

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, €39,895 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.

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**

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 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.

A Musical Mystery at Knockbridge Anyone involved in church choirs knows how difficult it is to start one from scratch. We are deeply grateful to the wonderful choirs already enriching Masses throughout our Pastoral Area. However, some Masses still have no music, and finding local volunteers has proved challenging. But Fr Gerry has a musical surprise up his sleeve! He's gone beyond the Pastoral Area and invited a mystery choir to join us! Who are they? Where are they coming from? Fr Gerry isn't giving anything away! There's only one way to find out! Come to the 7.30pm Mass in St Mary's Church, Knockbridge, on **Saturday 24th October**.

November Mass of Remembrance

Kilkerley: Monday 2nd All Souls Day at 7.30pm **Knockbridge** Saturday 14th at 7.30pm

Darver : Sunday 8th at 10.30am **Dromiskin** Saturday 7th at 7.00pm **Louth** Saturday 21st at 5.30pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Help bring others to Jesus. Would you like to help establish and strengthen Eucharistic Adoration in our parishes? The Archdiocese of Armagh is bringing people together to encourage more people to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. An Information Evening will explain how you can become involved, receive training and help others discover the peace, joy and love of Christ through Eucharistic Adoration. Could God be calling YOU to be part of this mission? **Tuesday 20 October 2026 Parish Centre, Hale Street, Ardee Registration: 7.30pm Presentation: 8.00pm–9.00pm** Everyone is welcome! No special experience is needed — just an open heart and a willingness to serve. Come along and help bring more people into the presence of Jesus!

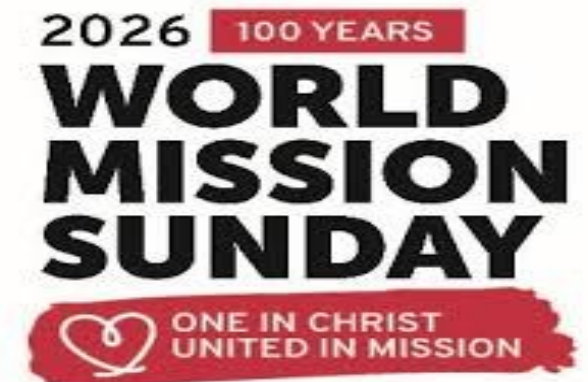
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Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

18th October 2026
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 18th October 10.30am— Tom, Brigid & Patricia Kirk, Frank, Gerry & Phyllis Masterson	
Tuesday 9.30am:	Thursday 9.30am

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISIN	
SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER 7.00PM James & Kitty Downey, James Reilly, Gene Ward	
Mon 18th October. -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 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	
Tuesday : 9.30am— Wed. 21st Oct 7.30pm Remembrance Mass for Jonathan Glenny	
Thursday 9.30am—	

CHURCH OF ST. MARY’S, KNOCKBRIDGE	
Saturday 17th October 7.30pm - Carmel Mackin M.M. (Ratheady), Angela Conroy, Patrick Conroy, Trudy Durnin (nee Conroy)	
Sunday 18th October 11.30am –	
Wed 9.30am— Fri 9.30am	
Monday- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10am to 10pm	

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH	
Saturday 17th October 5.30pm – Mary Kieran M.M., Tom & Marian Kerr, .	
Sunday 18th October 9.30am — Fri 9.30am	
Tues 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	

<u>RECENTLY DECEASED.</u> Please pray for Patsy McCann, Jonathan Glenny, Amersham, England, Patsy McArdle, Belrobin, Shane Irwin, Hugh Hamill (Palmerstown & formally Carrickrobin), Teresa (Teasie) Dolan, Cecilia Shields,Fr. Mark O’Hagan PP of Ardee & Collon, Teresa Mohan, Bernadette Mooney, Emiligh Hearne, Mary Kieran, Carmel Mackin USA formerly Ratheady,	
<u>ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:</u>	
<u>Darver:</u>	Sunday 25th October 10.30am: — Kathleen & Peter McGuinnness
<u>Dromiskin:</u>	Saturday 24th October 7.00pm — Special intention
<u>Kilkerley:</u>	Saturday 24th October 6.00pm — Cecily Bloomfield
	Sunday 25th October 10.30am — Mary Kneel 1st Anniversary
<u>Knockbridge:</u>	Saturday 24th October 7.30pm — Fintan Wynne 1st Anniversary, Madge Quigley
	Sunday 25th October 11.30am — James, Mary Ellen, Mike, Tommy, Seamus & Rita Flynn
<u>Louth:</u>	Saturday 24th October 5.30pm — Harry, Molly, Joe Hamill & DFM, Lena McGranaghan
	Sunday 25th October 9.30am —
<u>COLLECTIONS</u>	
<u>DROMISKIN</u> : 11TH OCTOBER €587	<u>DARVER</u> 11TH OCTOBER €343 <u>LOUTH</u> 11TH OCTOBER €750
<u>KILKERLEY:</u> 11TH OCTOBER €750	<u>KNOCKBRIDGE:</u> 11TH OCTOBER € 1058
<u>TODAY. Mission Sunday: Sunday 18th October</u> marks 100 years of World Mission Sunday. The theme this year is ‘ One in Christ, United in Mission ’. There will be <u>a special collection</u> at all Masses for the Missionary work of the Church.	
<u>TODAY. Enrolment ceremony for first Holy Communion</u> Louth (9.30am) Kilkerley (10.30am) Darver (10.30am) Knockbridge (11.30am) and in Dromiskin on Saturday 17th October (7.00pm) Let us pray for all the children who begin their final preparations towards the Sacrament of 1st Eucharist & Confirmation.	
<u>.TODAY. Mercy Prayer Healing’ (MPH)</u> 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. ’	
<u>KNOCKBRIDGE TODAY: The parents & friends of St. Mary’s National School</u> are hosting a monster ball run fundraiser at 12:30pm 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	
<u>Go Rebuild My Church:</u> 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	
<u>October in Louth Parish – Come and Pray the rosary with Us.</u> 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 Sat.17th (after 5.30pm Mass) to 26th October (7.30pm daily) These prayerful evenings will be led by the children, making them a beautiful opportunity for families and parishioners to come together before Our La-dy 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 inten-tions, and come pray with us.	
<u>SYCAMORE – THE NUMBERS ARE GROWING</u>	
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 3 sessions left and you are very welcome to join us. 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 Jesus better. Mon. 19th October 10.00-11.30am Kilkerley Community Centre or 7.30–9.00pm, Parochial House, Knockbridge. Three 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	
<u>The Maríosa Prayer Hour</u> continues this coming Tues. Oct. 20th 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	