

LAY MINISTRY FOR MARCH 2024

Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Paula Conlon
Sunday 9.30 am Eileen Leadon
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Mary Gilligan/Vincent Ruddy

Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Sean Heagney/Eamon McGurk
Sunday 9.30 am. Pat Wilson/Pat McCormick
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Seamus McNally/Conor Gilligan

Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Tony McKernan
Sunday 9.30 am. Ciara McIntyre
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Catherine Uí Dhoibhlin

Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Eilish Loughran/Michelle Loughran
St Joseph's Church: Julie McNally, Seamus McNally

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 which may be of interest to you.

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 **30th/31st March 2024**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 27th March 2024**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



24th March 2024

PALM SUNDAY



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Today we begin the celebrations of Holy Week with the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. This Sunday is called Palm Sunday signifying royalty and triumph; it is also called Passion Sunday signifying suffering and love. This is a week that swings from one extreme to another: Jesus is praised but very shortly he will be rebuked; voices of cheers shouting "Hosanna" soon become voices of jeers shouting, "Crucify him".

As we begin this special week, we recall the last painful days of Jesus, the man who was rejected, betrayed, and abandoned. Holy Week brings us to the hill of Calvary on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Calvary is a place of brutality. It is the place of crucifixion where criminals were put to death, suspended on beams of wood, and left to die for all the world to see.

Every year, the story of Jesus' suffering and death strikes a deep chord within us. As we remember his passion and crucifixion, and are moved by it, we should think of all suffering people - people we know and people we will never meet. We remember in a particular way the people of Gaza and Ukraine and many other places of conflict; we think of refugees driven from their homeland, and we call to mind the family of Malita who feature on this year's Trocaire box. All of these are walking their own 'via dolorosa' or 'way of suffering' with Christ. May we walk in solidarity with them.

The story of Jesus becomes our story and the love of God which he revealed most powerfully as he died on the cross, is also revealed in us.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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COLLECTION BANKED FOR LAST WEEKEND

£ 1,615

TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR OTHER PRIESTS IN OUR PASTORAL AREA

Monsignor Curry (Lissan) 028 867 63674 email: columcurry@yahoo.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 25th - 27th March 2024

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday evening: 7.30 pm First Anniversary Mass for Carmel Fuller

Wednesday: 9.30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday: 7.00 am

St. Mary's, Dunamore

Tuesday: 9.30 am

EASTER TRIDUUM CEREMONIES

St Joseph's Church, Killeenan

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 pm
Good Friday (A day of Fast and Abstinence): Stations of the Cross at 7.30 pm
Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil at 8.00 pm
Easter Sunday: 11.30 am First Anniversary Mass for Peter McElkernay

St Mary's Church, Dunamore

Good Friday: The Passion of our Lord at 3.00 pm
Easter Sunday: 9.30 am

TRÓCAIRE DONATIONS

Please return your Trócaire Boxes on Holy Thursday night or at any of the Ceremonies during Holy Week. It would be very helpful if you could change your coins to notes. Cheques should be written out to. Trócaire.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Penitential Service in preparation for Easter will be held in St Joseph's Church on **Tuesday 26th March at 7.30 pm**

CHRISM MASS

Archbishop Eamon, along with the clergy of the diocese, will celebrate the Chrism Mass on **Wednesday 27th March** at 7.00 p.m. in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. All are welcome. In particular, an invitation to attend is extended to families and schools in the diocese with children who will make their Confirmation this year.

During the Mass the Priests will renew their vows. And the oil of Chrism will be blessed and consecrated. The oils of the Sick and the oil of Catechumens will be blessed. The Mass is also available via Armagh Parish Cathedral webcam at

www.armaghparish.net

MOVE FOR MEALS——MARYS MEALS.

Walk 5km, 4km OR 2.5 km to raise awareness and funds for Mary's Meals. Join supporters on our annual "HIGHWAY TO HEALTH WALK" starting at 3pm **Sunday 24th March.** Registration from 2.30 pm at Turkington's Car Park, Sweep Rd Cookstown. All donations welcome. Further info contact Pat McNeill 07774043147 or Angela Murray 07815841329.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS TAKEN UP IN THE PAST YEAR

Upkeep of our Graveyards..... £ 1,625
Education of Students for the Priesthood.....£ 835
Popes Collection..... £ 735
Mission Sunday..... £ 1,005
Sick and retired Priests..... £ 1,040

Thank you to all who contributed to these collections.

Fr Paddy Hughes

PARKING AT OUR CHURCHES

St Mary' Church: Please park in an orderly way, in line with the next car. Do not simply abandon your car or block the exits.

St Joseph's Church There is ample car parking spaces both at St Joseph's Hall and the lower car park. Please do not park at the front door of the church or up on the footpath.

OTHER DIOCESAN EVENTS TO CHECK OUT ON OUR WEBSITE

Lenten Journey with the Holy Spirit: St Malachy's Church, Armagh

St Joseph's Redemptorists Lenten Healing Services 24th March at 7.00pm

Monthly Youth Mass: St Patrick's Church, Dungannon.