

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.

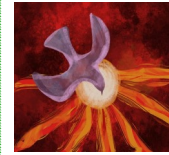
SOME USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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)

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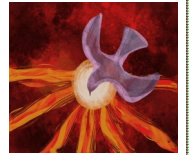
The next bulletin will be the weekend **25th/26th May 2024**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 22nd May 2024**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



19th May 2024

FEAST OF PENTECOST



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Today's feast of Pentecost celebrates the transforming power of God's Holy Spirit and the associated gifts of wisdom, courage, and peace. The Church has lived through a troubled few decades and in recent years society has endured turbulent times with the climate change crisis, political unrest, ongoing violence and forced emigration. Life can be difficult.

Fear rises in the minds of those who are sick and elderly as they wonder if anybody will care for them in the years ahead. A sense of hopelessness grows in the hearts of young people who cannot see where they will find work or manage to cope with a changing economy. Anger brews deeply in the hearts of the poor, in the minds of those who are deprived and in the thoughts of those who see the rich getting richer. Apathy leads to more widespread dependency on alcohol and drugs as the perceived way to cope. What benefit could the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost have for such a beleaguered people? How can today's feast have any relevance for us?

I believe there are similarities with our society and the challenges experienced by people at the time of the first Pentecost. Back then Palestine was oppressed and worse was coming with the destruction of Jerusalem. There seemed to be no hope politically, economically, or even religiously. Peter and the others must have longed to be back in the old days of a few years previously when there was a degree of security as fishermen and other humdrum occupations.

But there was no going back. Instead, the Spirit of God came upon them and from being frightened, despondent individuals, they became people of hope and courage, ready to step out and build a new world for all God's people.

Those first steps seemed insignificant, but they sowed the seeds of faith in Jesus as Risen Lord. From there the message spread through the world and through the ages. The achievements of Francis of Assisi, Vincent de Paul, Mother Teresa and millions of other followers of Christ stem from that first Pentecost.

Today we celebrate the coming of the same Spirit on us, Christ's disciples of our time. Will this coming mark a new beginning in our lives? Everybody wants to change the world, but few want to change themselves. Pentecost is an invitation and an opportunity to let God's Spirit transform our hearts and renew the face of the earth.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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COLLECTION BANKED FOR LAST WEEKEND

£ 1,790

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 20th - 24th May 2024

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.30 am

St. Mary's, Dunamore

Thursday: 9.30 am

BLESSING OF GRAVES

The Blessing of the Graves in our Parish will take place on **Sunday 30th June** as follows:
St Joseph's Killeenan after the 11.30 am Mass
St Mary's Dunamore at 6.30 pm

Blessing of graves in **Lissan** will take place on **Friday 31st May** after 7.30 pm Mass in St Michael's Church and in **Cookstown** on **Sunday 9th June** at 2.30 pm

ANAM CARA ARMAGH 29th May 2024

Anam Cara Armagh, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 29th May** at 7:15pm in The Armagh City Hotel, Friary Rd, Armagh. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online support service. Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 028 95213120 for any queries.

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 **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

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY - KNOCK - 1 JUNE 2024

The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on **Saturday, June 1st** in Knock.

The day begins with a **Marian Conference at 9.30 am** in St John's Centre. Speakers include Fr Michael Donnelly, Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM and Fr Joseph Maria Deane CFR.

There will be an opportunity to **meet over 20 apostolates** from around Ireland from 11.30 am in St John's Centre.

A well-renowned speaker from Miami called Mother Adela Galindo, will deliver the **keynote Rosary talk** at 1 pm in the Basilica.

Then there will be the **Stations of the Cross** outside at 2 pm, followed by the **Rosary Procession**.

Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant of the 3 pm **Concelebrated Mass** which will include Anointing of the Sick.

Confessions are available throughout the day, and there will be rosary and scapular-making workshops in the marquee. For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com

CATHECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock taking place **15th June 2024**. Celebrant of Holy Mass His Excellency Most Rev Luis Mariano Montemayor. There will be workshops, outdoor Stations of the Cross, Mass and anointing of the sick.

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 Catholic Marriage Care Services**
- * **St. Brigid 1500 - Family Fun Day, Dundalk 16th June 2024**