kieran,
Joan & Brian McDonnell

Tuesday 9.30am: Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Saturday 12th September 7.00pm - Peter O’Connor

Mon. 14th September. -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 12th September 6.00pm— Adrienne Cunningham 1st Anniversary
Paddy, Lily, Betty & Ronan Maguire

Sunday 13th September 10.30am - Peter Hanratty 1st Anniversary

Tuesday 9.30am— Thursday 9.30am—

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

CHURCH OF ST. MARY’S, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 12th September 7.30pm -

Sunday 13th September 11.30am – Patsy & Eileen Thornton, Ann Kirk (Drumkeith)

Wed 9.30am— Fri 9.30am

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

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 12th September 5.30pm – Rosaline Sweeney M.M, Alice Redmond, Patjoe Kerr

Sunday 13th September 9.30am —

Tues 9.30am— Fri 9.30am—

ROSARY & ADORATION: Tuesday 10am –12noon

OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN

1st Sunday of the month 11.00am—

Friday 18th Sept — 7.30pm—Dec members of the McGeough & Murray families

RECENTLY DECEASED.

Please pray for Niamh Hutchinson (nee Gorman), Oliver Kelly, Fr. Jim Moore PP Clones, Pat McGrory, Rosaline Sweeney,

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 20th September 10.30am: - Mary & Sean Mooney, Dec. members of the McHugh family, Kevin & Carmel Doyle & dec members of the Doyle & Halligan families

Dromiskin: Saturday 19th September 7.00pm—Mary, Stephen & Hilda Toner

Kilkerley: Saturday 19th September 6.00pm—Oliver & Nancy Woods, Evelyn Eccles,
Mary Alice, Peter, Peadar & Paddy Murphy

Sunday 20th September 10.30am—

Knockbridge: Saturday 19th September 7.30pm - James, Elizabeth, Kevin & Malachy McArdle,
Ella Conroy, Patrick, Mary & Kevin O’Hare & DFM

Sunday 20th September 11.30am— Frank Carney

Louth: Saturday 19th September 5.30pm— Anna Kearney, Kathleen & Jimmy Lynch,
Anna, Peter, Michael Martin, Anna Glass

Sunday 20th September 9.30am—

COLLECTIONS DROMISKIN : 6TH SEPTEMBER €510 DARVER 6TH SEPTEMBER €325

LOUTH 6TH SEPTEMBER € 1,370 KILKERLEY: 6TH SEPTEMBER € 875 KNOCKBRIDGE: 6TH SEPTEMBER €845

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

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 or olqopoffice@gmail.com.

Cathedral Collection: The annual Archdiocesan collection for the upkeep and preservation of St Patrick’s Cathedral, Armagh, will take place on **19th/20th September**. The cost of maintaining the Cathedral is approximately £150,000 each year. The Cathedral belongs to the whole Archdiocese and its preservation is a responsibility we share together. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

UNBOUND MINISTRY RETURNS: Saturday 19th September, 1–5pm, St Mary’s Church, Knockbridge. Unbound is a gentle prayer ministry helping people find greater freedom and peace in Christ. The **Blessed Sacrament will be exposed throughout the afternoon**. If you do not wish to receive individual prayer, come and spend time in Adoration and pray for those who do. For details, contact **Joan 086 3288847**
UNBOUND IRELAND – FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE
A One Day Unbound Conference will take place in **St Mary’s Church, Knockbridge on Saturday 10th October**, from 10am–6pm,— Speakers include **Fr. Gerry Campbell, Helen Stewart** – Unbound Regional Coordinator for Ireland. **Peter McKenna** and **Joan McKenna** – Unbound Practitioners. Music ministry led by the **Holy Family Prayer Group, Drogheda**. Come and experience a day of prayer, teaching, healing and renewed freedom in Christ. The event is **free**, with a voluntary offering. Please bring a packed lunch; tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided. **Parish Vigil Mass will follow at 7.30pm** for those who wish to stay. For further details: **unboundirelandtraining@gmail.com**
“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36).

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**.