

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 **28th February/1st March**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 25th February 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



22nd February 2026

First Sunday Of Lent



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

As children we often asked each other, "What are you giving up for Lent?" Giving up things is still an important aspect of this penitential season. Maybe this year we could consider a fresh way of looking at the ancient practice of giving up or fasting that has been inspired by the late Pope Francis:

Fast from words and language that demean others and demean ourselves and speak words that are laced with kindness, affirmation and respect.

Fast from the constant addiction to social media and mobile phones especially at mealtimes and take time to talk and listen to people face to face.

Fast from buying things we don't really need and donate the money to Trocaire or another charity in order to help some of the poorest people in the world.

Fast from rushing around and take time to slow down and reflect.

Fast from those things that harm our bodies and our minds and cultivate a healthier diet and lifestyle.

Fast from anything that pollutes the water or the air and help protect our environment by recycling waste and caring for 'our common home.

In the Gospel we are given encouragement as we read that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. The wilderness can be a place of transformation; a place where God is ultimately in control. In the wilderness we might encounter our own personal demons and struggle with temptation, but that is part of the journey.

As with all things, we will get out of Lent what we put in. The more effort we make, the greater the celebration of Easter Sunday.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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Killeenan, Cookstown BT80 9JB
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Email: kildressparish@outlook.com

**LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY
COLLECTION BANKED**

£ 1,970

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 (23rd - 27th February 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 Month Mind Mass for John McGurk

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2026.

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to LIFE IN THE SPIRIT seminars.

Sacred Heart Church, Omagh each Thursday 19th February - 26th March at 7.30 pm. Accessible online at www.drumraghparish.com

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

20 – 22 March 2026 St Mary's Retreat Centre, Knock

Marriage Enrichment has, for many years, supported married couples in their Sacrament of Matrimony by offering them a sacred space to deepen their relationship, renew their commitment, and grow together through reflection, prayer, and dialogue.

ANAM CARA ONLINE BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION

We offer informational packets, providing information about our supports, grieving processes, and ways to support families through this immensely challenging time. If your parish or community would like a set of packets, or to find out more about the services we offer please email us at info@anamcara.ie or call 085 288 8888.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Trócaire boxes are available in both churches in the Parish

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.

DUNAMORE HALL SOCIAL DANCING CLASS

The dancing class is now taking place each Thursday night in Dunamore Hall, beginning at 8.30 pm. Newcomers 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!

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.

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!

EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY

In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy.

For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie. Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on **Thursday 26th March**.