



*Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area website: ourladyqueenofpeacepa.org*

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Monday to Friday 9.30a.m. to 1.30p.m.

**Newsletter:** kilkerleybulletin@gmail.com

**Weekend Masses**

**Kilkerley:** Saturday at 6.00pm

Sunday at 10.00am

**Knockbridge:** Saturday at 7.30pm

Sunday at 11.30am

**Weekday Masses:**

See Anniversaries and Memorials below....

**Mass on Fridays**

Knockbridge each Friday at 9.30a.m. except on the 1st Friday of the month when Mass will be celebrated in Kilkerley at 7.30p.m.

**Confessions:**

**Kilkerley:** Confessions are available in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at any time 'by request'.

**Knockbridge:** Confessions are available in St. Mary's Church at any time 'by request'.

**Baptisms** take place every 2nd Sunday of the month in **Kilkerley** during 10a.m. Mass and the 4th Sunday of the month in **Knockbridge** during 11.30a.m. Mass.

**Baptism** courses for both parishes will take place each month. The full list of course dates for 2020 can be seen at the entrances to both Churches.

**Parish Collection**

**Knockbridge** € 728.16 **Kilkerley** € 576

..... Sincere thanks to all who contributed

**Church Gate collection** on 22nd/23rd Feb in aid of

**Ministers of the Word**  
Next weekend

**Kilkerley:**

Bernadette Mullen (22nd)

Bernard Mulholland (23rd)

**Knockbridge:**

Aidan Nash (22nd)

Gavin Hoey (23rd)

**Ministers of the Eucharist**  
Next weekend:

**Kilkerley**

Kit Cunningham & Dorothy McMahan (22nd)

Eamon Kelly & Eugene Callan (23rd)

**Knockbridge:**

Geraldine Ferris & Sean Hall (22nd)

Martin O'Hare & Jean McLoughlin (23rd)

**Prayers of the Faithful**  
Next weekend

**Kilkerley**

Mary Kate/Caragh/Ciara (22nd)

Carolan Brennan (23rd)

**Recently Deceased:**

*Please pray for.....*

Catherine (Kitty) Doherty, Cortial

Jack Leonard, Rathbrist, Tallanstown,

Gerry Jones, Barronstown, Peader Cassidy,

Hackballscross, Glenn Holland, Carrickmacross,

Tommy Mulholland, Inniskeen, Patricia Harris,

Dublin, Pat O'Neill, Ballinlough, Mary Farrell,

Tallanstown, Michael Garvey, Cullyhanna,

16th February 2020

**Hello. How are you? (From Fr. Gerry)**

**Ash Wednesday** (26th Feb.) the beginning of LENT is approaching fast. For some people it's a 2nd shot at a New Years Resolution: no chocolates, cutting down on use of social media, going to bed early...For many Lent is about giving up stuff but Lent is so much more than that. Lent is a time for us to grow spiritually and to prepare for Easter. The word Lent means Spring...a time when the days start to lengthen. So Lent is a time to lengthen or stretch ourselves spiritually towards Easter. All great feasts require preparation time to help us to fully appreciate them. The 1st mention of Lent was in 325AD at the Church's Council of Nicea. Here Lent was described as 40days between Ash Wed. and Easter. It was originally for adults who were preparing to convert to Christianity. At the end of the 40 days at Easter they would be Baptised. Yet at the Council they all recognised the need for ongoing conversion for all Christians. They linked it to Jesus fasting in the wilderness for 40 days & nights to prepare for His ministry. The 3 main parts of Lent are **Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving**. (giving food, money or other material goods to the poor)...these are ways of showing our commitment to God. NB Lent is always about God and to help us to grow in our relationship with God remembering what he did for us on the cross. Lets think about what we are going to do this 2020 Lent and mark it in your diary/iphone on Ash Wednesday.

**Ash Wednesday Masses 26/02/2020**

**Kilkerley** 10.00am

**Knockbridge** 10.00am & 7.30pm

**A Healing Service.** for people suffering from cancer and other illnesses, will take place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kilkerley on Sunday 8th March at 3.00pm. Come and support our sisters & brothers with your prayer. The service will include Benediction, Readings from Sacred Scripture, a testimony, the Anointing of the Sick and Spirit-Filled Music. This Holy Hour will move and develop from month to month in the churches in 'Our Lady Queen of Peace' Pastoral Area.

**Adoration of the Blessed**

**Sacrament** An invitation is extended to those who would be able to spend an hour in visiting the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays 10a.m.- 10p.m. in St. Mary's Church, **Knockbridge** followed by Benediction at 10p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament also takes place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, **Kilkerley** every Friday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

*'Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength.'*

**SMA Retreat and Conference Centre, Dromantine, Newry—Days of Prayer**  
Lenten Days of Recollection:

**'Lord open my heart as wide as it can be open'** led by Fr. Damien Bresnahan SMA Sat. 14th March 9.30am-5.00pm including lunch €30 **'Remember -You're worth it'** led by Fr. John Gallagher SMA Sat. 28th March 9.30am—5.00pm including lunch €30

**Year of Reflection and Prayer 2020**

**Prayer Ambassadors**

For this Year of Reflection and Prayer each parish in all 61 parishes in the Archdiocese of Armagh have two Prayer Ambassadors who will circulate resources to homes and schools. Our Ambassadors for this special year are: **Kilkerley:** Donna Kirby & Geraldine Kneel. **Knockbridge:** Joan McKenna & Irene Brennan.. We thank them for their kindness in taking up this role. The first resource are prayer cards which you will find at the entrance to the church, please take one or two for your family

**Our Lady Queen of Peace' Prayer Group**

The meetings take place in the Parochial House, Knockbridge every Thursday at 7.30pm. Please note there is no Prayer meeting during Lent due to **Christfulness** ( see next column) in St. Mary's Church.

**Station Masses: Mass in Your Home**

Station Masses are still a great tradition in Ireland. Families host the celebration of Mass in their homes Would you like to host a Station Mass? Call the parish office Mon.-Fri. 9.30am-1.30pm and a date can be arranged.

**Second Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima**

The second Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima, led by Archbishop Eamon Martin, will take place from 7th July - 14th July 2020. Costing £719. Further details contact Maureen or Joe McLaughlin 028 90701606, 07745 093530 or 07711 808207.

**Bereavement Support**

One to one Bereavement Support— confidentiality assured. Appointment not necessary (no cost involved) Time: Thursday mornings 10.30am –12.30pm Venue: Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre, The Magnet Dundalk. Enquiries: 042 9336393 from North 0035342-9336393

**Medjugorje Evening of Prayer** on Monday

17th February at 7.15pm in St. Nicholas Church, Bridge Street, Dundalk. Philip Ryan from JWT will be the guest speaker. For more details contact Phyllis Mulligan (042) 9336705/087 2028492.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage** €50 Off if deposit paid by 15th February 2020.

16th June 7 Nights Spiritual Director Fr Gerry Campbell.

8th September Fr Oliver Brennan..Full bonding Insurance with Joe Walsh Tours. Contact Phyllis.

**Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area Resource Team (PART)** will meet on Mon. 24th Feb. at 8.00pm in the parochial house, Knockbridge.

Members representing Kilkerley are Geraldine Kneel (Chair), Geraldine Kirk (Secretary) and Rosie Bell.

Knockbridge: Catherine Lambe, Also Deacon Martin, Fr. Brian and Fr. Gerry

**Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Abuse**

will take place on Friday 28th February. Prayers will be offered at Masses on that day (9.30am Knockbridge & 11am Confirmation Kilkerley) for those who have been hurt by abuse in the Church. We are all asked to remember this intention in our private prayers also.

**29th DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE** in RDS Dublin on Sat 22nd FEB 2020 .Moley's bus will leave Crossmaglen stopping at FRIARY CHURCH DUNDALK at 8.00 am For more de-

**Knockbridge Notes**

**PARISH BINGO**



Every Thursday in the Parish

Centre at 8.30pm.

€550 prizes every week + Raffle

Jackpot €1,000 for 45 numbers

**St. Bride's GFC**

The Following numbers were drawn on Monday 10th February 2020 for the Jackpot of €19,600

05, 07, 23, 28

No Winner. One Match 3 Winner €200

Orla Murphy c/o Shop

Lotto will resume next Monday 17th February for a jackpot of €19,800

**New Eucharistic Ministers**

Congratulations to Eileen Fitzpatrick, Sean Hall, Martin O'Hare, and Jean McLaughlin Commissioned as new Eucharistic Ministers. We thank them and all Eucharistic Ministers in both parishes for their invaluable service.

**Your Parish Contribution** . Did you know that if you contribute €250 (through envelope) for the running cost of your Parish annually, i.e. slightly less than €5 per week, it is worth an extra €112 to the parish with a signed **CHY3 Form**. If you wish to receive a form please contact the parish office. Your contribution towards the admin. costs of the parish is vital.

**Knockbridge Community Centre Upgrade Committee** will meet on Tues. 25th Feb. at 8.00pm in the parochial house.

**Unbound: Freedom in Christ Ministry:**

**Experience** God's healing love. **Break** addictive behaviour and sinful patterns. **End** struggles with anger, inadequacy, worry, guilt, sadness, loneliness, resentment, or depression. **Heal** wounds caused by a person, place or situation. **Learn** to forgive. **Stop** perfectionism and approval seeking. Do you wish to be set free? Experience healing and an abundant life in Jesus. Call Joan: 086 3288847 and make an appointment today.

**CE Vacancies:** Are you interested in working 19.5 hours per week as part of the Mid-Louth Community Employment Project? Environmental Workers needed for Knockbridge Parish. Please apply to C.E. Supervisor Tommy Reilly, Tallanstown, Tel. 042 9374926 or email:midlouthceltd@gmail.com

**Christfulness: A Meditation for Lent**

Looking for something original to do this Lent? Fr Gerry is offering 'Christfulness' in **St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge**. So what is Christfulness? We have all heard of the modern practice called 'Mindfulness' were ones focus is on 'some-thing' Christfulness is awareness of 'some-one' ie **JESUS**. Each evening Fr. Gerry will guide you in the Holy Spirit to Jesus in the Sunday Gospels of Lent. Each meditation will last no longer than one hour. Please note the following dates:

Thur. 27th February 7.30pm

Thur. 5th March 7.30pm

Thur. 12th March 7.30pm

Thur. 19th March 7.30pm

Thur. 26th March 7.30pm

Thur. 2nd April 7.30pm

**LMFM** will record 7.30pm Mass in St.

Mary's Church on Saturday 29th February to be broadcast on Sunday 1st March at 9.00am

**Kilkerley Notes**

**SUNDAY DANCING**



in the Community and Enterprise

Centre Sunday 16th Feb. Music by

Showbud. Dancing 9 to 12 mid-

night. All welcome.

**Kilkerley Girl Guides** are organising a collection in support of Women's Aid Dundalk. Useful items include

New underwear, toiletries, and good

condition clothes for women and children

Good condition or new bed linen (single

bed size) Good condition or new toys,

books, puzzles etc. Non-perishable foods

Donations of money also welcome. There

will be a collection point in the Church

during the weekend of the **22-23 Febru-**

**ary**. All donations appreciated and

welcomed. Many thanks from the

Kilkerley Guides Leaders: Geraldine Kirk,

Elaine Duffy, Sinéad Lennon, Sinéad

McElroy and Sinéad O'Donovan

**Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on Friday, 28th Feb. at 11am.

**St. John Paul II Awards Commission-**

**ing** .. The purpose of this annual diocesan programme is to encourage our young people to play a more active role in their parish community and to affirm their commitment. We thank those who have volunteered as well as Jane Quinn the programme coordinator.

**Kilkerley Church Envelopes:**

The new parish envelopes have been distributed to all homes. If there is anyone new in the parish who would like to receive a box of envelopes please call into the sacristy.

**Kilkerley Finance Committee** will meet

on Thur. 20th Feb. at 8.30pm in the

Community & Enterprise Centre,

Kilkerley.

**KILKERLEY LOURDES COMMITTEE**

We are delighted to have two young people travelling on the Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage as Youth Workers. Every year the Youth fundraise to help defray the cost of their travel and accommodation. Once again they plan to have a Pop Up Shop in the Longwalk Shopping Centre from the **2nd to the 7th March**. We are asking people to help by donating any items of clean clothing, footwear, books, bric-a-brac or anything that would sell. Unfortunately we cannot accept large pieces of furniture as space does not allow. Items can be left in the Community Centre or given to any member of our Committee. For further info. call Kathleen McCreesh on 0879117732 Ursula Martin on 0877550051 or Catherine Lynch on 0879575658

**Family Tree Healing Mass** will take

place on Monday 2nd March at 8.00pm.

This Mass is primarily for the generations (Paternal & Maternal) that have gone before us. The Mass will be preceded by the rosary and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and followed by tea and coffee. The Holy Family Prayer Group from Drogheda will lead the music .

**Thought to bring home**

'Don't forget when God is silent, He's doing something for you.'

**Anniversaries and Memoriam Masses (Feb 15th - Feb 23rd)**

<b>Kilkerley</b>		
Sat 15th	6.00pm	John Chambers M.M.
Sun 16th	10.00am	Peadar Duffy
Tues 18th	9.30am	_____
Thurs 20th	9.30am	_____
Sat 22nd	6.00pm	Dec. members of the Martin Family
Sun 23rd	10.00am	Noel McEntegart James & Eileen Gernon
<b>Knockbridge</b>		
Sat 15th	7.30pm	Tracy Byrne M.M Deceased members of the Brennan Family (Knockcor) John & Nancy Halpenny, Jim & Mary Dullaghan, Peggy Hudson, John & Catherine McKeown & DFM
Sun 16th	11.30am	Pat O'Neill M.M. Sean A. Kieran 1st. Anniversary Deceased members of the Kieran family (Drumkeath)
Wed 19th	9.30am	Tom Smyth (Ealing, London)
Fri 21st	9.30am	_____ Sat
22nd	7.30pm	Val & Lily Brennan
Sun 23rd	11.30am	Derek McMahon & DFM

