

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 4th October at 3.00pm, followed by a light meal in St. Joseph's GFC Hall. The Mass will be led by Archbishop Eamon Martin.**



Tickets for the meal are on sale at €20 each after Mass in Dromiskin and in the school. Tickets are limited. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for this special day as we give thanks for the past, celebrate the present and look with hope to the future.

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**, **€20,075 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) New side chapel

Phase 3 (Part 2) – Utility/WC/Storeroom Stand alone building. (approx.€50k) As part of the next phase of works, it is proposed to erect a stand-alone utility building directly behind the church. The new building will provide a fully compliant accessible toilet and a much-needed utility/storeroom. . Importantly, this work will also future-proof the church facilities. In time, the two new gas boilers can be relocated to the new building, freeing up valuable space in the existing vestry annex. This will allow the vestry area to be properly reorganised to provide a modern vestry, improved toilet facilities, a cleaner's store and a dedicated Altar Servers' room. Practical improvements today — helping to make St Peter's more accessible, welcoming and fit for generations to come.

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. The book will cost €20. However, at the launch it will be available at a special reduced price of €15. 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

Do This in Memory 2026/27 Parent/Guardian Meetings

Kilkerley, Scoil Mhuire gan Smál Mon.21st Sept. @ 7.30pm **Louth**, St. Mochta's NS Tues. 22nd Sept. @ 6.30pm **Knockbridge**, St Marys NS Tues. 22nd Sept.@7.30pm **Darver & Dromiskin**, St. Peter's N.S. Wed. 23rd @7.30pm

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Parochial House, Louth Village, A91 XE42
Parochial House, Kilkerley, A91 VK18
Parochial House, Darver, A91 YC60



Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

**20th September 2026
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Farewell and thank you Bishop Michael
Darver & Dromiskin, Kilkerley, Knockbridge & Louth



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

Tuesday 22nd Sept 11.30am— Beginning of school year Mass

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Saturday 19th September 7.00pm - Mary, Stephen, Helen & Daniel Toner

Mon. 21st September. -6.20pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm Rosary

7.00pm Mass & Novena — Wed 23rd Sept 11.15 Beginning of school year Mass

Fri 10am Rosary, 9.30am Mass—10am Adoration

Sat: 6.30pm Rosary

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, KILKERLEY

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

Sunday 20th September 10.30am -

Tuesday 22nd September: 9.45am— Beginning of the school year Mass Thursday 9.30am—

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

CHURCH OF ST. MARY’S, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 19th September 7.30pm - James, Elizabeth, Kevin & Malachy McArdle, Ella Conroy, Patrick, Mary & Kevin O’Hare & DFM , Deceased members of the Pepper family

Sunday 20th September 11.30am – Frank Carney

Wed 23rd 9.30am— Beginning of the school year Mass Fri 9.30am

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

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 19th September 5.30pm – Anna Kearney, Kathleen & Jimmy Lynch, Anna, Peter, Michael Martin, Anna Glass, Dec members of the Kerr & Dooley families

Sunday 20th September 9.30am — Patrick & Nan Holland & DFM

19th to 28th October 7.30pm Rosary & Benedticiton lead by children Tues 9.30am—

OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN

1st Sunday of the month 11.00am—

Second Friday of the month 7.30pm

RECENTLY DECEASED. Please pray for Fr. Mark O’Hagan Parish Priest of Ardee & Collon, Teresa Mohan, Bernadette Mooney, Emily Hearn, Martin McHugh, Carmel Mackin USA formerly Ratheady, Niamh Hutchinson (nee Gorman), Oliver Kelly, Fr. Jim Moore PP Clones, Pat McGrory,

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 27th September 10.30am: — John & Brigid McDonnell, Tom & Mary McDonnell

Dromiskin: Saturday 26th September 7.00pm— Mary & John Carroll, Ann & Owen Murtagh, Noel, Rita & Matt Kennedy

Kilkerley: Saturday 26th September 6.00pm— Michael Matthews 1st Anniv.

Sunday 27th September 10.30am— Margaret Corrigan, Owen McKenna

Knockbridge: Saturday 26th September 7.30pm— Oliver Devin, Michael Smyth

Sunday 27th September 11.30am— Edward & Moya McMahon & DFM, Dessie & Dora Soraghan & DFM, Molly & Harry Devine, Peter & Elizabeth Kelly & DFM

Louth: Saturday 26th September 5.30pm— Kevin Kieran 1st Anniv, Jim McGahon, Pa & Julia Cassidy & DFM, Michael Gernon

Sunday 27th September 9.30am— Tom & Rose Halpenny

COLLECTIONS

DROMISKIN : 13TH SEPTEMBER €531

DARVER 13TH SEPTEMBER €460

LOUTH 13TH SEPTEMBER €1050

KILKERLEY: 13TH SEPTEMBER €855

KNOCKBRIDGE: 13TH SEPTEMBER € 730.57

FAREWELL BISHOP MICHAEL Today, Bishop Michael Router will be installed as Bishop of Derry. We give thanks for his 7 yrs of generous service among us as Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh and for the many ways he has supported the life and mission of our Archdiocese. We assure Bishop Michael of our prayers and wish him every blessing, joy and grace as he begins this new chapter of his ministry among the people of the Diocese of Derry.

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 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 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.**

Beginning of the School Year Mass: **Kilkerley:** Tuesday 22nd September @ 9.45am, **Darver:** Tuesday 22nd September @ 11.30am **Knockbridge** Wednesday 23rd September @ 9.30am. **Dromiskin** Wednesday 23rd September @ 11.15am