

LAY MINISTRY FOR MAY 2024

Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Marie McElduff
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. Thomas Loughran/Tony McKernan
Sunday 9.30 am. Eimear Donnelly/John Loughran
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Shane Bowe/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 Catherine McKenna

Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Eithne Donnelly/Eileen Keenan/ Caroline Kelly
St Joseph's Church: Caroline Mullan-Beggs/Vera Mullan

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 **4th/5th May 2024**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 1st May 2024**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



28th April 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

It's that time of year when every week brings a noticeable change in the world of nature around us. Branches that were barren up until recently are now bedecked with buds bursting outwards with new leaves, new life, and the promise of new flower and fruit. The varied shades of green add to the luxurious growth that enriches the whole countryside. Almost every branch has a different hue. And of course, there are some branches that haven't come to life at all. These are the ones that were damaged or broken off during the winter storms and consequently have been cut off from the sap, the source of life.

It is this powerful image of the vine and its branches that Jesus uses in today's gospel to teach that it is only when we are linked into him that we can achieve anything of lasting value. It is only when his life permeates our hearts that we can reach our true potential as members of the one caring family. Without his sustenance and life, we cannot bear fruit by ourselves.

We know from experience that we can cut ourselves off from him through sin, selfishness or just plain carelessness. A neglected friendship falters quickly. However, for us there is always hope. Unlike the vine branches, our rift from him can always be healed and restored. He is always ready and willing to link with us again through prayer and reconciliation. He is the vine, but he is much more – he is also our Saviour.

“Be kind and merciful and let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting. In the slums we are the light of God's kindness to the poor. To children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely, give them always a happy smile. Give them not only your care, but also your heart. And that will make all the difference”. *St Teresa of Calcutta*

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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COLLECTION BANKED FOR LAST
WEEKEND

£ 1,690

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 29th - 4th May 2024

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Friday: 9.30 am

SATURDAY: 11.00 am FIRST COMMUNION

St. Mary's, Dunamore

Thursday: 9.30 am

PRIESTS' RETREAT

The Priests' Diocesan Retreat is on this week in Dromantine Retreat Centre.

THANK YOU

*On Tuesday evening we welcomed Archbishop Eamon Martin to our Parish to confirm our P7 Girls and Boys. It was a very beautiful and uplifting ceremony.
My thanks to the principals and staff of St Joseph's PS and St Mary's PS. A special thanks to the class teachers for preparing the boys and girls for the Sacrament and for organising the ceremony.
My thanks to Emer McCrory, our organist, for all her help with music for the ceremony and to Fr David Moore for acting as MC; to our servers, our sacristan and our florists and to all who cleaned the church and prepared the Church grounds.*

Fr Paddy Hughes

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS

The Parish of Dungannon will be celebrating a youth Mass each month in St. Patrick's Church, Dungannon. It will take place at the 6.15pm Saturday night Vigil for the Sunday Mass. Young people from across the Archdiocese are welcome to attend. Dates for future Masses are:
11th May 2024; 8th June 2024.

CEILI

A Ceili takes place in St Joseph's Hall, Killeenan on **Saturday night, 27th April**. The proceeds are in aid of our Parish funds. Admission is £8 and this includes supper.

All are most welcome to come along and have an enjoyable night of dancing and craic whilst contributing to the upkeep of our Parish.

REFLECTION DAY AT SMA DROMANTINE

Saturday 4th May 9.30am – 5.00pm

Forgiveness; the journey from hurt to healing, freedom, peace and happiness.

Led by Fr. Des Corrigan SMA.

Cost (incl. lunch) £38/€43

Tel 02830821964

email: admin@dromantineconference.com

LOUGH DERG ONE DAY RETREATS IN MAY

These guided days of prayer and reflection will take place on Sunday 5th, Monday 6th, Sunday 12th, Tuesday 14th, Saturday 18th, Saturday 25th and Monday 27th. More details can be found at www.loughderg.ie €45 per person, booking essential.

The Lough Derg traditional Three Day Pilgrimage begins on Friday May 31st and continues until August 15th.

LAY MINISTRY ROTAS

The above rotas were disrupted due to Covid.

If there are any Collectors or Altar Society members who wish to continue to be included but have not yet appeared on the monthly lists in the bulletin please contact 028 867 51857.

Also any new volunteers for Collecting or for the Altar Societies, should contact the same number.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

If admitted into hospital, or if your health deteriorates while in, and you would like to receive the Sacraments please request a visit from the Hospital Chaplain by asking at the Nurses' Station.

OTHER DIOCESAN EVENTS TO CHECK OUT ON OUR WEBSITE

* Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 2024.

* Called to Be a Monk? A Monastic Come and See Day Sunday 23rd June 2024

* Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service seeking Marriage Preparation Facilitators

* Safeguarding Survey for Survivors of Abuse