

LAY MINISTRY FOR FEBRUARY 2026

With Effect From The Vigil Mass on Saturday 31st January 2026

Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Ita Ferry
Sunday 9.30 am Eileen Leadon
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Deirdre Bowe/Mary Gilligan

Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Jason Lagan/Eamon McGurk
Sunday 9.30 am. Pat McCormick/Damien McElduff
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Conor Gilligan/Gary Kane

Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Mya McCullagh
Sunday 9.30 am. Bronagh Loughran
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Catherine Uí Dhoibhlin

Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Eilish Loughran/Michelle Loughran
St Joseph's Church: Geraldine Kelly/Briega McCrory/Martina McNamee

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:

- **Marriage Enrichment Weekend 20th – 22nd March 2026 St Mary's Retreat Centre, Knock**

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 **31st January/1st February**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 28th January 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



25th January 2026

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

In today's Gospel St Matthew describes how Jesus called four fishermen to leave their boats and their families to follow him into a way of life that was challenging and unpredictable.

Andrew, Peter, John and James were probably good fishermen who knew well the difficulties of wrestling a livelihood from the deep waters of the local lake. They were strong robust men, who knew how to cast nets and mend boats and attend to all the other responsibilities of working on the Sea of Galilee. But now they were going to leave all of that behind and follow an itinerant preacher from Nazareth.

Maybe it's just as well that Matthew doesn't record the reaction of Peter's wife when he went home to tell her that he was going 'to burn the boats' or describe the reaction of Zebedee when he realised his two sons were leaving the family business.

We must admit - the men Jesus called would appear to be unlikely candidates for the work he has in mind. And yet their decision to accept the invitation would lead them through an extraordinary journey of doubt and betrayal, denial and rejection to an ever-deepening conviction that Jesus was indeed the Son of God, the Light of the World.

May we too respond with courage, and despite our limitations, realise that we can bring the light of Christ into this darkened world because we carry his Spirit in our hearts.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

Fr Paddy Hughes,
Parochial House, 10 Cloughfin Rd.,
Killeenan, Cookstown BT80 9JB
Tel: 028 867 51206
Email: kildressparish@outlook.com

**LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY
COLLECTION BANKED**

£ 1,575

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 (26th - 30th January 2026)

**Please note : The Rosary is said during the 15 minutes immediately before each
weekday Mass.**

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday, Wednesday: 9.30 am

Friday: 10.00 am Mass for St Joseph's PS to celebrate Catholic Schools' Week.
All are welcome.

St Mary's, Dunamore

Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30 am

Wednesday: 1.00 pm. Mass for St Mary's PS to celebrate Catholic Schools' Week.
All are welcome.

*Next Saturday's Vigil Mass (31st January) will be the Month Mind Mass for
Charlie McGurk*

FEAST OF ST BRIGID

Next Sunday is the Feast of St Brigid. St Brigid Crosses will be blessed at all Masses.

The 11.30 am Mass in St Joseph's will be offered for deceased members of Kildress Wolfe Tones.

TRIDUUM IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

The Triduum will take place over **9th, 10th and 11th February** (Monday to Wednesday)
in St Joseph's Church, Killeenan, at 7.30 pm.

UPCOMING DATES WORTHY OF NOTE

18th February: Ash Wednesday

5th April: Easter Sunday

28th June: Blessing of Graves

**SEE THE BACK PAGE FOR LAY MINISTRY ROTA FOR FEBRUARY. PLEASE
NOTE THIS TAKES EFFECT FROM NEXT SATURDAY'S VIGIL MASS (31st January)**

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE AUGUST 2026

There will be a local Pilgrimage departing from Belfast to Medjugorje **Wednesday 19th August to Wednesday 26th August 2026** with Marian Pilgrimages and led by Monsignor Colum Curry. Seven night's accommodation near St James' Church with breakfast and dinner, including all airport and local taxes for £750, with discount of £50 for bookings before 30th January 2026. Please contact columcurry@yahoo.com or (028) 86763674

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES: 5 DAY SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT FOR MEN

Led by Benedictine monks from St. Joseph Abbey, in France. **Starts Thursday 30th April (3pm). Benburb Priory, Co. Tyrone.** €450 (all meals & single room included).

Daily Mass - Ordinary Form (Latin and Ad Orientem). Discover the strength that only comes when you stop running and let God speak.

Book at: <https://soutenir.clairval.com/retreat-benburb-priory>

IMPORTANT EVENT IN KILDRESS WOLFE TONES HUB

Raising Emotionally Resilient Children (**Free** Workshop For Parents)

Preventing Violence From The Start: Why big emotions lead to big behaviour ***how the brain reacts under stress (fight/flight) ***the hidden messages we give girls and boys ***how to calm chaos with connection; ***tools for discipline without shouting, punishment or shame; ***raising children who express themselves with confidence.

Kildress Wolfe Tones Hub Thursday 29th January 2026 7.00 - 9.00 pm

ST BRIGID'S CROSS MAKING

Come along to our St Brigid's Cross making session in the Community Hub in Gortacladdy and get your crosses ready to be blessed at Mass. Please bring rushes if you can.

Friday 30th January 2026 beginning at 7.00 pm. Everyone welcome.

THE HUB (COOKSTOWN) JANUARY TEA DANCE

Takes place **Friday 30th January** from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm Admission £4.

ADDICTION - Where Help Can Be Found.

Alcoholics Anonymous - 028 90434848

AL-ANON - 028 90682368

Cuan Mhuire (Sister Consilio) - 028 30849010

Gamblers' Anonymous 028 90249185

Dunlewey Addiction Services 028 90392547 (For help with a range of addictions including prescription and over the counter medication)