

ST PETER'S CHURCH CENTENARY BUILDING PROJECT – THE WORK GOES ON

As we celebrate 100 years of St Peter's Church, we are delighted that **Phase 1 is now complete!** The beautiful altar mosaics (€36,000) and stained-glass repairs (€5,500) have been finished, thanks largely to €30,000 from the Quid Games and €10,000 from a generous private donor. But the work goes on! The remaining phases include:

Phase 2: Weekday Mass chapel/meeting room (€20,000).

Phase 3: Complete rewiring and lighting (€160,000).

Phase 4: New toilet, boiler and storage building (€60,000).

Phase 5: External surfacing and drainage (€75,000).

With Phase 1 completed, the estimated cost of the remaining works has reduced from the original overall budget of €450,000–€500,000 to **€408,500–€458,500**, including associated building and professional costs. Since our Centenary Appeal began on 19th July, **€47,778 has been donated.** We sincerely thank everyone who has contributed, but much more support is needed. Every donation makes a difference & strengthens our applications for grant funding.

Donations may be made by cheque to **Darver Dromiskin Parochial Account** or by bank transfer to **IE62 BOFI 9033 6574 4782 26**. Cash or cheques may also be left with Fr. Pat at Readypenny or Fr. Gerry at Knockbridge. Please include your name and contact details. **Phase 1 is complete. Together, let us finish the work and secure St Peter's for the next 100 years!**

The Pastoral Area Finance Committee will meet on Thursday 5th November at 7.30pm in the parochial House, Knockbridge. **Members:**

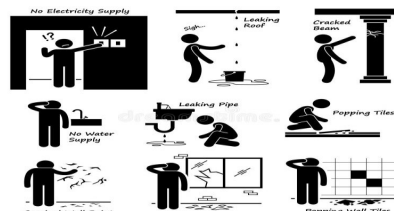
Darver & Dromiskin: Siobhan Allen, Josephine O'Connor and Anthony Langan.

Kilkerley: Michael Kirby, Susan Mulholland (Secretary) and Karen McArdle

Knockbridge: Eithne Harte, Joe McKenna (Vice Chair.)

Louth: Thomas King, and John McArdle. Chairman: Fr. Gerry Campbell.

One new member needed for Louth and one for Knockbridge.



NATIONAL SYNODAL ASSEMBLY – WHAT WAS DECIDED?

On Saturday, 17th October 2026, over 300 delegates, including bishops, priests, religious and lay people, gathered in Gormanston, Co. Meath, for the National Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. Following five years of listening, prayer and consultation, the Assembly considered 35 proposals for the renewal of the Church in Ireland, grouped under five key priorities:

1.A Church that Proclaims the Gospel – placing Jesus Christ, evangelisation and the sharing of our faith at the centre of Church life.

2.A Church of Belonging-building welcoming Christian communities where everyone feels valued & included.

3.A Church of Healing – addressing past wounds, particularly those caused by abuse, and promoting justice, reconciliation and healing.

4.A Church that Accompanies – supporting families, young people and those struggling with faith or facing difficulties in life.

5. A Church that Empowers for Ministry – encouraging greater participation and shared responsibility among lay people, women, religious and clergy.

The Assembly's recommendations have now been passed to the Irish Bishops for consideration.

What does this mean for our Pastoral Area? The real challenge is to translate these discussions into action in our parishes of Knockbridge, Kilkerley, Louth and Darver & Dromiskin.

Our Pastoral Area Mission Statement captures that challenge beautifully...A clue...IT'S ON THE FRONT PAGE :)

Our Sycamore Programme concludes on **Tuesday 3rd November**, 10am-11.30am Kilkerley Community Centre or 7.30pm—9pm Parochial House, Knockbridge. However, the journey of faith doesn't end there! Sycamore is about discovering Jesus, deepening our faith and rediscovering the joy of belonging to His Church. **The sessions may be ending, but the invitation remains: Open the Doors – Let Jesus Return! A FOLLOW UP IS COMING !**

NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2026

The **New Life in the Spirit Seminars** **CONTINUE EVERY FRIDAY** in St Mary's Church, Knockbridge — Come and discover a deeper relationship with Jesus and a **fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit** through inspiring teaching, testimony, music and prayer. Music by the **Holy Family Prayer Group, Drogheda**, with guest singers and speakers each week. **Friday evenings, 7.30–9.00pm. Come as you are. Bring a friend. Give God a chance to surprise you!** Pastoral Area Office **(042) 6827418**

Monthly Communion Rounds: The first Friday of November is approaching: The sick and housebound will be visited either on that day or whatever day (that week) you have arranged with the priest. If you know anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, please contact the Pastoral Office, Knockbridge

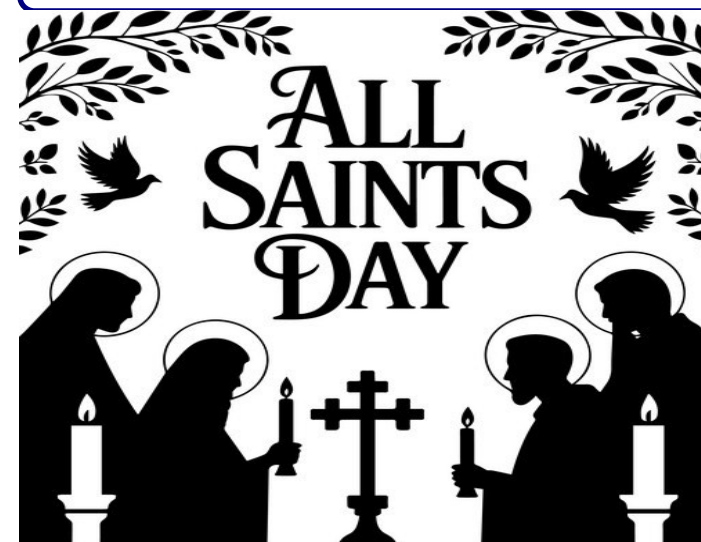
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Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

1st November 2026



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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.)

PEACE *Archbishop Eamon has asked us to join him to pray for peace on the Feast of St. Malachy on Tues. 3rd November. St. Malachy is patron saint of the Archdiocese of Armagh (along with St. Patrick).*

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL, DARVER

Sunday 1st November 10.30am— Teresa Dolan M.M., Hugh, Rose & John Hanratty, Barney & Ursula Kieran

Tuesday 9.30am: **Thursday 9.30am**

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISIN

Saturday 31st October 7.00pm—Bernadette, John, Michael & Myra Morgan

Mon 2nd November . -6.20pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **6.30pm** Rosary **7.00pm** Mass & Novena —

Wed—9.10am Rosary, **9.30am** Mass

Fri 9.10am Rosary, **9.30am** Mass— **10am** Adoration

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, KILKERLEY

Saturday 31st October 6.00pm— Elizabeth & Harry Cooney, Peter Clarke, Jimmy McGeough

Sunday 1st November 10.30am - Joan & Patsy Gernon, Anthony & John Kearney

Tuesday : 9.30am—

Wednesday 4th November 7.30pm - Deceased members of Kilkerley ICA

Thursday 9.30am—

Friday—7.30pm

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

CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S, KNOCKBRIDGE

Saturday 31st October 7.30pm -

Sunday 1st November 11.30am – Thomas & Mary Watters (Halftate),
Joe & Veronica Meehan & DFM, David Mc Cooley

Wed 4th November 9.30am— **Fri 9.30am**

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

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

Saturday 31st October 5.30pm –

Sunday 1st November 9.30am — Annie McGeough 1st Anniv., Fr. Tommy McGeough & DFM

Tues 3rd November 9.30am— John & Mary Conlon & DFM **Fri 9.30am**

ROSARY & ADORATION: Tuesday 10am –12noon

OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN
1ST Sunday of the month 11.00am—
Second Friday of the month 7.30pm
St. Endas Prayer group Stonetown National School—Monday 2nd November Mass 7.00pm

Family Tree Healing Mass will take place on Mon.2nd Nov.(All Souls) at 8pm in St.Mary's Church, Knockbridge. The Mass will be preceded by Confessions @7pm & the Holy Rosary at 7.30pm