

LAY MINISTRY FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Anne McKenna
Sunday 9.30 am Eileen Leadon
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Briege McCrory/Vincent Ruddy

Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Jason Lagan/Thomas Loughran
Sunday 9.30 am. Louis Lennon/Pat Wilson
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Liam Hughes/Mark McMenamin

Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Gerard Quinn
Sunday 9.30 am. Donna McCrory
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Geraldine Kelly

Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Eithne Donnelly/Eileen Keenan/Caroline Kelly
St Joseph's Church: Julie McNally/Seamus McNally

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:

- **WALK THE CROSS** Details of the events happening next weekend 13th/14th September.
- **SMA Novena 23 September – 1 October 2025** Dromantine (available via webcam)

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 **13th/14th September 2025**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 10th September 2025**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



7th September 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time



COMMUNION REFLECTION

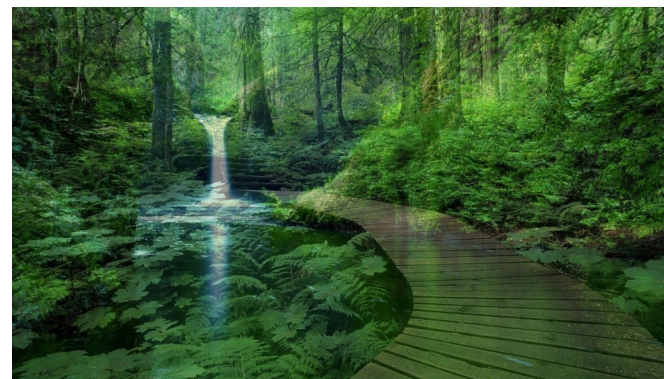
Slow us down, Lord.
ease the pounding of our hearts;
quieten our racing minds;
steady our hurried steps.

Amidst the confusion of our days,
give us the calmness of the everlasting hill,
and help us to know the magical restoring power of sleep.

Teach us the art of taking time off,
of slowing down to look at a flower,
to chat with a friend
or to read a few lines from a book.

Remind us each day that there is more to life than increasing its speed.
Let us look upwards into the branches of a towering oak,
and know that it grew great and strong because it grew slowly and well.

Slow us down, Lord.
teach us to be gentle and humble of heart
so that we may find rest for our souls.



PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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COLLECTION BANKED FOR LAST
WEEKEND

£1,810

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 (8th - 12th September 2025)

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday, Friday: 9.30 am

St Mary's, Dunamore

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

MORNING MASSES

Please note the Rosary will be recited before morning Masses, beginning at 9.15 am.

It would be nice to see more people come to daily Masses. What better way to start your day?

Fr Paddy Hughes

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Over the next month I intend to refresh our Parish Pastoral Council by adding some new people. If you feel that you would like to serve on it and so serve your Parish please contact me with your name and telephone number.

Fr Paddy Hughes

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated for the boys and girls of P4 in St Joseph's School on **Saturday 9th May** at 11.00 am in St Joseph's Church

and for the boys and girls of P4 in St Mary's School on **Saturday 16th May** at 11.00 am in St Mary's Church

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS AND BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI.

We are delighted to invite all families and young people to a very special celebration marking the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Date: Sunday 7th September Venue: St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh
Programme: 10:00 am – Prayer Walk in the Cathedral Grounds
11:00 am – Celebration Mass in the Cathedral

Arlo Acutis was an Italian teenager who died from leukaemia in 2006 at the age of 15. During his short life he used his computing skills to spread awareness of the Catholic faith by setting up a website that documented reports on miracles.

Pier Giorgio Frassatti died in 1925 at the age of 24

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in joy and thanksgiving, to be inspired by the lives of these two modern saints. For any further information, don't hesitate to get in touch with Youth Co- Ordinator Rob O'Hara on +353832085877

APOSTOLIC WORK - KILDRESS BRANCH

The Apostolic Work in Ireland is over 100 years in operation. Its main aim is to support missionary work abroad and at home. On 21st October 1965, (60 years ago) Fr. J.A. Hughes PP, was instrumental in convening the first meeting in the Parish of Kildress. Fr. Brendan Mc Hugh was the first Spiritual Director, Mrs M. B. Conway RIP was the first President, Teresa Small RIP (nee Loughran) VP, Marian Mc Kenna (nee O'Gara) Secretary and Annie Mc Garrity RIP (nee Loughran) Treasurer. To this day the branch is still active, 60 years on! Although, the group is small (and more are always welcome) Apostolic Work continues. The people of Kildress Parish and beyond are very generous and this is very much appreciated. With this in mind, we ask you to continue to support Apostolic Work in our Parish. On **13th/14th September** we are having a church door collection and ask for your support. Thank you for your kindness in advance of that weekend collection.

ST JOSEPH'S BOWLING CLUB.....

.....re-opening **Thursday 11th September** at 8.00 pm. New members very welcome

ST MARY'S HALL, DUNAMORE WHIST

Thursday 18th September 2025: Commencing at 8.00 pm. Newcomers very welcome.

MUSIC REGISTRATION

Music Lessons for young and old commence on **Wednesday 17th September** in our Hub at Gortacladdy. We offer tuition in tin whistle, flute, banjo, mandolin, bodhrán, fiddle, guitar and accordion, subject to numbers.

Registration takes place in The Hub on **Wednesday 10th September 2025 from 7-8pm.** Come along to registration – we can answer any questions and register your interest. If you have any questions and can't attend our registration night please contact 07918 747 516 with your details to register your interest.