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, **€51,468 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!**

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. Let's DO IT !

Diocesan Congress Follow –up meeting will take place in St. Gerards Hall, Dundalk on Tuesday 24th November from 7pm to 9.30pm. 12 will be attending from our Pastoral Area (clergy & lay delegates).

Lectio Divina with Fr. Gerry is back

What is Lectio Divina? It is a beautiful way of praying with scripture—reading, reflecting and meditating on the Word of God, allowing it to speak to our hearts and guide our lives. Everyone is welcome and we especially encourage all Ministers of the Word to take part—this will enhance your ministry. Those who recently finished the Sycamore Programme as well as those who attended the New Life in the Spirit Seminars, those who attended Lectio Divina in Lent and all others who may be interested come let us listen together to God's living Word and allow it to shape us more deeply as disciples of Christ. Refreshments will be served afterwards. To determine the venue please register your name at the parochial house. You can do this by phone call of email olqopoffice @gmail.com The dates are as followers: **Mon. 23rd Nov**. **Tues. 1st Dec**. **Mon. 7th Dec**. **Mon. 14th Dec.** Duration : 7.30-8.30pm.

NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2026 ends on **Friday 20th November**, 7.30–9.00pm after 9 weeks in St Mary's Church, Knockbridge. Sincere thanks to all our speakers, participants , Hospitality Team, and the Holy Family Prayer Group, Drogheda, and Anne Marie Breen, Crossmaglen for their wonderful music ministry. We look forward to returning after Easter 2027. May the Holy Spirit continue to renew us all!

GATHERING OF FRIENDS: **Our Christmas Party is on 2nd December at 2pm, in The Valley Lodge, Carrickmacross. If you are attending, please give your name to Geraldine 086 280 0923 or John 086 1767992, or any committee member. Please mention if you will require bus transport.**

ADVENT BEGINS ON SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

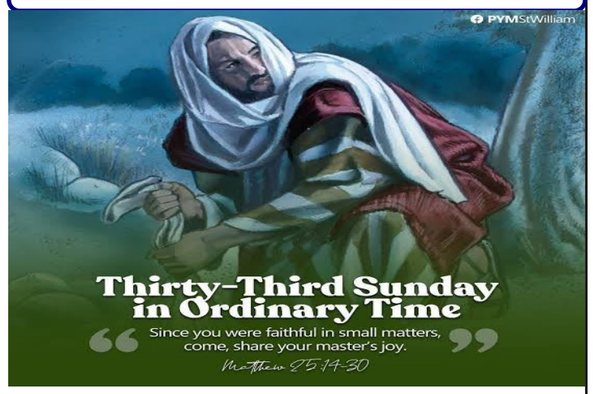
Date for your diary: Friday 18th Decenber PA Advent Penitential Service. At 7.30pm

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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 were 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 15th November 10.30am— Paddy, Marie & Maggie Cluskey , Eddie & Bridie Walsh, Johnny Woods, Peadar Kieran & dec members of the Kieran & Woods families, Michael & May McDonnell Brigid Reidy

Tuesday 9.30am: **Thursday 9.30am**

Church of Saint Peter, Dromiskin

Saturday 14th November 7.00pm— Rita Neary, PJ McKinley, Jason Mulligan, Mary McGuinness,

Mon 16th 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 14th November 6.00pm— Nuala Woods, Christy Sharkey, Baby Colm McElroy, Patricia McMahon, John & Margaret Clarke & DFM

Sunday 15th November 10.30am -

Tuesday : 9.30am— **Thursday 9.30am—**

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

Church of St. Mary's, Knockbridge

Saturday 14th November 7.30pm - Remembrance Mass for those who died since last Nov.

Sunday 15th November 11.30am – Mary Corrigan 1st Anniv, Edward Corrigan, Josephine (Josie) Donnelly, Mai Mullen, Larry Steen, Annie & Alex Dunne & DFM, Gerry & Mary Quigley, Kitty Lawless

Wed 9.30am— Dermot & Florrie Short **Fri 9.30am** John, Bernadette & Michael Cluskey

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

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Louth

Saturday 14th November 5.30pm – Gerard Marron, James Kearney, Owen Lennon & dec members of the Lennon & Hallagan families

Sunday 15th November 9.30am — Marian Neary 1st Anniv, James & Nancy O'Neill, Pete & Clare Kelly, Margaret & Gerry Watters

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 16th November Confessions & Mass 7.00pm

Recently Deceased. Please pray for Gerard McFadden, Patricia McHugh, Carl Cervi, Mary Watters (nee Woods), Mairead Brennan, Ollie Corrigan, James Nugent, Hayley Cunningham, Patsy McCann, Jonathan Glenny, England

Anniversaries for next week:

Darver: **Sunday 22nd November 10.30am: —** Eileen & Joe Cluskey & dec members of the Dorian & Cluskey families, Henry & Angela Sweeney

Dromiskin: **Saturday 21st November 7.00pm —** Ollie Corrigan M.M, Kitty & Frank Downey, Mary B. Herity

Kilkerley: **Saturday 21st November 6.00pm—** Patsy McCann M.M., Kathleen, Owen & Cian Quigley & DFM, James & Anna Quigley, Eugene Quigley & DFM

Sunday 22nd November 10.30am—

Knockbridge: **Saturday 21st November 7.30pm—** Vicky Wallace & DFM,

Sunday 22nd November 11.30am— James Nugent M.M, May McArdle

Louth: **Saturday 21st November 5.30pm—** Kitty Martin,Marian Mahon, Joseph Lambe, Brendan Lambe, Denis Byrne,

Sunday 22nd November 9.30am— Alice Hanratty , Anthony Rooney, James & Nora Pepper

Collections

Dromiskin : 8th November €1150 ***Darver*** 8th November €455 **Louth** 8th November €895

Kilkerley: 8th November €1045 **Knockbridge:** 8th November € 1041

Prayer for World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims 15 November 2026

Lord, on this World Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Road Traffic Accidents we remember all those who have lost their earthly lives on our roads and all those who have been injured in body and in mind. May those whose earthly lives have been lost as a result of road accidents be brought into the light of your loving presence. We pray for those who have suffered injury as a result of a road crash; those who have suffered permanent injury, and those who care for them. May the Lord strength us to support and comfort them; that they may find the hope and peace that comes from God.

November List of the Dead can be collected at the back of all churches in the pastoral area. Please take one for your family, complete them and return them to the sacristan. These lists will be included in all Masses celebrated during the month of November

November Mass of Remembrance : Louth Saturday 21st at 5.30pm

Week of Witness for Persecuted Christians One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. The charity Aid to the Church in Need, which works to support them, is organising a Week of Witness from November 15-22 to highlight their plight with a special appeal for parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on 'Red Wednesday' November 18. More information is available at www.acnireland.org

GAA Mass of Remembrance The priests of the Pastoral Area would like to offer a Mass for deceased members of all GAA codes associated with each parish in the Pastoral Area (Darver & Dromiskin, Kilkerley, Knockbridge and Louth) on **Tuesday 17th November at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge**. We hope that this Mass will be an opportunity for our PA Community to come together and honour players and all club members who have passed on.

Mass of the Angels: Every November we have a special Mass for children who died either before or after birth. This year the Mass will take place in **St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge Wed. 25th Nov. at 7.30pm.** All parishioners from our Pastoral Area (Darver & Dromiskin, Kilkerley, Knockbridge and Louth) and beyond our Pastoral Area are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Centre.

Do This in Memory Mass will take place on **Sat. 21st Nov**. Dromiskin @7pm. **Sun. 22nd Nov**. Louth @ 9.30am Darver @ 10.30am, Kilkerley @ 10.30am Knockbridge @ 11.30am

Apostolic Workers – There will be **a Special Collection** on **the weekend of 28th & 29th November** in all churches of Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area**.** The Apostolic workers assist Irish Missionaries priests and religious. They do this through prayer**,** material and financial help**,** supplying sacred vessels, Mass kits, altar linens, vestments, and much more and they support missionaries in difficult and challenging places around the world**.** Your generosity enables this important mission to continue bringing Christ's love to those who need it most. Thank you for your continued support.

Kilkerley ICA are holding a cake sale on **Sunday the 22nd November** in the Kilkerley Community Centre following 10.30am Mass. Proceeds in aid of Kilkerley Athletics Club. All support greatly appreciated.