

## **HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE DIVINE RENOVATION TEAM ( Kilkerley & Knockbridge) ‘**

Divine Renovation: Moving parishes from Maintenance to Mission.’ This international programme is an attempt to stop the haemorrhaging of Baptised Catholics away from the Church. The team are: Eugene Callan, Fr. Gerry Campbell, Joan McKenna, Lorraine Quigley, Terry Quinn & Gerry Simpson. Our Mission is to: **‘TO OPEN THE DOORS AND LET JESUS RETURN.**

### **Four initiatives that are the fresh shoots stemming from DIVINE RENOVATION:**

**1/Encountering Christ (EC) Sunday Service.** 2pm to 4pm.in St. Mary’s Church, Knockbridge. It includes: Holy Mass, Praise & Worship Music, a Hospitality Team, preaching, teaching, healings , amazing testimonies of transformed lives and all of this is followed up by light refreshments in the Community Centre. The last EC Mass of 2022 will take place today and resume on **SUN.8TH JAN. 2023.**

**2/ Unbound (Freedom in Christ) Deliverance Ministry:** Are you feeling trapped, & bound up with unforgiveness, anger, fear, addictive behavior, depression, loneliness...then this ministry is for you. THE NEXT UNBOUND SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE ON **SAT. 28TH JAN.** Call Joan for details (086)3288847

**3/Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group for Divine Renovation.** Meetings take place **in the parochial house, Knockbridge. The first meeting of the new year will be THUR. 5TH JAN.**

**4/Alpha** is a parish tool for evangelization. Alpha will resume on **MON. 9TH JAN.** Call Lorraine for details: 0863867627

**Ceremony of Light: Knockbridge** will take place on Tues. 20th 7.00pm. This is for children preparing for the Sacrament Confirmation and their families. Similar Services will take place in the New Year for other parishes.

### **Masses after Christmas in Our Pastoral Area:**

**Kilkerley** Tuesday 27th and Thursday 28th December. **Knockbridge** Wednesday 28th and Friday 29th December. All at 9.30am

### **St. Patricks Soup Kitchen**

The annual Christmas collection will take place outside churches on Christmas Eve.

**The Heart of Christmas (DROMISKIN)** An evening of music, reflection and prayer in preparation for Christmas will take place on Tuesday December 20th at 7pm in St. Peter’s Church, Dromiskin. An opportunity to take time to ponder the birth of Christ as told in Scripture, Story & Carols, some familiar, some new and some from Latvia & Germany.

**Mar Iosa Prayer hour:** Tues at 7.00pm—8.00pm in St. Peter’s Church, Dromiskin. This is an hour of Prayer for all, Reflection on God’s Word and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament . You are invited to attend or join in via webcam.

**Christmas on the Atlantic:** Knockbridge twins Eugene & Frankie Mohan are well on their way rowing 4,800 km across the Atlantic Ocean on the ‘Talisker Whiskey Challenge’ known as ‘the world’s toughest row’. They are part of a 4-man crew and are one of 40 international crews taking part. They set out last Sunday from La Gomera, Canary Islands and hope to complete the crossing to Nelson’s Dockyard, English Harbour, Antigua & Barbuda in 35-40 days. Their aim is to raise funds for RNLA and Laura Lynn, Irelands Children’s Hospice. We pray that the weather will cooperate and that Eugene & Frankie and all the teams taking part in this amazing challenge will reach their destination safely.

### **Lighting up the Darkness 2022**

The Carolan family in Kilkerley are delighted to announce that after receiving sponsorship to cover the costs of lighting their house for Christmas, that this year will be their 3<sup>rd</sup> year to raise money for charity! In 2020, they raised €4,303 for the Dundalk Simon Community. Then in 2021, they raised €8,321.38 for The Rotunda Foundation and the NICU in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda. This year the money raised will go to St. James Hospital in memory of a friend Isabelle rip. Be sure to visit and see the lights in person. The Carolan family home is just 5 miles outside

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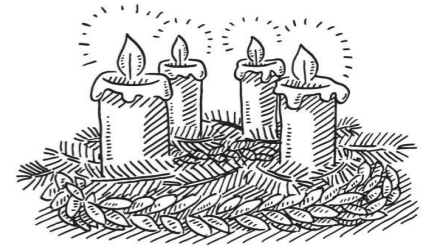
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# Our Lady Queen of Peace Pastoral Area

18th December 2022

4th Sunday of Advent



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**BAPTISMS:** will normally take place on Saturdays at 2pm in each of the churches. Please contact the Pastoral Area Office for further information and/or to book the ceremony.

**WEDDINGS:** Please contact Fr Gerry Campbell directly for all wedding enquiries. It is important that all couples who intend to marry in 2023/24 make contact so as to ensure that all necessary requirements and paperwork are fulfilled on time.

**CONFESSIONS:** on request.

**VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** If you know of anyone who requires a visit please contact the parish office. If it is an emergency contact the nearest priest.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** can be emailed to [olqopoffice@gmail.com](mailto:olqopoffice@gmail.com) at least two weeks prior to the date of the anniversary for inclusion in the parish bulletin, or contact the local priest directly.

**ALL SACRAMENTAL AND PASTORAL AREA NOTIFICATIONS** can be emailed to [olqopoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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.org](http://www.ourladyqueenofpeacepa.org) or [www.churchmedia.tv](http://www.churchmedia.tv) Recording is possible on request by contacting the pastoral area office in advance.

## CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL, DARVER

**MASSES:** Sunday 18th Dec. 10.30am Rosaleen McDonnell, John & Susan Dolan & DM Cassidy family  
Rita & Michael Corrigan, Roseanne McKeever  
Tuesday 9.30am  
Thursday 9.30am



## CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, DROMISKIN

**MASSES:** Saturday: 17th Dec. 7.00pm Ann & Edward Corrigan, Eileen & Felix McParland  
Owen, Mary and Owen (Jr.) Toal  
Monday 19th Dec. 7.00pm Tommie Hamill  
Monday (Novena) 7.00pm

## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, KILKERLEY

**MASSES:** Saturday 17th Dec 6.00pm Mary Laverty & DFM, Ambrose McEnteggart  
Sunday 18th Dec 10.30am Paddy Joe Farrell M.M. John & Kathleen Tennyson &  
DFM of the Deery family, Bridget & Joe Meegan & DFM of the Hamill & Meegan  
families. Henry, Elizabeth & Patrick Deery, Marian, Jimmy & Tony Morgan  
Tuesday - 9.30am - Special Intention  
Thursday 22nd Dec -9.30am - Tom, Jim & Gerry Curley & DFM



## CHURCH OF SAINT MARY, KNOCKBRIDGE

**MASSES:** Saturday 17th Dec. 7.30pm Kitty Soraghan 1st Anv. Maurice Soraghan, Peggy Wynne,  
Eugene & Molly Wynne, Aidan Kerrigan, Thomas, Bartle & Mary  
Monahan & DFM,  
John & Lena Lambe & DFM,  
Sunday 18th Dec. 11.30am Clare & Liam Sweeney, Josie & George McMahon &  
DFM, (Kilcrouney) and Loretta Friary  
Wednesday 21st Dec 9.30am Sr. Patricia Short  
Friday 9.30am

## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOUTH

**MASSES:** Saturday 17th Dec. 5.30pm Margaret Fee MM., Micheal Byrne MM., Mixie &  
Mamie Mullen & DFM., Molly Dorian, Anthony Woods (1st Anv.)  
Sunday 18th Dec. 9.30am Kevin Conlon & DFM, Myra Boyle (2nd Anv.)

**OUR LADY OF SNOWS CHURCH, STONETOWN** - Closed until further notice

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for Richard McGuinness, Tom Clarke, Catherine Thornton, Margaret McGeown, Nora McGahon, Lee Cunningham, Marian Mahon, Angela Sweeney, Vicky Wallace, Willie Reilly, Anne-Marie McDermott, Seamus McCartan, Michael Mackin, Cyril Cluskey, Claire Burk, Josephine McDonnell, Kathleen McEvoy, Jimmy Dowling

### ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Darver:** Saturday 24th Dec 5.00pm—People of the Parish  
Sunday 25th Dec 10.30am — People of the Parish  
**Dromiskin:** Saturday 24th Dec 7.00pm — People of the Parish  
Sunday 25th Dec 9.00am—People of the Parish  
**Kilkerley:** Saturday 24th Dec 6.00pm — Larry & Nancy Donnelly  
Sunday 25th Dec 10.30am —  
**Knockbridge:** Sat. 24th Dec. 7.30pm—  
Sunday 25th Dec 11.30am - Vicky Wallace M.M.  
(Kilcrouney) Sunday 25th Dec 9.30am Kathleen & Michael Sharkey  
**Louth:** Saturday 24th Dec 5.30pm— Anna O'Reilly, Nora & James  
Pepper, John, James & Florrie Smyth  
Sunday 25th Dec 9.30am — Eileen Gartlan, Dec. members  
of the Pembroke family. Sean Gartlan & DFM

### COLLECTIONS:

<b>Darver</b>	Sunday 11th Dec 2022: €316
<b>Dromiskin</b>	Sunday 11th Dec 2022: €707
<b>Kilkerley</b>	Sunday 11th Dec 2022 €865
<b>Knockbridge</b>	Sunday 11th Dec 2022: €617.05 (Encountering Christ €360.90)
<b>Louth</b>	Sunday 11th Dec 2022: € 615

Many thanks for your continued generosity. If you wish to change your contributions to Standing Order and/or wish to complete a tax relief form, please email [olqopoffice@gmail.com](mailto:olqopoffice@gmail.com) for the necessary details.

*One more week to go !!! I know... 'don't remind me!' Worried about last minute shopping? Don't worry it all gets done in the end. Focus on today, the fourth Sunday of Advent when at last we are brought before the events leading directly up to the birth of Christ. In today's Gospel Joseph receives confirmation that Mary will bear a son and "you will name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins". My friend, only in Jesus will our world ever be at peace. Only in Jesus as Lord will nations be able to work together. Only with Jesus at the heart of our own personal lives can we truly serve the Lord in Spirit & in Truth. In these next few days let us pray that the Lord will build our homes, our Church, our country and our world. Fr. Gerry*

### Christmas Masses:

**Christmas Eve:** Darver 5.00pm, Dromiskin 7.00pm, Louth 5.30pm, Kilkerley 6.00pm, Knockbridge 7.30pm and Stonetown 7.30pm

**Christmas Day:** Louth 9.30am, Dromiskin 9.00am, Kilcrouney School (Knockbridge) 9.30am, Darver 10.30am, Kilkerley 10.30am and Knockbridge 11.30am

**LMFM Mass : Kilkerley (TODAY)** Mass will be recorded from the Church of Immaculate Conception, Kilkerley on Saturday 17th December at 6.00pm and broadcast on Sunday 18th December at 9.00am. Please inform those who are sick & housebound.

### Parish Penitential Services (Advent 2022)

In preparation for our Christian celebration of Christmas let us all celebrate God's love for us. A love that heals and forgives. A forgiveness that fills us with peace. John the Baptist says "Repent ...prepare a way for the Lord." we pray that all of us will hear that call to "REPENT"

Penitential Services in the parishes in our Pastoral Area are as follows:

**Darver & Dromiskin:** Mon. 19th December in St. Peter's Church, Dromiskin at 7.00pm during Novena

**Knockbridge:** Wed. 21st December in St. Mary's Church at 7.30pm

**Louth:** Thur. 22nd December in The Church of the Immaculate Conception at 7.30pm

All priests from our Pastoral Area will be our Confessors



An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. He said, "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. She will have a Son, and you will name Him Jesus."