

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 Kilkenny 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 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, €5,600 has been donated**. 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 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.

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

Let St Peter's Shine! Can you imagine St Peter's Church bathed in light, revealing the beauty of its stained-glass windows, mosaics and magnificent carpentry that has adorned the church since 1926? Imagine too the outside of the church beautifully floodlit, standing as a beacon of faith and hope for miles around. This can become a reality. The complete rewiring and new lighting system will cost approximately **€160,000**. It is a major undertaking, but together we can make it happen. Please put your hand in your pocket and contribute as generously as you can. Every donation, large or small, will help St Peter's shine for this generation and for generations to come. Next week we will look at Phase 3.

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.

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**.

TRIDUUM: Mark the Dates **29/09/26 & 30/09/26 & 01/10/26** Annual Triduum in honour of St. Therese of Lisieux in Kilkenny with Mass each night at 7.30pm. Speakers: Sinead Strong (29) Fr. Gerry Campbell (30) and Maria Steen (1)

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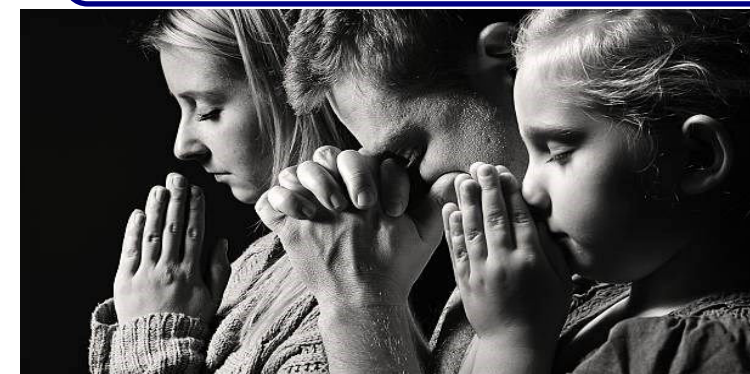
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THE POWER IN//OF PRAYER !



Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

**6th September 2026
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**



'Where two or three meet in my name' Mt 18:20

Darver & Dromiskin, Kilkenny, 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 6th September 10.30am - People of the parish

Tuesday 9.30am:Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

Saturday 5th September 7.00pm - People of the parish

Mon. 7th 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 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 -

Tuesday 8th 9.30am—Thursday 10th 9.30am—Philomena Doherty

Friday 11th September: 50th Anniversary Mass in memory of Thomas Kirk, Rathmore, All welcome

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

CHURCH OF ST. MARY’S, 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

Wed 9.30am—Fri 9.30am

Thursday 10th Sept. 7.00pm Ethna Breathnach M.M.

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

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 5th September 5.30pm – Patricia Campbell & DFM

Sunday 6th September 9.30am —

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 Monday 7th September at 7 o’clock with Fr. John Keane

RECENTLY DECEASED.

Please pray for Fr. Jim Moore PP Clones, Martin McHugh Killencoole, Readypenny, Ethna Breathnach, Rosaline Sweeney,

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Darver: Sunday 13th September 10.30am: - Tommy & May McDonnell, Jim & Briege Kieran, Joan & Brian McDonnell

Dromiskin: Saturday 12th September 7.00pm— Peter O’Connor

Kilkerley: Saturday 12th September 6.00pm— Adrienne Cunningham 1st Anniversary

Paddy, Lily, Betty & Ronan Maguire

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

Knockbridge: Saturday 12th September 7.30pm -

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

Louth: Saturday 12th September 5.30pm— Rosaline Sweeney M.M., Pat Joe Kerr, Alice Redmond

Sunday 13th September 9.30am—

COLLECTIONS DROMISKIN : 30TH AUGUST €442 DARVER 30TH AUGUST €412

LOUTH 30TH AUGUST €695 KILKERLEY: 30TH AUGUST €790 KNOCKBRIDGE: 30TH AUGUST €2,037

Farewell to Bishop Michael
A Mass of Thanksgiving will take place on Wednesday, 9th September 2026 at 7.00pm in St Patrick’s Cathedral. All are welcome. This Mass will give us all an opportunity to thank Bishop Michael for his six years of generous service in the Archdiocese of Armagh and wish him well on his appointment as Bishop of Derry.

It’s welcome Sunday’ Yes the 1st Sunday of every month the hospitality team in each parish and the Children's Liturgy Team spring into action and will be ready to welcome you. We still need more people to volunteer for these ministries. Come and join the celebration.
St. Michaels Church Darver Hospitality Group: We need you :) Have you some spare time to support our hospitality group? If interested please contact Elaine 0871604354

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**

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 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.

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.
Kilkerley ICA: Chair exercises will resume on Wed. 9th Sept at 11am in Community centre. All welcome.
Pastoral Area Council will meet in the parochial house Knockbridge on Thur. 10th September at 7.30pm
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

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. If you would like more information, contact Milanda@parishandfamily.ie