

LAY MINISTRY FOR JUNE 2024

Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Gerard Quinn
Sunday 9.30 am Winnie McElhatton
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Claire Devlin/Gary Kane

Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Sean Heagney/Eamon McGurk
Sunday 9.30 am. Louis Lennon/Damien McElduff
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Liam Hughes/Mark McMenamin

Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Bernie Quinn
Sunday 9.30 am. Bronagh Loughran
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Ciara Kearney

Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Siobhan Kerr, Una Lagan, Fiona McCormick, Monica Young
St Joseph's Church: Mary Conway/Rita Nugent

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 **8th/9th June 2024**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 5th June 2024**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



2nd June 2024

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

The image of Mass being celebrated at a Mass Rock in Penal Times should touch us deeply. In this instance it is wintertime, there is snow on the ground and a group of people are huddled around a priest who is celebrating Mass. Nearby a few men are keeping watch because there are soldiers, known as Red Coats, in the distance. What that priest and his people are doing is dangerous and provocative because they are breaking the law. That picture should remind us of the fidelity of our ancestors, the sacrifices they made and their profound reverence for the Eucharist.

Our ancestors were men and women of courage, for whom the Mass was more precious than life itself. We can imagine the efforts they made - rising in the early hours of darkness and making their way barefoot through snow and rain to some secluded glen in order to take part in Mass. Even though they may not have been very well educated, they were able to relate to that notion of sacrifice that is central to the Mass, when we recall that Jesus gave his life unsparingly, that he did not count the cost and that he was willing to lay down his life. It was their conviction that they were uniting their struggle and pain to his self-offering to God the Father. Despite the terrible consequences of infringing the harsh penal laws of that time, those people treasured the Mass as the mainstay of their lives.

It would be a terrible shame then if we should insult the memory of those brave people and say, "the Mass is boring" or "I couldn't be bothered." And it would be an indictment of their faith and loyalty if I should say, "I don't go to Mass because I get nothing out of it."

On this special feast let us reflect on the centrality of the Mass and cultivate greater reverence - by blessing ourselves correctly, genuflecting properly and receiving Holy Communion with respect. And may we go from Mass, with joy in our hearts and a strong desire to love and serve the Lord.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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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 3th - 7th June 2024

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday: 9.30 am

Friday evening: 7.30 pm First Anniversary Mass for Fr O'Donnell

Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart and the First Friday

St. Mary's, Dunamore

Thursday: 9.30 am

KILTEGAN FATHERS

St Patrick's Missionary Society, better known as the Kiltegan Fathers, was founded on St Patrick's Day 1932 by Fr Patrick Whitney, a priest of the Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise. Since then Kiltegan Fathers have worked across the world.

Presently there are 210 Kiltegan Fathers, of whom 55 are African. There are 90 seminarians preparing for the priesthood.

On the weekend of **8th/9th June** a representative of the Kiltegan Fathers will visit our Parish, to say thanks for all the support given for the Society's missionary work and to encourage such support to continue.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Sunday 30th June: St Joseph's Killeenan after the 11.30 am Mass
St Mary's Dunamore at 6.30 pm

Cookstown: Sunday 9th June at 2.30 pm

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS St. Patrick's Church, Dungannon

8th June 2024: 6.15 pm Saturday night Vigil for the Sunday Mass. Young people from across the Archdiocese are welcome to attend.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART 7th JUNE 2024

Friday next is the Feast of the Sacred Heart - as part of the World Priest Annual 'Rosary Rally' the Rosary will be recited after the 8am Mass in St Malachy's Church, Armagh (& via webcam) for the sanctification of priests and an increase in vocations.

Please continue to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, those interested in finding out more about the process of formation or to discuss their 'Call' to Priesthood are invited to contact Fr Barry at 02837522802 or check out www.ArmaghPriest.com

TRIDUUM OF PRAYER IN HONOUR OF ST ANTHONY 11th JUNE 2024

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish will hold a Triduum of Prayer in honour of St Anthony in St Malachy's Church from **June 11th to 13th** at 7:30pm each evening. All are welcome and invited to join these special evenings.

FATHER'S DAY FAMILY WALK AND TALK.

On Father's Day, **Sunday 16th June 2024** at 10.30am, Kildress Health Matters and Kildress Boxing Club are holding a "Walk and Talk" at Dunamore Riverside walk.

After the walk all participants are invited for refreshments in Dunamore hall from 11.30 am - 1.00 pm. On the day Kildress Health Matters founder member Des Keenan celebrates his 80th birthday. Come along for the dander with Des and join us for refreshments afterwards in Dunamore hall.

Donations welcome, proceeds to Kildress Health Matters & Kildress Boxing Club.

KILDRESS CREDIT UNION LTD

Member Satisfaction Survey

The Directors of Kildress Credit Union Ltd wish to thank all those members who took part in the above survey over the month of May.

The outcome was 88% returning a rating of EXCELLENT and 12% returning a rating of VERY GOOD.

The Credit Union is owned by the members who entrust the running of it to the Directors, Staff and Supervisors, with the Directors and Supervisors giving of their time and work on a voluntary basis so such an outcome is most welcome

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**
- * **Dromantine Sunday, Fun Day 9th June 2024 1.30 – 5.30 pm**
- * **St. Brigid 1500 – Family Fun Day, Dundalk 16th June 2024**