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!**

Five Missionary Pathways for the Archdiocese of Armagh. As we begin a new liturgical year we begin with 5 Missionary Pathways the fruit of 4 years of prayer, diocesan & parish meetings. Our diocesan delegates and Pastoral Area Council (PAC) will reflect on these pathways and seek implement what we can, one step at a time.

1 ***To deepen our encounter with Christ and to renew prayer in our homes, parishes and personal lives.***
2 ***To strengthen formation for intentional & missionary discipleship, assisting children, young people and adults to know their faith and proclaim it with confidence…***
3. ***To renew our accompaniment of young people and families, strengthen cooperation between homes, parishes & schools to create spaces and opportunities where faith can be inspired, shared and deepened.***
4. ***To renew how to celebrate parish liturgy, the sacraments and pray together, welcoming and encouraging others to be drawn more deeply into relationship and belonging with Christ and the Church.***
5. ***To enhance communications, digital mission, evangelisation and invitation, reaching out and sharing the Gospel, opening new doors to encounter.***

Lectio Divina during Advent

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. In the words of St. Jerome: '*Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ'*. Everyone is welcome to Lectio Divina and we especially encourage all Ministers of the Word to take part—this will enhance your ministry. So, 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. The venue is the parochial house, Knockbridge. The remaining dates are . Tues. 1st Dec. Mon. 7th Dec. Mon. 14th Dec. Duration : 7.30pm -8.30pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The annual **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** will take place across our P.A. on the following dates:
Darver & Dromiskin: 5th & 6th December, at both Masses. St Ronan's Conference will also collect outside Centra, Dromiskin, on Saturday 5th December.
Kilkerley & Knockbridge: 5th & 6th December.
Stonetown: Sunday 6th December.
Louth 12th & 13th December.

Society of St.Vincent de Paul

All funds raised will go directly towards helping individuals and families in our local communities who are struggling to make ends meet. Please give as generously as you can. Every donation, no matter how small, brings hope to someone in need. We thank all members of St. Vincent de Paul Society in our Pastoral Area for their tireless dedication and compassion in helping local families in need. May God bless them for their generous and selfless service.

Unbound Freedom in Christ Deliverance Ministry will take place on Saturday 12th December from 1pm to 5.30pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place during this ministry. Everyone is welcome to adore Our Lord. For further information call Joan at (086)3288847

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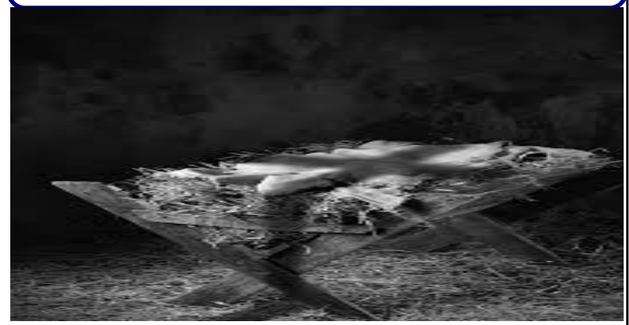
Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

29th November 2026
First Sunday of Advent



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Darver & Dromiskin, Kilkerley, Knockbridge and Louth

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Parochial House, Knockbridge, Co. Louth, A91 NA03

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 29th November 10.30am— Patricia McHugh M.M., Carl Cervi M.M, John Eileen & Irene O'Brien, Niamh McGuinness

Tuesday 9.30am: **Thursday 9.30am**

Church of Saint Peter, Dromiskin

Saturday 28th November 7.00pm— Kathleen & Jim Conlon

Mon 30th November . **-6.20pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **6.30pm** Rosary

7.00pm Mass & Novena — Jemmy, Lena, Patsy and Madeline Weldon & dec. members of the Weldon & Hernon families

Wed—9.10am Rosary, **9.30am** Mass

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

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kilkerley

Saturday 28th November 6.00pm— Ann Smyth, Tom & Peggy Monahan, Charlie, Bridget & John McMaster

Sunday 29th November 10.30am - Mary Conroy (nee McCabe), Fr. Ken McCabe & DFM, Anna & Aidan Corcoran, John & Rose-Ann Rafferty & dec. members of the Rafferty & McKenna family, Edward & Nan Donnelly

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

Friday 4th Deceember 7.30pm—Francie Bourton

Church of St. Mary's, Knockbridge



Saturday 28th November 7.30pm - Kathleen Farrell, Vanessa Mackey

Sunday 29th November 11.30am – Paddy Myers, Patrick & Katie Brennan, Jim Kerr, Margaret O'Malley, Moya Hoey, Pete & Peggy Brennan, McGahon family (Prospect),Brennan family (Springhill), Timothy & Maryanne Loughlan, Jane Murphy & DFM

Wed 9.30am— **Fri 9.30am**

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Louth

Saturday 28th November 5.30pm – Angela Kenny

Sunday 29th November 9.30am — Thomas Byrne, Tom Martin

Tues 1st Dec. 9.30am— Frank & Elizabeth Murphy **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 30th November Mass at 7.00pm

Recently Deceased. Please pray for Enda McGeough, Joan Finlay (nee Faughey) Paddy Corrigan, Paddy Bailey, Paddy Fee, Gerard McFadden, Patricia McHugh, Carl Cervi,

Anniversaries for next week:

Darver: **Sunday 6th December 10.30am: —** All families of our Parish

Dromiskin: **Saturday 5th December 7.00pm —** Rose & Johnny Murtagh

Kilkerley: **Saturday 5th December 6.00pm—** Mary Laverty, Paddy, Barney & Anna McGill

Sunday 6th December 10.30am—

Knockbridge: Saturday 5th December 7.30pm— Peadar Hoey & DFM, John & Owen Devin, Kathleen & Phelim Guinness, Patsy, James, Anthony, Stephen & Gerry McGuinness, Michael Brennan, Sean O'Hare & DFM,

Sunday 6th December 11.30am— Paul Brennan 1st Anniv., Eddie Sherry

Louth: **Saturday 5th December 5.30pm—** Jem Martin, Pat Lennon, Tom O'Rourke & Dec members of the Lennon, Hallagan & O'Rourke families, Sean Kelly

Sunday 6th December 9.30am—

Collections

Dromiskin : 22nd November €592 ***Darver*** 22nd November €500 **Louth** 22nd November €770

Kilkerley: 22nd November €1130 **Knockbridge:** 22nd November € 1,430

Happy New Church Year! As we begin a new Church Year, Advent offers each of us a wonderful opportunity for a fresh start in our relationship with Jesus Christ. Amid the busyness of preparing for Christmas, let us not forget to prepare our hearts for Christ. Our Pastoral Area Mission Statement, **"Open the doors, let Jesus return,"** is particularly appropriate during this holy season. I am deeply grateful for your generosity, encouragement & all that you do to build up our faith communities. May this Advent awaken within us a deeper love for the Eucharist, a renewed enthusiasm for the Gospel and a greater awareness of God's presence in our daily lives. Fr Pat, Fr Brian, Fr Sijo & Deacon Martin join me in wishing you & your families a blessed and spiritually enriching Advent. With prayers and warmest good wishes. Fr Gerry

Apostolic Workers – There will be **a Special Collection TODAY** in all churches in 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.

Family Tree Healing Mass will take place on Monday 30th Nov. at 8pm preceded by Confessions at 7pm and the rosary at 7.30pm All are welcome

Devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima (First Saturday) will be held in St. Peter's Church, Dromiskin on Saturday, 5th December, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and the Holy Rosary with meditations. Vigil Mass at 7.00 pm.

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.

Knockbridge Vintage Club Presentation Night & Christmas Party. Sat.5th Dec. 2026 from 8pm in the Community Centre.

Monthly Communion Rounds: The first Friday of December is approaching: The sick and housebound will be visited either on that day or whatever day you have arranged with the priest.

School Advent Penitential Services are as follows: **Kilkerley:** Thur. 10th Dec. 11.30am. **Dromiskin** Wed. 16th Dec. 10.50am (3rd& 4th class) 11.15am (5th& 6th class) **Knockbridge** Thur. 17th Dec. 11.15am **Louth** Fri.18th Dec. **Darver** Thursday 10th Dec. 11.45am

PA Advent Penitential Service. Friday 18th December at 7.30pm

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass times

Mon 7th Vigil: Louth 7.00pm, Dromiskin 7.00pm, Kilkerley 7.30pm, Knockbridge 7.30pm

Tues 8th; Louth 10am, Darver 10am, Kilkerley 10am, Knockbridge 10am