

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:

- Life in the Spirit Seminars 2026, Sacred Heart Church, Omagh each Thursday 19th February until 26th March at 7.30pm
- Song Of Peace on Sunday 8 March at 7pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh

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 **21st/22nd February**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 18th February 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



15th February 2026

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

In today's Gospel we learn that Jesus doesn't want to do away with the law; rather he wants to fulfil it. He does not, however, want the law to become an end in itself. The law is there to serve the people, to guide and protect them, and it must not be used to control them or oppress them. Jesus tells us that all law comes from God and, therefore, for a law to be valid, it must be made for the common good. Jesus is more in favour of a law of love, rather than a love of law.

He also warns us that our virtue must go deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees. The journey towards perfection is a slow process. Therefore I am becoming perfect when I show a little more patience towards those with whom I have to live even though it may test my serenity; a little more firmness to continue the work which duty demands even though it may be unpleasant; a little more common sense to take people as they are; a little more strength to endure an event that disturbs my peace; a little more cheerfulness so as not to show I am hurt; and a little more prayerfulness to draw God to my heart.

A blind man slowly turned the corner of a busy street feeling his way with his white cane. A young man coming from the opposite direction bumped into him.

"*Why don't you look where you're going?*" barked the young man.

The blind man gently replied, "*Why don't you go where you are looking?*"

May the words of the Gospel give us vision and guide our steps.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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Email: kildressparish@outlook.com

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY
COLLECTION BANKED

£ 2,245

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 (16th - 20th February 2026)

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

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.30 am

Thursday: 7.00 am

St Mary's, Dunamore

Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30 am

Wednesday evening: 7.30 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at Masses on Wednesday.

The receiving of Ashes signifies our acknowledgment of our sinfulness and our resolution to start again. ***“ To turn away sin and believe in the Gospel.”***

PRAYER OF ATONEMENT

(This year the Annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse in the Catholic Church in Ireland will take place on Friday 20th February.)

Lord forgive us our many sins. We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable. We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother. Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word. May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.

Written by a Survivor of Abuse

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Trócaire boxes are available in both churches in the Parish

IRISH MASS (AIFREANN GAEILGE)

The next Irish Mass will be celebrated in St Malachy's Church, Armagh, at 4.00pm on **Saturday 21st February**. All welcome- Irish speakers and those interested in learning Irish.

Léifear an chéad Aifreann Gaeilge eile in Eaglais Naomh Maolmhaodhóg **Dé Sathairn seo chugainn 21ú Feabhra** ar 4.00 i.n. Fáilte roimh chách - Gaeilgeoirí agus lucht foghlama na Gaeilge.

RESIDENTIAL VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

The Vocations Directors of the North of Ireland have arranged for a Residential Vocational Discernment Weekend which will take place in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne from March 6th to 8th. Anyone interested in attending are asked to contact the Archdiocese of Armagh Vocations Director - Fr Barry Matthews on armaghpriest@gmail.com to book a free place. We encourage parishioners to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and to encourage young adults to discern God's plan for their lives.

FIRST RESPONDERS KILDRESS

Join our Basic Life Support Training

10th March 2026.....7.00 pm - 9.00 pm....The Hub, Gortacladdy

Learn essential life-saving skills and gain the confidence to act in an emergency. No prior experience needed, just willingness to learn! To book your place call or message Orla on 07767413601 or Sinead on 07876254545.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

THE MICK HEAGNEY QUIZ

The annual Mick Heagney Quiz will take place in the Mill Wheel Bar on **Friday 27th February 2026** at 8.30 pm SHARP. £10 per person Maximum 5 members per team.

SAVE THE DATE!

ST MARY'S PS DUNAMORE PRESENTS.....

“The Lion King Jnr”. Tickets for the Thursday and Friday night shows have gone very quickly but due to high demand a third show has been added on

Saturday 21st February at 2.00 pm in St Joseph's Hall, Killeenan.

Tickets available from Eventbrite—the link is on the school website and on Facebook.

Also if any businesses would like to advertise in the programme for the show the cost is £50 per advert. Contact the school office for more details.