

LAY MINISTRY FOR MARCH 2026

With Effect From The Vigil Mass on Saturday 28th February 2026

Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Anne McKenna
Sunday 9.30 am Kathleen Lennon
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Martina McNamee/Vincent Ruddy

Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Sean Heagney/Jason Lagan
Sunday 9.30 am. Oliver Gallagher/Tony McKernan
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Brigid Heagney/Niall Ruddy

Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Gerard Quinn
Sunday 9.30 am. Eoin Loughran
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Leah Foster

Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Anne Loughran/Mary Mulgrew/Patricia Mulgrew
St Joseph's Church: Briega Bell/Anne Mallon/Frances O'Gara

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:

- Song Of Peace on Sunday 8th March at 7pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh
- Parishioners who wish to take a short-term pledge for Lent.....

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 **7th/8th March**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 4th March 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



1st March 2026

Second Sunday Of Lent



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

The Gospel readings for the first two Sundays of Lent always give us a glimpse of two of life's extremes - evil and good, darkness and light. Last Sunday, we found ourselves with Jesus in the wilderness, that barren and lonely place, the place of hardship and temptation. There, weakened by hunger and wearied by loneliness, Jesus was urged by Satan to forgo his dream and take the easy option. But relying on God's Word and with the help of the Holy Spirit, Jesus was able to overcome temptation.

Today, on this second Sunday of Lent, we find ourselves up a high mountain, a place of holiness and glory. Here, in the company of the apostles and in the presence of Moses and Elijah, Jesus is transfigured in radiant beauty. Maybe it is no accident that temptation and transfiguration are placed close together at the beginning of Lent. During this special season we are asked to overcome evil and resist temptation. We are encouraged to make choices; choices between good and evil, choices that will transfigure us and change our lives.

In order to change the outer aspects of our lives, we must first change the inner attitudes of our minds and hearts. Change calls for self-discipline. We have to be firm and decide to do what needs to be done. Today's gospel reminds us that there is no shortcut to glory. When things are difficult, when the haul seems very long, we need a vision, a glimpse of the glory to which we are called.

Lord, each spring you renew the face of the earth.

May you also renew each one of us.

*Help us to remain faithful to our Lenten promises
and enable us to celebrate Easter with great joy.*

We pray that one day we will see you "face to face".

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

During the week a voicemail message was received into the landline number appearing on the back page of the bulletin. It was impossible to understand but it may have been an item for inclusion in this weekend's bulletin. **If so apologies to the sender.** A mobile number has now been added to the landline number given in the bulletin. **Please don't send a voicemail to the landline.**

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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Email: kildressparish@outlook.com

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY
COLLECTION BANKED

£ 2,835

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 (2nd - 6th March 2026)

Please note : The Rosary is said during the 15 minutes immediately before each
weekday Mass. (not the 7.00 am Mass)

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7.00 am

St Mary's, Dunamore

Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30 am

Friday evening: 7.30 pm First Anniversary Mass for Briege Ferry

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.

BOOKING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

All anniversary Masses should be booked at least two weeks before the required date and after Mass in the Sacristy of the Church in which the anniversary Mass is to be celebrated. Or a note can be placed through the letter-box of Killeenan Parochial House, no later than two weeks before the required date and a contact number should be included in the note. **Please do not book anniversary Masses over the phone or by email. Month Mind Masses/First Anniversary Masses must be booked with Fr Hughes directly.**

IRISH LANGUAGE COLLECTION

A Church Door Collection for the Irish Language will be taken up at the weekend Masses on the weekend **7th /8th March**. The monies collected will be used to help fund some of our young people going to the Gaeltacht.

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING RETREAT IN KNOCK SHRINE.....

.....led by gifted Croatian Priest, Fr Rozo Palic. **Saturday March 7th and Sunday March 8th.** Venue: **St. John's Welcome Centre; Saturday 10:00 am - 6:30 pm & Sunday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm.** He will be supported by his Croatian Music Ministry team; no prior booking required; everyone is most welcome and please bring a packed lunch. For further enquires please contact, Patricia on 089 9466193 or Fiona on fionatjennings@yahoo.com.

A PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESAN CONGRESS 20th – 22nd March 2026

With hearts filled with hope, we ask your blessing and guidance on all who will participate in the Diocesan Congress. We pray for the delegates who will represent their respective parishes, and we ask for an outpouring of your Holy Spirit on all who will work with them. May they decide what is best for the promotion of faith in our families and among our youth at this important time. We ask this through the intercession of Mary our Mother. Amen.

PARISH ENVELOPES AND GIFT AID NOTICE

First of all, my thanks to all who contribute to the upkeep off our Parish by paying weekly or monthly and to all who have signed up for gift aid.

IF YOU ARE PAYING TO THE PARISH AND IF YOU PAY TAX YOU CAN SIGN UP TO GIFT AID.

At present we are updating and computerising our Accounts System. As we do so we are checking our Gift Aid. If you are already signed up for gift aid, we are asking you to please sign ANOTHER CARD.

*Fill out the details and put your envelope number on it. If you are paying by Direct Debit **please give us the reference as it appears on the Parish Bank Statement** so we can allocate your donation to the right person.*

Fr Paddy Hughes

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISING BINGO

On **6th March** in St Joseph's Hall, Killeenan starting at 8.00 pm. Books £10....Half Books £5. £1,600 in prizes (£40 lines and £80 houses) plus amazing Take Your Pick prizes! All proceeds in aid of St Joseph's Primary School, Killeenan.

DUNAMORE HALL SOCIAL DANCING CLASS

...each Thursday night in Dunamore Hall, beginning at 8.30 pm. Newcomers welcome.

THE SVDP IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CONFERENCE COOKSTOWN.

The Conference is very grateful for your generous donation of £1,131 at Christmas. The money will be spent on helping and supporting those in our local community who are struggling with the costs of food, heating and electricity. Anyone seeking help or advice, please phone us on 028867629. **All calls are strictly confidential.**