

## LAY MINISTRY FOR APRIL 2026

### Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Kieran Kirk  
Sunday 9.30 am Mark McMenamin  
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Brieghe McCrory/Anne Mallon

### Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Sean Heagney/Thomas Loughran  
Sunday 9.30 am. Louis Lennon/ Pat Wilson  
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Liam Hughes/Vincent Ruddy

### Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Ciara McIntyre  
Sunday 9.30 am. Linda Mulgrew  
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Geraldine Kelly

### Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Eithne Donnelly/Eileen Keenan/Caroline Kelly  
St Joseph's Church: Josie Devlin/Margaret McNally/Teresa McNally

**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:

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

\* **ACCORD NEEDS YOU!**

\* **Anam Cara online Bereavement Information**

### 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 **4th/5th April**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 1st April 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

## KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN

29th March 2026

### **Palm Sunday Of The Lord's Passion**



**REMEMBER:** CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR THIS WEEKEND

Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Today we begin the celebrations of Holy Week with the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. This Sunday is called Palm Sunday signifying royalty and triumph; it is also called Passion Sunday signifying suffering and love. This is a week that swings from one extreme to another: Jesus is praised, but very shortly he will be rebuked.

Voices of cheers, shouting "Hosanna", soon become voices of jeers, shouting, "Crucify him".

As we remember the passion and crucifixion of Jesus, we think of all suffering people - people we know and people we will never meet. We think of countless men, women and children in war torn countries whose lives have been devastated. We think of refugees driven from their homeland. We think of the victims of natural tragedies, whose homes and livelihoods have been reduced to rubble. We call to mind the family from Rwanda, who feature on this year's Trocaire box and who represent all families living in abject poverty. All of these are walking their own 'via dolorosa' or 'way of suffering' with Christ. May we walk in solidarity with them.

May the events of this holy week enable us to re-pent, which literally means 'to think again'.

*With every blessing,  
Monsignor Colum.*

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY  
COLLECTION BANKED

£ 1,950

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 (30th March—1st April 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: 9.30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday: 7.00 am

St Mary's, Dunamore

Tuesday: 9.30 am

EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS

On **Monday 30th March** there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity for Confession in **St Joseph's Church from 7.00 pm until 8.00 pm.**

EASTER TRIDUUM ( 1st - 5th April )

Holy Thursday

**St Mary's Church:** Mass Of The Lord's Supper 7.30 pm

*After Mass there will be a period of Silent Prayer during which there will be an opportunity for Confession*

Good Friday

**St Joseph's Church:** 3.00 pm Liturgy Of The Passion

**St Mary's Church:** 7.30 pm. Stations Of The Cross

Holy Saturday

**St Joseph's Church:** 8.00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Masses at usual Sunday times

PRIEST'S VISIT TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

The Sick and Housebound will be attended this week as follows:

**Monday: Killeenan area Tuesday: Dunamore area.**

If there are any sick and housebound not already on the list who would like to receive the Sacraments please contact Fr 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](http://www.armaghparish.net).

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.

MID-ULSTER FESTIVAL OF AMATEUR DRAMA

This year the Mid Ulster Festival of Amateur Drama is hosting the All-Ireland Confined Drama Finals.

**WHERE:** The Patrician, Carrickmore,

**WHEN:** Thursday 9th April - Saturday 18th April 2026.

Box office opens Monday 30th March, 10am-4pm. Tel: 028 80761906.

See Facebook for further information.