

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/ Brieghe 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): 08444779400 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
LILAC CANCER SUPPORT: 028 8774 6600 / 028 867 66866 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (028 90434848)

NEXT BULLETIN

The next bulletin will be the weekend **18th/19th May 2024**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 15th May 2024**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



12th May 2024

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, a feast that does not get as much attention as Christmas, Easter or even Pentecost. We might feel uncomfortable with the story of the Ascension because it has shades of farewell and leave taking. We might be able to relate to the disciples on the outskirts of Jerusalem, because sometimes we too find ourselves in strange and frightening places where we are lonely and feel ill-equipped to carry on.

Back in the fifth century this is what St Augustine wrote about the Ascension:

“Lord, you ascended from before our eyes. We turned back grieving, only to find you in our hearts”.

And therein lies the meaning of what we celebrate today. The Ascension reminds us that if we are looking for the Lord, we will discover him within our own hearts and in the community, especially when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist.

The parting words of Jesus call us to give witness. We are to live in such a way that others will become aware of God's presence in the world around us. We recall the words of St Teresa of Avila:

“Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion looks out on the world, yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good and yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.”

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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COLLECTION BANKED FOR LAST
WEEKEND

£ 1,430

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 13th - 17th May 2024

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday, Friday: 9.30 am

St. Mary's, Dunamore

Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30 am

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the boys and girls of St Mary's PS who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. My thanks to their class teacher Mrs Devlin for preparing the girls and boys for the sacrament and for organising the ceremony with the help of Jackie Kearney. Thanks to Mrs Ward and all the staff of the school for their help; and of course thanks to the children of the Choir who added so much to the ceremony with their beautiful singing. Saturday's ceremony was a beautiful experience for the girls and boys and their families. A day to be remembered but a memory to be relived each time the boys and girls return to the altar to receive the "Bread of Life".

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS

The Parish of Dungannon youth Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Dungannon takes place at the 6.15 pm Saturday night Vigil for the Sunday Mass. Young people from across the Archdiocese are welcome to attend. Date for the next Mass is **8th June 2024**.

LOUGH DERG ONE DAY RETREATS IN MAY

These guided days of prayer and reflection continue on **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.

PARISH PROPERTY

Our School grounds are private property and no one should gain access to the grounds when the school is closed. There have been a number of breaches of this over the last number of months. When such incursions occur any damage to the school property will have to be paid for.

On a similar matter the grounds of St Joseph's Hall are private and only to be used at the recognised time. It is certainly not a driving track for the practice of wheelies and reckless driving. Please be aware that the hall grounds are covered by CCTV.

Fr Paddy Hughes

APOSTOLIC WORK—KILDRESS/ARMAGH

A big thank you for your contribution over this past year to Apostolic Work. Kildress, along with the other branches in the Armagh Diocese, have received their yearly financial statement. Please take time to read it at the entrance of each church door. If you want a personal copy contact any Apostolic Member. Over the past year nearly 100 missionary projects have received almost £100,000. You have been part of that contribution so we say, **Thank You!**

Apostolic Work are having a Retreat on **19th May** in Dromantine. The start time is 10am. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon and the Retreat will close at 5.00 pm. Lunch will be around 12:30 pm. The cost for the day is £26. If you are interested please leave your name with Marie Quinn, Michaela Byrne or Anne Loughran (Conway Close) by Monday 13th May. You will have to provide your own transport.

WALK TOGETHER - QUESTION TOGETHER -
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY TOGETHER.

The Benedictine community in Rostrevor will host Dr Catherine Clifford from Saint Paul University, Ottawa, in a reflection on the Synodal Journey through three evening events. Dr Clifford is one of a number of lay members of the current Synod in Rome and will speak on **Tuesday 14th May, Wednesday 15th May and Thursday 16th May at 7.30pm on each evening. Everyone is welcome to any or all these evenings.**

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
- * All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock – 1 June 2024
- * St. Brigid 1500 – Family Fun Day, Dundalk 16th June 2024