

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 **11th/12th October 2025**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 8th October 2025**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



5th October 2025

Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

The request for more faith and the ability to endure suffering is a common theme throughout the Bible and very evident in today's readings.

In the first reading the prophet Habakkuk is complaining to God in desperation about the predicament of his people, who are being oppressed and suffering dreadfully. He accuses the Lord of abandoning his flock and having turned a deaf ear to his prayers of anguish. God, however, reassures Habakkuk that the answer will come and he asks him to be patient: “...if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail”. What does this say to me?

In the second reading Paul is advising Timothy “to fan into a flame the gift of faith” that he has received from God with the laying on of hands. He reminds him that he has been “trusted to look after something precious” and he should guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit. What does this say to me?

In the Gospel Jesus is challenging the apostles that the smallest level of faith can do extraordinary things. “Were your faith the size of a mustard seed....”

Like the apostles, we too ask the Lord “for an increase in faith” and pray that we can “fan into a flame the gift that God gave us”.

In the words of a spiritual writer, “May we realise that faith is knowing without seeing, believing without fully understanding, and trusting without hearing the One who is ever faithful.”

And at the end of the day may we be able to say, “We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty”.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PS In the words of Martin Luther King Jnr, “Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase”.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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COLLECTION BANKED FOR LAST
WEEKEND

£1,420

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 (6th - 10th October 2025)

St Joseph's, Killeenan

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

St Mary's, Dunamore

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

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.**

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 **SUNG 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 5:30 pm for a rehearsal. This liturgy will be enriched by the participation of choir members from across the diocese. The celebration will be recorded for the BBC for broadcasting at a later date.

THANK YOU FROM APOSTOLIC WORK

A big thank you from Apostolic Work, Kildress, for your generous contribution to their recent church door collection which was held on the 13th/14th September. The collection total was £3032. This money has been well received by Armagh Headquarters and will go a long way to help our brothers and sisters in the developing countries where food, water, shelter, schools and churches are in much need. In our 60th year, it is a privilege for Apostolic, Kildress to be able to continue to help the third world countries.

NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT WEEKEND

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

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION

Presentation Night 24th October 2025

Our Annual Presentation Night of Gold, Silver and Diamond Emblem's will take place in Ryandale Hotel, Moy, Co Tyrone on Friday 24 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.

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

SOCIAL DANCE IN DUNAMORE HALL

The dance takes place on **Saturday 4th October** beginning at 9.30 pm. Music provided by Peter McCloskey and Country Way. Supper served. 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.