

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:

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

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



7th December 2025

Second Sunday Of Advent



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

In today's First Reading the Prophet Isaiah presents us with some extraordinary images including that of the wolf and the lamb living side by side, while the calf and the lion cub are eating together, with a little boy to lead them. The prophet is hoping for a better and brighter future for all humanity - indeed, for all of creation. The world would be a place where no one would live in fear of one another and where the strong would no longer oppress the weak. This vision of a world at peace and harmony is pointing towards the reign of God's Kingdom which will be inaugurated with the coming of Jesus Christ. As we proclaim in today's responsorial psalm:

"In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails".

And yet in our time, when we observe the conflict among nations and the devastating consequences of warfare, we could easily lose heart. The reality seems far from the dream.

Nevertheless, when we feel that we are getting nowhere and are tempted to give up, God never gives up on us. His Spirit enables us to model our lives on the example of Jesus Christ.

On this 2nd Sunday of Advent, we renew our commitment to the promotion of justice, mercy and love and, like the prophet Isaiah, we keep hoping that our struggling world will one day *"be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea and it will be glorious"*. (First Reading)

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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Email: kildressparish@outlook.com

COLLECTION BANKED FOR LAST
WEEKEND

£1,815

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 (8th - 12th December 2025)

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday: 10.30 am Feast Of The Immaculate Conception

Friday: 9.30 am

St Mary's, Dunamore

Monday: 9.30 am Feast Of The Immaculate Conception

Thursday: 9.30 am

Friday evening: 7.30 pm Month Mind Mass for Maureen McCormack

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, the Feast of The Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of great significance in our Church. It is one of the most important Marian Feasts for it celebrates how Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was conceived without original sin, in preparation for her role as the Mother of our Saviour. We are expected to go to Mass on that day. Fr Paddy Hughes

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 next 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.

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. For more information contact 028 9521 3120 or email info@anamcara.ie

also

Anam Cara, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Wednesday 17th December** at 7.30pm 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

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.

FUNDRAISER FOR PARKINSONS CHARITIES

Last weekend's fundraising concert for the Omagh and Magherafelt Parkinson Charities was a tremendous success. After expenses the balance was £13,970 with each of the charities getting £6,985. This money was presented to the charities through the week by Des Keenan. Grateful thanks to all who supported this event in any way.

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

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** in Dunamore Hall on 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.

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.