

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 **28th/29th March**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 25th March 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



22nd March 2026

Fifth Sunday Of Lent



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

From our own experience of coping sometimes with the strange ways of God, we might be able to relate to Martha's sense of disappointment and possible frustration as mentioned in today's Gospel. What was the tone of her voice and what were the feelings in her heart when she left the house and went out to meet Jesus? Is there a hint of anger? Is she blaming Jesus for not coming sooner?

"If you had been here, my brother would not have died..."

Do we sometimes blame God when our plans don't materialise or when we don't seem to get the answers we expect? Today's Gospel reminds us that God has a purpose that may not always be very evident.

During this fifth week of Lent the same Lord calls each of us to roll back the stone and come out of the tomb, the place of death and darkness. He invites us to step out of the tomb of our selfishness and fear. He wants to unbind us from all forms of bondage so that we can be free.

We might feel it is too late to change. We might argue that we have been so long in the grave of our mediocrity and sin that we couldn't possibly transform our ways. And yet we must recall that it was not by his own strength that Lazarus returned to life, but through the power of God. It is this same power that calls us and enables us to break out of the fetters of selfishness so that we can serve our neighbour and our God with generosity and love. Now is an opportunity for us to hear his call and to receive his power to be changed for a new way of life.

*With every blessing,
Monsignor Colum.*

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY
COLLECTION BANKED

£ 1,800.05

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 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

Next Sunday will be Palm Sunday. Palms will be blessed at all Masses.

DIOCESAN CONGRESS

The Diocesan Congress is taking place this weekend in Armagh. The theme is Youth, Family and Faith. This is the culmination of 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

CHRISM MASS 2026

Archbishop Eamon, along with the clergy of the diocese, will celebrate the Chrism Mass on **Wednesday, 1 April at 7.00 pm** in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. All are welcome. In particular, an invitation to attend is extended to families and schools in the diocese with children who will make their Confirmation this year. The Mass is also available via Armagh Parish Cathedral webcam at www.armaghparish.net.

FIRST CONFESSION

Primary 4 pupils of St Joseph's P.S. Killeenan will make their First Confession on **Tuesday of this week, 24th March**, in St Joseph's Church at 1.30 pm. Parents and grandparents are most welcome to attend.

HIGHWAY TO HEALTH WALK (COOKSTOWN) In aid of Mary's Meals

£19.15 feeds a child for a whole school year.

SUNDAY 12th APRIL 2026 @ 3.00 pm: Join supporters to walk 5km, 4km or 2.5km to raise awareness and funds for Mary's Meals..... **REGISTRATION** from 2.30 pm onwards in Turkington's carpark, Sweep Rd, Cookstown.....**ALL DONATIONS WELCOME..... T-SHIRTS** available at registration.

For more information contact Winnie 07810101825 or Bernie 07887703759

CLOUGHFIN PIPE BAND

1926-2026

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.

THE HUB (COOKSTOWN) MARCH TEA DANCE

Friday 27th March 2.00 pm-4.00 pm Everyone Welcome

£4 Includes Raffle Ticket

DUNAMORE HALL EVENTS

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

PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF FOR FURTHER NOTICES OF INTEREST