

LAY MINISTRY FOR AUGUST 2025

Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Ita Ferry
Sunday 9.30 am Anne Small
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Mary Gilligan/Martina McNamee

Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Jason Lagan/Tony McKernan
Sunday 9.30 am. Thomas Loughran/Damien McElduff
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Brigid Heagney/ Gary Kane

Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Michelle McLaughlin
Sunday 9.30 am. Eoin Loughran
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Emer McCrory

Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Anne Loughran/Mary Mulgrew/Patricia Mulgrew
St Joseph's Church: Noel Conway/Aoife O'Connor

Anyone who cannot fulfil their ministry should contact Fr Hughes.

PARISH WEBSITE

Visit the Latest News section of our Parish Website (www.kildressparish.co.uk) for details of forthcoming Diocesan events/courses which may be of interest to you including:

- * Coalisland Camino
- * Invitation To Diocesan Theology Programme.

SOME USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

SAMARITANS: 028 25650000 and 08457909090 (Freephone 116123 from any phone)

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 6686 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (028 90434848)

NEXT BULLETIN

Next bulletin will be **30th/31st August 2025.** If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 27th August 2025.** Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



24th August 2025

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time



Our Parish Bulletin will once more be produced on a weekly basis.

DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR GAZA ON SUNDAY 24 AUGUST

Archbishop Eamon Martin has issued a letter to all Parishes requesting us to give make Sunday a day of prayer for Gaza. The full letter may be read on our Parish website but below are two extracts from it:

“Ten weeks ago the Catholic Bishops of Ireland dedicated the month of June as a special time of prayer for peace and for solidarity with the suffering people of Gaza. This weekend I call on all parishes to once more set aside Sunday, 24th August, as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East....”



“...Please join in 24 hours of prayer and reflection in your parishes and homes on Sunday, 24th August:

- Light a candle in your family home or local parish church;
- Attend Mass;
- Spend time before the Blessed Sacrament;
- Pray the Rosary;
- Make some small personal penance or sacrifice,
- And on that day let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people.”

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

Fr Paddy Hughes,
Parochial House, 10 Cloughfin Rd.,
Killeenan, Cookstown BT80 9JB
Tel: 028 867 51206
Email: kildressparish@outlook.com

COLLECTIONS BANKED FOR LAST
TWO WEEKENDS

9th/10th August: £1,485

16th/17th August: £ 2,190

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 - 29th August 2025)

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.30 am

St Mary's, Dunamore

Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30 am

VISITING OUR CHURCHES

When visiting our Churches during the day please make sure the door is closed on leaving and that lights and water in the toilets are turned off.

GETTING MARRIED IN 2026?

1. Have you booked your Pre -Marriage Course with Accord?
2. Have you confirmed your booking of the Church and made arrangements to have your paperwork completed?

BOOKING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

All anniversary Masses should be booked at least two weeks before the required date and after Mass in the Sacristy of the Church in which the anniversary Mass is to be celebrated. Or a note can be placed through the letter-box of Killeenan Parochial House, no later than two weeks before the required date and a contact number should be included in the note. **Please do not book anniversary Masses over the phone or by email. Month Mind Masses/First Anniversary Masses must be booked with Fr Hughes directly.**

CAN YOU HELP?

Our Parish needs Volunteers

1. *To help with Offertory Collections through both Churches*
2. *To help with cleaning in both Churches*

If you are willing to help please contact me. Fr Paddy Hughes

DUNAMORE COMMUNITY DANCE

Saturday 6th September 2025.

Dancing from 9.30 pm until 12 midnight.

Music by Country Cousins

Supper served

Everyone welcome

KNOW YOUR CREDIT UNION - Interest Rebate

The Credit Union is a non-profit making organisation. This means that, after paying for the day-to-day running of the Credit Union and setting aside money in the General Reserve as required by the Financial Conduct Authority, any funds which are left over are returned to the members either through dividend on savings or through an interest rebate for those members who are paying interest on a loan.

Last year (2023/24) the interest rebate was set at 25%. This meant that, for example, anyone who had paid £1,000 interest on a loan over the year, £250 was returned to them. The money was lodged to their shares and could be taken out if so desired.

This really means that the interest rate quoted when taking out the loan, in real terms, became quite a bit less.

And please note.....

.....previously, application for membership of our Credit Union was open to all who lived and/or worked in the Parish of Kildress. It has now been extended to anyone who lives and/or works **within a 10 mile radius of the Credit Union Office.**

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT ST JOSEPH'S P.S., KILLEENAN

In June St Joseph's Primary School, Killeenan, signed up to take part in a monthly fund-raising raffle called Prizefunder. Tickets, which cost £10, can be bought online at <https://prizefunder.co.uk>

They can be purchased each month or there is the facility to subscribe to a monthly ticket.

There is a guaranteed minimum prize of £800.

For additional details please visit Prizefunder facebook page.

Please support this opportunity to help in the education of our young parishioners.

CREGGAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Irish dancing classes every Tuesday and Thursday: beginners at 6.00 pm and advanced at 7.30 pm.

Jujitsu every Saturday at 4pm. Age 4+. £6 per class. No booking required.

New beginners welcome to all classes.