

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) for details of forthcoming Diocesan events/courses which may be of interest to you including:

- **Trócaire's Gifts of Change, Christmas Initiative**
- **Order of Malta Christmas Appeal for Holy Family Hospital, Bethlehem**
- **Irish Mass St Malachy's Church, Armagh 20 December 2025 at 4.00 pm**

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

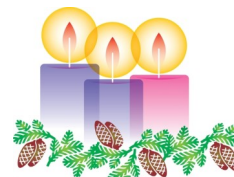
LIFELINE (For those in despair): 0808 808 8000 ST VINCENT DE PAUL: 028 867 69400

LILAC CANCER SUPPORT: 028 8774 6600 / 028 867 66866 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (028 90434848)

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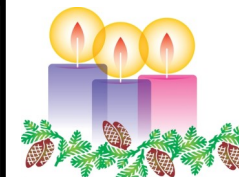
Next bulletin will be **20th/21st December 2025.** If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 17th December 2025.** Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



14th December 2025

Third Sunday Of Advent



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

You may have heard about the lady whose car stalled in heavy Friday evening traffic just as the lights turned green. All her efforts to start the engine failed miserably. Before long a chorus of honking horns arose from the queue of vehicles behind her. Feeling just as frustrated as those other drivers eager to get home or to their various destinations, she finally got out of her car and walked back to the first driver and said very politely, *"I'm terribly sorry, but I can't seem to get my car started. If you'll go up there and give it a try, I'll stay here and blow the horn for you"*.

Our Celtic ancestors, accustomed to a slower pace of life, would be appalled at today's lack of patience and they would be totally amazed at the volume of traffic hurtling along broad paved roads at unimaginable speeds. Their idea of a road was a "bo-thar", a simple track, wide enough for one cow to pass another. While we may be going faster and by more sophisticated means, we must ask ourselves: Where are we heading? What's it all about?

During these short December days let us pray for the gift of patience and ask the Lord to fill our hearts with God's peace that we may use our time well.

Advent is an invitation to be reflective and to allow our spirit to meet God's Spirit.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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COLLECTION BANKED FOR LAST
WEEKEND

£1,610

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 (15th - 19th December 2025)

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.30 am

St Mary's, Dunamore

Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30 am

ANNUAL ST VINCENT De PAUL COLLECTION

The annual Church Door collection in aid of St Vincent de Paul will take place at all Masses in the Parish this weekend (**13th/14th December**). The St Vincent de Paul Society does outstanding work in helping those who are experiencing financial difficulties, particularly now when the cost of living is steadily rising. Please support generously.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Parish Carol Service TODAY, **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

Anam Cara, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Wednesday 17th December** at 7.30 pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Friary Rd, Armagh.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

St Joseph's Church: 5.00 pm St Mary's Church: 7.00 pm

Christmas Day

St Joseph's Church: 11.30 am St Mary's Church: 9.30 am

PRIEST'S VISIT TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

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

Tuesday: Dunamore area Wednesday: Killeenan area.

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

KILDRESS CREDIT UNION LTD Important Notice

At the Annual General Meeting of Kildress Credit Union Ltd on Monday past the Board of Directors were pleased to announce another successful year for our Credit Union. The surplus funds, after deducting £68,379 charged in Corporation Tax, was £169,562. Over the years the bulk of the surplus has been returned to the members in the form of Dividend and Interest Rebate.

However, this year it has been decided that the surplus will go towards the essential renovation of our Credit Union building. This renovation, which will include improving disability access within the building, will mean the premises will have to be vacated. Two years ago the Board decided to set up a Building Reserve and part of the surplus was put into this Reserve but, as the need for remedial work becomes more pressing, funds will be needed quicker than expected. The Board apologises for this action but hope that members appreciate the need to look after their Credit Union building.

THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGA DE COMPOSTELO

7th July 2026 for 7 nights

Walk the Camino (The Portuguese Way), beginning in Vigo and finishing in Santiago. The route takes pilgrims through stunning countryside, villages and towns and we will also walk past terraced fields, lush forests and beautiful vineyards. Over the course of the week, pilgrims will walk approximately 100km and pilgrims will spend the last day in the ancient city of Santiago de Compostela where we will have the opportunity to visit the tomb of St James the Apostle. A spiritual director and guide will accompany the group. For further details and booking see www.marian.ie or email info@marian.ie or call 028 95680005 or 01 8788159.

CREGGAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Christmas Bingo: Sunday 14th December at 8.00 pm

Christmas Bingo Party: Sunday 21st December at 8.00 pm.

Extra prizes to be won. Jackpot £1,000 in 45 calls or less. Take Your Pick top prize £100.

Irish dancing classes every Tuesday and Thursday: beginners at 6.00 pm and advanced at 7.30 pm.

Jujitsu every Saturday at 4.00 pm. Age 4+. £6 per class. No booking required.