

## LAY MINISTRY FOR DECEMBER 2025

### Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Marie McElduff  
Sunday 9.30 am Winnie McElhatton  
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Claire Devlin/Dympna Heagney

### Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Sean Heagney/Jason Lagan  
Sunday 9.30 am. Louis Lennon/Thomas Loughran  
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Mark McMenamin/Niall Ruddy

### Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Tony McKernan  
Sunday 9.30 am. Anna Loughran  
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Deirdre Bowe

### Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Meagan Grimes/Laoise Loughran/Una McGlinchey  
St Joseph's Church: Caroline Mullan-Beggs/Vera Mullan

**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](http://www.kildressparish.co.uk) ) for details of forthcoming Diocesan events/courses which may be of interest to you including:

- **PIPS Christmas Service St Mary's Church of Ireland, Newry 14 December 2025 at 4.00 pm**
- **Trócaire's Gifts of Change, Christmas Initiative**
- **Order of Malta Christmas Appeal for Holy Family Hospital, Bethlehem**

## 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 66866 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (028 90434848)

## NEXT BULLETIN

Next bulletin will be **6th/7th December 2025**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 3rd December 2025**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

## KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



30th November 2025

## **First Sunday Of Advent**



### **Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,**

What's another year? was the name of a song that once won the Eurovision Song Contest! Today is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the Church's Liturgical Year. During the season of Advent, which runs from now until 24th December, we are preparing for the coming of Christ. While there is a tendency to concentrate on the Nativity as the celebration of Christ's historical coming into the world, it is important that we don't lose sight of the other aspects of his coming as well. During these days of Advent, we might reflect on the coming of Christ in a threefold way:

1. We commemorate the historical birth of Jesus as Son of God. "The Word was made flesh and lived among us". Jesus shared in our humanity so that we might share in his divinity.
2. We acknowledge that Christ continues to come to us in mystery every day, especially in his Word and in his Sacraments. The Lord's abiding presence is with us and within us.
3. We look forward in joyful hope to Christ's final coming at the end of time. The Lord will come again in glory and hand over the Kingdom to the Father.

In short –

we celebrate Christ's coming in HISTORY at Bethlehem;

we celebrate Christ's coming in MYSTERY each day;

we celebrate Christ's coming in GLORY at the end of time.

Meanwhile, society will propel us towards Christmas, constantly reminding us how many shopping days remain. With so many distractions, it's important not to miss the 'reason for the season'. Even when we try to remember the familiar phrase, "*Put Christ back into Christmas*", it can still be overwhelming.

Let us be watchful! Let us be awake! Let our prayer be 'Come, Lord Jesus.'

*With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.*

**PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS**

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**Parochial House, 10 Cloughfin Rd.,**  
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**COLLECTION BANKED FOR LAST**  
**WEEKEND**

**£1,770**

**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

**MONTH MIND MASS FOR DAMIAN LOUGHRAN**

This weekend's Sunday morning Mass (30th November) in St Mary's Church, Dunamore at 9.30 am will be the Month Mind Mass for Damian Loughran

**WEEKDAY MASSES (1st - 5th December 2025)**

**St Joseph's, Killeenan**

**Wednesday, Friday: 9.30 am**

**St Mary's, Dunamore**

**Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30 am**

**Friday evening: 7.30 pm First Anniversary Mass for Gabriel Heagney**

*Friday will be the First Friday of the month*

*A reminder that next Saturday, 6th December, is the first Saturday of the month. The devotion to Our Lady Of Fatima can be done on any five successive First Saturdays. Details of the Devotion can be found in the Latest News section of our Parish website.*

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Parish Carol Service on **Sunday 14th December** in St Joseph's Church at 5.00 pm  
A time to reflect, in readings and carols, on the Great Feast we are about to celebrate at Christmas. Tea, Coffee and Mince pies served afterwards in St Joseph's Hall. All welcome.

**ANAM CARA ONLINE EVENT**

This Bereavement Information Evening will take place on **Monday 8th December** and is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age the child died, or the circumstances of their death. Our guest speaker for the evening will be David Trickey.

David is a leading Consultant Clinical Psychologist who has specialised in working with traumatised children, young people and their families since 2000. He continues to focus on direct clinical work, and the training and supervision of others working with traumatised children, young people and their families.

For more information contact 028 9521 3120 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**SPECIAL MASS FOR MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS**

Catholic Mothers Ireland are hosting a special Mass on **Tuesday, 9th December** at 6:30 pm in St Malachy's Church, Armagh, to mark the end of their 10-year Anniversary celebrations. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin.

All are warmly invited to attend and join in prayer for mothers and grandmothers.

For more information, please email: [catholicmothers@outlook.ie](mailto:catholicmothers@outlook.ie)

**KILDRESS CREDIT UNION LTD AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of Kildress Credit Union will take place in the Credit Union building on **Monday 8th December at 8.00 pm**. All members are invited to come along and hear how their Credit Union has performed over the last year.

**DUNAMORE HALL**

**Dunamore Christmas Dinner and Dance.... Sunday 7th December** in Greenvale Hotel, Cookstown, at 1.30 pm. Anyone wishing to attend please contact Pat on 07786297414. **Whist....** continues in Dunamore Hall...3rd Thursday of each month.... at 8.00 pm.

**ST JOSEPH'S P S KILLEENAN - FUNDRAISING GROUP**

**Fundraising Bingo....** On **Friday 12th December** at 8.00 pm in **St Joseph's Hall, Killeenan....**Take-Your -Pick .....£50 per line, £100 per house..... over £2,000 of prizes.

Don't miss an opportunity to support St Joseph's Primary School, Killeenan. Everyone welcome.

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, DUNAMORE**

Carol Service in St Mary's Church, Dunamore on **Thursday 11th December 2025** beginning at 7.00 pm. Please come along and support. Everyone welcome.

**MIGRATION TALK IN CARDINAL Ó FIAICH LIBRARY**

3rd December 2025 at 7.30pm

The Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library & Archive Winter Programme continues on **Wednesday 3rd December** with a free talk. Our theme for the season is Migration. Dr Liam Campbell and Dr Patrick Fitzgerald from the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies will speak on pre-emigration customs such as the 'American Wake'. The event begins at 7.30 pm and everyone is welcome.

**KILDRESS WOLFE TONES - HUB ACTIVITIES** **Kildress Winterland Trail**

**Friday 5th December - Sunday 7th December...** Limited availability

Book today at <https://www.klubfunder.com/.../Club.../EventRegistration>