

LAY MINISTRY FOR NOVEMBER

Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Gerard Quinn
Sunday 9.30 am Mark McMenamin
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Monica Hagan/ Briege McCrory

Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Sean Heagney/ Dan Keenan
Sunday 9.30 am. Pat McCormick/ Paul McGarrity
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Seamus McNally/Vincent Ruddy

Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Michelle McLaughlin
Sunday 9.30 am. Linda Hughes
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Carolyn Small

Anyone who cannot fulfil their ministry should contact Fr Hughes.

PARISH WEBSITE

Our Parish website can be accessed at www.kildressparish.co.uk

Visit the Latest News section of our Parish Website for details of forthcoming
Diocesan events/courses including:

- *Prayerfest 2023 organised by Prayer & Spirituality Group – 25th November
- *Safeguarding Survey for Survivors of Abuse
- *St Patrick's Charismatic Prayer Group Dungannon

The website has a facility to have the bulletin forwarded to your email address.

SOME USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

SAMARITANS: 028 25650000 and 08457909090 RELATE (Marriage counselling): 08702426091
CRUISE (Bereavement support): 084447794000 COOKSTOWN COMMUNITY CANCER CARE:
028 867 66111
AWARE (Help defeat depression): 0845 1202961 ACCORD (Pre-Marriage Courses): 028
38334781
PIPS PROJECT (Suicide awareness): 07876552046 and 07789797483
LIFELINE (For those in despair): 0808 808 8000 ST VINCENT DE PAUL: 028 867 69400

NEXT BULLETIN

The next bulletin will be the weekend **18th/19th November 2023**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 15th November**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



12th November 2023

**Thirty-Second Sunday In
Ordinary Time**



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader

Today's Gospel tells us how important it is to be ready when Jesus calls. This is not just referring to the moment of death or the end of the world, but being ready when the moment of grace comes and having the wisdom to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. It reminds us that moments of grace come unexpectedly and so we need to be constantly awake and alert.

The Gospel also gives us an insight into marriage practices at the time of Jesus. Seemingly, it was customary for a wedding banquet to take place at night. The bridegroom would go to the bride's house to settle the dowry and claim his new wife. The procession back to his house was an elaborate affair and was regarded as an important part of the marriage ceremony. The function of the bridesmaids was to keep the bride company until the groom arrive. In those days it was the men who were notoriously bad timekeepers, so there could be a long vigil. No one knew exactly when he would come. When his approach was eventually announced, there was great excitement, and the bridesmaids were required to go out and meet him and usher him into the bride's presence with glowing torches. The doors were then shut, and the wedding banquet would begin.

We might be inclined to pity the five bridesmaids who were caught unexpectedly without oil in their lamps. Furthermore, we might be tempted to judge their friends as being selfish when they refused to share with them, but suggested rather casually that they go and buy oil at that late hour. Perhaps there are lessons here for us? We must take responsibility for our own behaviour, we are accountable for our lifestyle and activities, we can't blame others for our negligence, we shouldn't make excuses for our mistakes, we must be vigilant and attentive to the Lord's daily call to love and serve him.

Lord, grant that when you come, at whatever hour, our minds may be alight with faith, our souls alight with hope, and our hearts alight with love. Then may you lead us into the wedding banquet to enjoy the unending feast of light, happiness and peace in your eternal presence.

*With every blessing,
Monsignor Colum*

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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COLLECTION BANKED FOR LAST
WEEKEND

£ 1,675

TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR OTHER PRIESTS IN OUR PASTORAL AREA

Monsignor Curry (Lissan) 028 867 63674 email: lissanparish2@gmail.com
Fr Boyle (Cookstown): 028 867 63370 Fr Slater (Cookstown): 028 867 63490
Fr Francis Coll (Coagh): 028 867 37212 Fr Moore (Pomeroy) 028 877 57867

WEEKDAY MASSES 13th - 17th November 2023

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday, Friday: 9.30 am

St. Mary's, Dunamore

Thursday: 9.30 am

OMAGH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Day of Prayer, Praise and Healing

Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh. **Sunday 19th November 2023** Registration from 9.30am

Holy Mass in the afternoon. Speaker Fr Brendan Walsh SAC

Lunch, tea & coffee available.

Booking by 10th November essential. Mob 07876411435 or 07596609041

CALM KIDS, YOGA AND MINDFULNESS CLASSES

A 6 week block of Calm Kids, Yoga and Mindfulness classes in St Joseph's Hall **will begin on Tuesday 17th November.**

Preschool and P1 from 3-4 pm and Primary 1+ from 4-5 pm. Contact Elaine on 07598426000 to book a place.

NEW DEFIBRILLATOR

A new defibrillator has been recently erected by Des Tracey at the entrance to LEYDEN TIMBERFRAME in Dungate. Alongside the defibrillator is a plaque in memory of Des' wife, Adelaide Tracey, who died 30th October 2021 and their son, Noel, who died 1st August 2022. It is hoped that this will be of use to the Parish.

APOSTOLIC WORK, Kildress Branch

The Apostolic Work wish to thank most sincerely the people of Kildress and beyond for their magnificent contribution of **£3004.30** in the recent Church Door Collection. The money has been handed over to Armagh to the Diocesan President (Jean Hanratty). Jean congratulated the people of Kildress for their generosity and acknowledged that every penny of this money will go directly to the missions where there is so much hardship and need. Thanks again for your generosity.

Thank you also to the new volunteers who have come forward to knit and sew.

We welcome Michaela Byrne as the new Treasurer of the Kildress Branch. She takes up the role as Treasurer from Mrs Annie Mc Garrity RIP who served meticulously in this position for 52 years until her passing on July 31st 2017. At a recent meeting in Armagh, of the Apostolic Workers throughout the Diocese, Archbishop Eamon, congratulated Apostolic Work on 100years since its formation in Dromore Diocese and 84 years in Armagh Diocese. He was encouraged to hear that £130,000 in financial aid as well as liturgical items had been sent to the overseas mission from the Armagh Diocese in 2022.

On November 18th 2023 at 2pm in the Synod Hall in Armagh, a new executive committee will be elected. Existing or previous members are welcome to attend as well as anyone with an interest or willingness to become part of this worthy missionary group.

ACTION CANCER BUS

The Action Cancer bus will visit Dunamore Hall on **Tuesday 21st November.**

The appointments available are as follows:

21 appointments for Breast Screenings (ladies aged 40-49 and 70 plus)

11 appointments for MOT Health Checks (men and women aged 16 plus)

Book now through Action Cancer's website <https://appointments.actioncancer.org> or call 028 9080 3344. **When booking reference LHG-9774 must be quoted.**

BOOK YOUR HEALTH CHECK NOW

NEWS FROM THE KILDRESS WOLFE TONES

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place on **Monday 20th November** at 8.00 pm in Gortacladdy.
Everyone welcome

5k A Day In December

We are hosting a 5K a day in December. This can be done by WALKING, JOGGING or RUNNING! **All you have to do is register and commit to raising £100, or if you are under 18 it's £50.** On completion of the challenge you will receive a unique one off medal and we can assure you, you won't want to miss out on this one. If you'd like more information or to register for this event then please contact:

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