

## 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](http://www.kildressparish.co.uk) ) for details of forthcoming Diocesan events/courses which may be of interest to you including:

- Contemplative Dominican Monastic Vocation Discernment weekends.
- Graduates: Don't Lose Your Seanad Vote.

### 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 6686 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (028 90434848)

### NEXT BULLETIN

Next bulletin will be **14th/15th February**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 11th February 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

## KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



8th February 2026

### **Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

I'm sure we are familiar with the phrase "street angel, house devil?" The first place I have to practice my Christian vocation is within my own home, among my own family. In terms of the metaphors used in today's Gospel, I have to ask myself: How am I a light to the world? How am I salt of the earth? Am I a life-giving person, who helps preserve and encourage goodness in others, and do I always lighten the way and ease the burden for others? We can easily slip into the habit of taking others for granted and, while we might be concerned about wars and famine in faraway places, we could completely overlook those who are closest to us.

As Isaiah says, "**Turn not from your own kin.**" (1st Reading)

I'm sure we've come across people who are fully human and fully alive. They seem to be constantly alert and forever sensitive to the needs of others, especially those who are out of sorts, or hurting or uncomfortable. Because they themselves are fully alive, they transmit light and life to those around them. In his description of the Last Judgement, Jesus has such people asking the question,

**"Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, or naked or lonely and come to your help?"**

Because of the kind of people they are, they are not even conscious of the good they are doing. For them, to act in such a way has become a way of life. These people are undoubtedly the salt of the earth, and the light of the world.

May we encounter such people in the coming week and, more importantly, may we be such people.

*With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.*

**PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS**

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

**LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY**  
**COLLECTION BANKED**

**£ 2,360**

**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 (9th - 13th February 2026)**

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

**St Joseph's, Killeenan**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 7.30 pm ( See notice below )**

**Friday: 9.30 am**

**St Mary's, Dunamore**

**Thursday: 9.30 am**

**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.

The Rosary will be said at 7.15 pm each evening.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

Wednesday is the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes. Designated as World Day For The Sick. Mass on Wednesday evening will be offered for all who are sick in our Parish.

**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.

**UPCOMING DATES WORTHY OF NOTE**

**18th February:** Ash Wednesday    **5th April:** Easter Sunday    **28th June:** Blessing of Graves

**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

**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.

**ARMAGH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Our 2026 Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from the **10th - 15th of May 2026.**

The hotel pricing for the May Pilgrimage has been structured slightly different from previous years. For full details on pricing and hotels please see Diocesan Notices in the Latest News section of our Parish website.

**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>

**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.

**EVENTS IN DUNAMORE HALL**

**3rd Friday of each month:** Whist starting at 8.00 pm. (Note change of day).