

CATHOLIC COUPLES — Date Night

Join us for an unforgettable evening with Mark & Anne O'Leary — inspiring talks, laughter, faith, and a gorgeous 4-course meal!

Saturday 18th April at 7.00 pm in Armagh City Hotel

Fun prizes • Great atmosphere • A perfect night out together! For more information or to book contact: info@catholicmothers.ie

ARMAGH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 10 – 15 MAY 2026

Our 2026 Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from the **10th to the 15th May 2026**. The pricing for the May Pilgrimage has been structured slightly different as from previous years.

The Accueil Notre Dame: For our Assisted Pilgrims sharing in the Accueil fares will be €1,050.00 (this includes JWT Travel Insurance)

The Agena and The Jeanne D'arc will be €1,020.00 per person sharing. The single room supplement for these hotels will have an additional €195.00.

The St Sauveur will cost €1,020.00 per person sharing. The single room supplement for this hotel will cost an additional €235.00.

The La Solitude will cost €1,040.00 per person sharing. The single Room supplement for this hotel will cost an additional €245.00.

These prices exclude travel insurance into the hotels. JWT Pilgrimage Travel Insurance will cost €55 per person up to 79 years & €75 per person 80-94 years.

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:

* Pilgrimage to Rome and Umbria 27th July – 4th August 2026

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 March**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 18th March 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



15th March 2026

Fourth Sunday Of Lent



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

To lose the gift of sight or to be born blind is a thought that frightens most people. Today's readings challenge us to ask ourselves: *How well do we see, not just in the physical sense, but in that deeper spiritual sense?* In the Gospel Jesus meets a man who was blind from birth, and he heals him. This was surely a blessing beyond compare. But there was more to it than meets the eye - Jesus introduced the blind man not only to daylight, but to faith; he helped him to see not only the wonders of the ordinary everyday world around him, but also to recognise in faith the presence of God within him.

This is an ability we all need - to be able to see God's hand in our lives. The darkness of selfishness can block our seeing Christ in our brothers and sisters in need and our recognising God's will when he calls us to be heroic in living out our baptismal privileges. We could do well to reflect on the words of that beautiful hymn: *"Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart"*.

Today is a day to ask the Lord to restore our vision as his followers and to give us the courage like the man in the gospel to proclaim to one and all that Jesus is the Light of the World, the Son of God, to whom we give our allegiance.

*With every blessing,
Monsignor Colum.*

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY
COLLECTION BANKED

£ 1,530

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 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

Tuesday (St Patrick's Day): 11.00 am

Wednesday, Friday: 9.30 am

Wednesday, Thursday: 7.00 am

St Mary's, Dunamore

Monday evening (Vigil of St Patrick's Day): 7.30 pm

Thursday: 9.30 am

DIOCESAN CONGRESS

The Diocesan Congress takes place next weekend - Friday, Saturday and Sunday - in Armagh. The theme is Youth, Family and Faith. This is the culmination off a long process, the results of which will effect the outlook in our Diocese in the years to come. Our Parish will be represented at the Congress.

Please pray for the success off the Congress.

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.

Fr Paddy Hughes

CLOUGHFIN PIPE BAND

1926-2026

Cloughfin Pipe Band will be holding their annual church door collection on **Tuesday 17th March**. They will also be performing at each of the Masses.

As it has been 100 years since the band was originally formed in the Parish, we will be holding a centenary concert in Burnavon theatre in Cookstown on the **9th May**. Tickets are available to buy at the Burnavon ticket office website. Detailed lineup coming soon.

'**Split The Pot**' draws continue every 2 weeks. As usual envelopes are available from any band member or at the Mace shop Kildress.

ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

Keep Your Child Safe Online

Do you have any concerns about your child/teenager accessing inappropriate material online?

Is your child using TikTok? ***** Is your child using Snapchat? ***** Does your child play games online where they interact "live" with others? ***** Has your child ever informed you about bad language or inappropriate behaviour online? ***** Has your child ever let you know that they have seen something very inappropriate?

The workshop will focus on helping parents keep their children safe online.

Venue: St Joseph's P. S., Killeenan

Date: Thursday 19th March

Time: 7.00 pm until 8.30 pm.

All are welcome to attend, including past parents and any other parishioners.

KILDRESS WOLFE TONES - St Patrick's Day Brunch.....

Tuesday 17th March: 11.00 am - 1.00 pm in the Hub at Gortacladdy. Irish Dancing, Music, Face Painting, Tuck Shop, Craft Stall and KWT Fundraising. All welcome.

DUNAMORE HALL EVENTS

Tuesday 17th March: Irish Stew Night.. Stew served at 9.00 pm. Everyone welcome

Social Dancing Class: each Thursday night in Dunamore Hall, beginning at 8.30 pm. Newcomers welcome.

PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF FOR FURTHER NOTICES OF INTEREST