

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:

- **FASN Fun Run and Walk 12 October 2025**
- **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 **18th/19th October 2025**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 15th October 2025**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



12th October 2025

Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

I have no doubt some of us are familiar with the prayer to St Joseph of Cupertino asking success in examinations. Many of us may have turned to St Anthony for help in finding a lost item, or St Pio when a loved one was sick. Others may have sought the intercession of St Jude, the patron saint of lost causes, when everything seemed “hopeless”, and we were desperate. Most of us are good at praying when we need something and have no problem turning to God in times of strife. But what about afterwards when the storm has passed?

In today's readings we hear about two men who were afflicted with leprosy - Naaman from Syria and the other from Samaria. These two outsiders offer us important lessons about gratitude and faith. It's easy to ask for help and to call out “Jesus! Master! Take pity on us!”. It's more difficult to turn back and show appreciation and thanks. There's a truth in the old saying, “Eaten bread is soon forgotten”.

Pope Francis often spoke about the importance, in family life, of saying “thank you”. Of course, it is not the words that are important but the meaning behind them. To say thank you means ‘I appreciate you’. The Irish for thank you ‘go raibh maith agat’, is much more expressive than the English. It translates, ‘May you have goodness’ or ‘I wish you goodness’.

A well-known spiritual writer, Thomas Merton (1879 – 1955), once wrote, “*Every breath we draw is a gift of God's love, every moment of existence is a grace. Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, but is constantly awake to the goodness of God.*”

May we always have grateful hearts and may we never forget to express our gratitude.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

“We should at least spend as much time thanking God for his favours as we have spent in asking them.”

St Vincent de Paul (1581 – 1660) Feast Day 27th September

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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COLLECTION BANKED FOR LAST
WEEKEND

£1,570

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 (13th - 17th October 2025)

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday evening: 7.30 pm First Anniversary Mass for Patrick Devlin

Wednesday, Friday: 9.30 am

St Mary's, Dunamore

Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30 am

PRIEST'S VISIT TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

The Sick and Housebound will be attended this week as follows:

Monday (13th October): Killeenan area Tuesday (14th October): Dunamore area.

If there are any sick and housebound not already on the list and would like to receive the Sacraments please contact Fr Hughes.

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DEAD

Envelopes for the names of our beloved dead relations are available in both churches.

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 2026** 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 2026** at 11.00 am in St Mary's Church.

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

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION Presentation Night

Our Annual Presentation Night of Gold, Silver and Diamond Emblem's will take place in Ryandale Hotel, Moy, Co Tyrone on **Friday 24th October 2025** at 8.00pm, includes light supper. Cost £15, payable at the door. Please note in accordance with our insurance policy no persons under the age of Eighteen to be in attendance.

THE ARMAGH DIOCESAN CONGRESS 2026 *continued*

For the past few years, the Archdiocese of Armagh has been preparing for a Diocesan Congress which will be held in the City Hotel, Armagh from Friday 6th March to Sunday 8th March 2026. This unique event has been inspired by the late Pope Francis, who in 2021 spoke about the need for the Church to become a "Synodal Church". He was referring to the recommendations of the Second Vatican Council (1962 – 1965) that all the baptised - clergy, religious and lay faithful - should work together and listen to each other while being open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Instead of just a few people at the top deciding how we can best proclaim the Gospel message in a rapidly changing world, everyone can join in the conversation trusting that God will guide their discussions: "Every voice matters because God speaks through each one of us".

During the time of preparation for the Armagh Congress, certain questions emerged very sharply: how do we awaken faith in the hearts of young people? how do we support families amidst the complexities of today's fragmented world? how do we renew our parishes so that they radiate the joy and hope of the Gospel? Therefore, the theme of the Congress will focus on "Youth, Family and Faith".

In order to allow every person have their say, each parish in the archdiocese has been asked to nominate three delegates, who will facilitate listening sessions in their respective parishes, forward the feedback to the organising committee and participate in the Congress next March.

This is a unique moment in the life of our diocese, which will determine how we, as Catholics, might involve our young people, support our families and nurture our faith for the future.

"We are all in this together and everyone has a part to play." It is hoped that in the coming weeks, parishioners will have an opportunity to engage in a listening exercise, especially those who may be disconnected from the Church or those who feel unheard.

DUNAMORE HALL - Whist

Whist will take place in St Mary's Hall, Dunamore, on **Thursday night, 16th October**, beginning at 8.30 pm. Newcomers are very welcome.

KILDRESS KARATE CLUB

The Kildress Karate Club is now open for new members from 7 year olds up, taking place each Tuesday evening in the Hub at Gortacladdy at 7.30 pm. Adults are very welcome. Phone no. 07879413202

KILDRESS WOLFE TONES - HUB ACTIVITIES

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 31st October.