

LAY MINISTRY FOR OCTOBER 2025

Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Kieran Kirk
Sunday 9.30 am Kathleen Lennon
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Anne Mallon/Mark McMenamin

Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Sean Heagney/Eamon McGurk
Sunday 9.30 am. Pat McCormick/Paul McGarrity
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Conor Gilligan/Vincent Ruddy

Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Ciara McIntyre
Sunday 9.30 am. Linda Mulgrew
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Ailish McGeown

Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Siobhan Kerr/Una Lagan/Fiona McCormick/Monica Young
St Joseph's Church: Mary Jo McCourt/Cathy Murphy

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:

- **Trócaire's Gifts of Change, Christmas Initiative**
- **Jubilee Year 2025 – 'A call to action'**

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 **4th/5th October 2025**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 1st October 2025**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



28th September 2025

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Today's first reading from the Prophet Amos and the gospel parable of Jesus are both concerned with the age-old gap between rich and poor, between those who are self-indulgent and those who are exploited. But the readings are also concerned with the terrible consequences of not being open to God's Word, which is always a word of challenge and consolation. The rich man was obviously a believer; he was familiar with the scriptures, but the message had not entered his heart. He was as wounded by his riches as the poor man, Lazarus, was wounded by his poverty.

On this World Day of Migrants and Refugees we think of all those forced to flee from their families and homelands and those who make dangerous journeys by land and sea in the hope of making a better life. We pray that they receive a warm welcome and generous support. We pray also for political leaders that they will make every effort to end the conflict and strife that cause such mass migration in the first place.

In his message for the 2025 observance, Pope Leo states that migrants and refugees embody hope and resilience and he urges the Church to remain committed to supporting them amid global challenges such as war, injustice and climate change.

May the words of Jesus in that other great parable of the Last Judgement always find an echo in our hearts:

"I was a stranger, and you welcomed me".

*With every blessing,
Monsignor Colum.*

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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COLLECTION BANKED FOR LAST
WEEKEND

£1,835

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 McNally (Cookstown): 028 867 63490
Fr Francis Coll (Coagh): 028 867 37212 Fr Moore (Pomeroy) 028 877 57867

WEEKDAY MASSES (29th September - 3rd October 2025)

St Joseph's, Killeenan

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

St Mary's, Dunamore

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CONFIRMATION IN OUR PARISH 2026

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on the boys and girls of Primary 7 in both our schools on **Tuesday 21st April 2026** in St Joseph's Church at 5.00 pm

REMEMBRANCE MASS FOR MISSING PEOPLE

St Peter's Church Drogheda 5th October 2025 at 3.00 pm

The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin. This is a poignant ceremony to pray for missing people, and for comfort and strength for families, and to guide all search efforts towards their successful return. Prayers will also be offered for Irish people missing abroad and pray their families' suffering will end.

ANNUAL NOVENA IN HONOUR OF ST GERARD MAJELLA

The novena in honour of St. Gerard Majella takes place in St. Joseph's Redemptorist Church Dundalk from the **8th to the 16th October**. There are eight sessions each day: 7.00 am, 9.30am, 11.00 am, 1.10 pm, 4.30 pm, 6.00 pm, 7.30 pm and 9.00 pm. On the 11th October there will be a special blessing for the sick together with the sacrament of anointing at all sessions. On the 12th October there will be a special blessing for families at all sessions. The theme of the Novena this year is Pilgrims of Hope

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT - 50th ANNIVERSARY OF CANONISATION

To mark the 50th Anniversary of the Canonisation of St Oliver Plunkett, Archbishop Eamon will lead a special Evening Prayer Service, in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Friday October 10th** beginning at 6:30pm followed by refreshments in the Synod Hall. All are invited to attend, and members of Choirs are invited to join the singing on the evening and are invited to join at 5:30pm for a rehearsal.

ARMAGH PARISH - WEEK OF HOPE

Sunday 28th September to Sunday 5th October 2025

All are welcome and invited to join the Week of Hope which will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh to mark the Jubilee Year of Hope. Speakers each day will address the themes of Hope while relating to their own faith journey.

Speakers are Archbishop Eamon, Bishop Michael, Colin Bell, Ger Brennan, Fr Philip Mulryan, Fr Richard Gibbons, Dr Lynette McShane & Antionette Moynahan.

Sundays 11.00 am; Weekdays 7.00 pm and Saturday 6:30 pm.

Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Confessions available from 6.00 pm. All are welcome

NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT WEEKEND

11th – 12th October 2025, Benburb Priory

The 12 Lay Evangelisation Team, together with Fr. Gerry Campbell, warmly invite you to a New Life in the Spirit Weekend on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th October in Benburb Priory. This retreat will follow the new, updated format of the Life in the Spirit Seminars developed by CHARIS International. It offers a wonderful opportunity to encounter God's love in a fresh way, to rediscover the grace of Baptism and the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Registration: £20 Please bring a packed lunch – tea/coffee provided.

For further information or accommodation enquiries, please contact: Benburb Priory: 028 3754 8241 or Annette: 07887 745981

SOCIAL DANCE IN DUNAMORE HALL

4th October

The dance will take place on Saturday 4th October beginning at 9.30 pm. Music provided by Peter McCloskey and Country Way. Supper served. Come along for a great social event. Everyone welcome.

KILDRESS WOLFE TONES - HUB ACTIVITIES

The Friday Social and Friday Pilates has resumed. There is no need to book in advance - feel free to just turn up and everyone of all ages will be made very welcome.

Friday Social from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm.

The morning starts with Chair Pilates (catering for all abilities) and will be followed with a light lunch. Suggested donation of £3.

Friday Pilates from 10.00 am to 11.00 am.

5 weeks @ £35 or drop in £8 per session.

Please note that there will be no Pilates or Social morning on Friday 10th or Friday 31st October.