

St. Peter's Church Dromiskin: A Centenary Day to Remember

Last Sunday, 4th October 2026, was truly a day to remember forever—a wonderful celebration that will now take its place in the history of the parish of Darver & Dromiskin. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the Centenary Mass in St Peter's Church, Dromiskin, such an extraordinary and memorable occasion.

We are especially grateful to Archbishop Eamon Martin for celebrating our Mass of Thanksgiving, to the visiting clergy and our MC, Fr Stephen Wilson, and to all who contributed to the beautiful liturgy. Sincere thanks to our **Centenary Mass Committee**, sacristan, altar servers, readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, collectors, ushers, those involved in the processions, our wonderful Darver & Dromiskin Choir and children's choir, and everyone who worked so tirelessly behind the scenes. Special thanks also to St Joseph's GFC for their tremendous support, especially with parking and the celebration afterwards; to all who prepared and decorated the hall, and to everyone involved in providing and serving the beautiful meal which brought the day to such a joyful conclusion. Thank you also to those who prepared and decorated the church, welcomed our guests, sold tickets, supported the Centenary Project, provided hospitality and helped in countless seen and unseen ways. Above all, thank you to the people of the parish and all who joined us. One hundred years ago, another generation handed St Peter's on to us. Now it is our privilege to cherish it and hand it on to those who come after us. A truly historic day—thank you, one and all. Centenary Mass is available to view on churchmedia.tv St. Peter's Church, Recordings

St Peter's Church Centenary Building Project: The Work goes on

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. Since the Centenary Appeal began on **19th July, €34,835 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 **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.

Phase 4 - External Bitmac & Drainage – €75,000

This work will improve the drainage of rainwater, replace deteriorating and uneven surfaces, improve safety and accessibility, and help protect the church building from water damage. This is a significant but necessary investment that will greatly enhance the church grounds and serve our parish community for many years to come.

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

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.

Faith Hope & Love concert celebrating the spirit of Lourdes through music in St. Patrick's Cathedral Armagh on Friday 16th of October at 7.30pm. Tickets are €20.00 are available from Catherine Lynch -0879575658 or any Kilkerley Lourdes Committee member.

Divine Will Retreat for Clergy

Clergy are warmly invited to a special **Divine Will Retreat in St Mary's Church, Knockbridge, on Thursday 22nd October, from 11.00am to 4.45pm**. The retreat will be led by **Fr Carlos Massieu and Mother Marianela** and will offer a day of **information, reflection and prayer**, including the celebration of Holy Mass, with time for spiritual renewal and fraternity. **Tea/Coffee and lunch will be provided**. Donation on arrival. If you know any **priests or deacons** who may benefit from the day, please invite them along and spread the word.

The parents & friends of St. Mary's National School are hosting a monster ball run fundraiser at 12:30pm on Sunday 18th October, to pay for the wonderful new outdoor classroom and sensory garden built in the summer by volunteering parents, grandparents and past pupils. Join them on the day for a colourful fun event, prizes, raffle prizes, best halloween costume competition and refreshments afterwards in the school hall. 1st ball to the finish line €500, 2nd ball €300 and 3rd ball €200. You can buy a ball on the day for the run or online before the day at <https://www.idonate.ie/crowdfunder/stmarysnationalschoolparents>

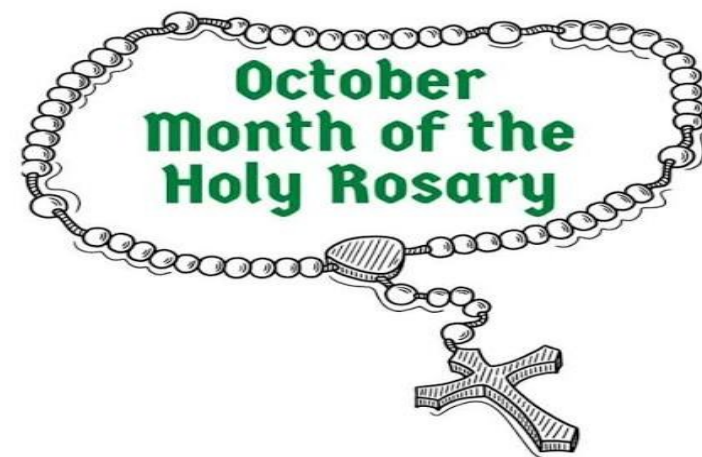
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Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

11th October 2026
28th 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 11th October 10.30am— Special intention	
Tuesday 9.30am:	Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISIN	
SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 7.00PM Tommy Campbell, William McKnight	
Mon 12th October. -6.20pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm Mass & Novena —	6.30pm Rosary Wed—9.10am Rosary, 9.30am Mass
Fri 9.10am Rosary, 9.30am Mass—	10am Adoration

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, KILKERLEY	
Saturday 10th October 6.00pm—	
Sunday 11th October 10.30am - Mary Wynne, Matthew & Kathleen McKenna, Claire McKenna, Declan Rice &DFM	
Tuesday : 9.30am—	Thursday 9.30am—
ROSARY & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FRIDAY 6.30-7.30PM	

CHURCH OF ST. MARY’S, KNOCKBRIDGE	
Saturday 10th October 7.30pm - Paddy Gribben, Kathleen McGahon (Prospect)	
Sunday 11th October 11.30am – David Wilkinson M.M.	
Wed 9.30am—	Fri 9.30am
Monday- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am to 10pm	

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH	
Saturday 10th October 5.30pm – Paul McGahon, Dec members of the Conlon & Kirk families, Eibhlin Doherty, Noel Kenny	
Sunday 11th October 9.30am — Bertie Markey, Gerry Doherty	
Tues 9.30am—	Fri 9.30am

OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN	
1st Sunday of the month 11.00am—	
Second Friday of the month 7.30pm	
Stonetown school: 12th October—St. Enda’s prayer group Stonetown Confession @7pm and Mass @ 7.30pm	

RECENTLY DECEASED. Please pray for Patsy McArdle, Belrobin, Shane Irwin, Hugh Hamill (Palmerstown & formally Carrickrobin), Teresa (Teasie) Dolan, Cecilia Shields,Fr. Mark O’Hagan PP of Ardee & Collon, David Wilkinson, Teresa Mohan, Bernadette Mooney, Emiligh Hearne, Mary Kieran, Martin McHugh, Carmel Mackin USA formerly Ratheady,

ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

<u>Darver:</u>	Sunday 18th October 10.30am: — Tom, Brigid & Patricia Kirk
<u>Dromiskin:</u>	Saturday 17th October 7.00pm — James & Kitty Downey, James Reilly
<u>Kilkerley:</u>	Saturday 17th October 6.00pm — Nan & James Kerr, May & Matt Mulholland & dec members of McGuinness family, Mona Lynch
	Sunday 18th October 10.30am — Bernie Mooney M.M.,Marie Brady & Gerry O’Hare
<u>Knockbridge:</u>	Saturday 17th October 7.30pm — Carmel Mackin M.M. (Ratheady), Angela Conroy, Patrick Conroy, Trudy Durnin (nee Conroy)
	Sunday 18th October 11.30am —
<u>Louth:</u>	Saturday 17th October 5.30pm — Tom & Marian Kerr
	Sunday 18th October 9.30am — Mary Kieran M.M.

COLLECTIONS

<u>DROMISKIN</u> : 4TH OCTOBER € 960	<u>DARVER</u> 4TH OCTOBER €227	<u>LOUTH</u> 4TH OCTOBER €965
<u>KILKERLEY:</u> 4TH OCTOBER €737	<u>KNOCKBRIDGE:</u> 4TH OCTOBER €637.90	

GO REBUILD MY CHURCH’: *A copy of this new Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Eamon Martin to the people of the Archdiocese of Armagh is in all churches in the Pastoral Area. Please take one.*

Mercy Prayer Healing’ (MPH) afternoon will take place on Sunday 18th October at 3.00pm in St. Mary’s Church, Knockbridge with Confessions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrmnt, 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: **‘Give God Everything: Break Every Chain.’**

October in Louth Parish – Come and Pray the rosary with Us. As October is the **Month of the Holy Rosary**, everyone is warmly invited to join us in **Louth** for a special **10-Day Rosary and Benediction**, from **17th to 27th October**. These prayerful evenings will be led by the children, making them a beautiful opportunity for families and parishioners to come together before Our Lady and place our homes, families and intentions in her care. Everyone is welcome from all four parishes of our Pastoral Area and beyond. Come for one evening or come for them all — bring the family, bring your intentions, and come pray with us.

SYCAMORE – THE NUMBERS ARE GROWING
Have you ever felt that there must be more to life than the daily routine? Have you questions about God, faith, prayer, the Church — or simply where your life is going? **Sycamore began last Monday, 21st Sept.**, but there are still **6 sessions** left and you are very welcome to join us. You have missed very little, and there is still plenty of time to become part of it. This is not a lecture or a classroom. It is a **relaxed, friendly evening** with inspiring short films, good conversation, hospitality and the opportunity to explore the Catholic faith at your own pace. Perhaps you have drifted from the Church. Perhaps your faith has become routine. Perhaps you are searching for something deeper. Or perhaps you simply want to know Je-sus better. **Monday 12th October 10.00-11.30am Kilkerley Community Centre or Monday 12th October 7.30–9.00pm, Parochial House, Knockbridge.** Four evenings remain. Don’t leave it until “someday”. Come this Monday. Bring a friend. Give faith another look — and give God a chance to surprise you. Contact Fr Gerry 042 6827418 or olqopoffice@gmail.com

Mission Sunday: Sunday 18th October marks 100 years of World Mission Sunday. The theme this year is **‘One in Christ, United in Mission’**. There will be a special collection at all Masses for the Missionary work of the Church.

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, testimo-ny, 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**

The Maríosa Prayer Hour resumes this coming Tues. Oct. 13th at 7.00pm St. Peter’s Church. It’s a time for prayer, silence, gospel reading and reflection and adoration. You are invited and will be most welcome **Coffee morning** in The old school Kilcroney on Monday 12th Oct from 10 to 2pm , in aid of Ardee Hospice.

Enrolment ceremony for first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 18th October in Louth (9.30am) Kilkerley (10.30am) Darver (10.30am) Knockbridge (11.30am) and in Dromiskin on Saturday 17th October (7.00pm)