

### IRISH MASS ST MALACHY'S CHURCH, ARMAGH 14 MARCH 2026

Because the Diocesan Congress will run from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March, the next Irish Mass will be celebrated in St Malachy's Church, Armagh, on the 2nd Saturday of this month, **14<sup>th</sup> March 4.00pm**. All welcome- Irish speakers and those interested in learning Irish.

### 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](http://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
- St Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk 14th March 2026 Downpatrick

### 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 **14th/15th March**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 11th March 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

## KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



8th March 2026

## **Third Sunday Of Lent**



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

This unusual piece of sculpture depicts the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan Woman recalled in today's Gospel for the 3rd Sunday of Lent. Referred to as the "Water of Life" by Stephen Broadbent, it can be found in the Cloister Garden of Chester Cathedral where it was commissioned to mark the 900th anniversary of the foundation of the Benedict Abbey.

The artist says it was a daunting task to conceive a sculpture for such a significant location as the cloister garden of a major English Cathedral.

He goes on to explain that the choice of story was arrived at very quickly - Jesus's encounter with a remarkable woman as she drew water from a well, as told in chapter 4 of St John's gospel. Like any good artist, Stephen says, "I lived intimately with this story, imagining myself as each of its characters. My intentions with the piece were to show an intensity of relationship, in such, at that very moment, there was no one else existing in the world. In its sculptural form, I felt Christ needed to be set below this remarkable woman, while at the same time revealing how her life was springing out from his. I also wanted to show some ambiguity as to who was giving the water, and importantly for the water to be overflowing. It was the tenderness of Christ that touched me personally, her shame was to be taken away and not paraded across her community, with whom she became wonderfully reconciled."

This significant piece – the "Water of Life" - like the Gospel story itself can challenge us, disturb us, intrigue us and hopefully inspire us.

*With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.*

**PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS**

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**LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY  
COLLECTION BANKED**

£ 2,525

**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 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**

Wednesday, Friday: 9.30 am

Wednesday, Thursday: 7.00 am

**St Mary's, Dunamore**

Thursday: 9.30 am

**PARISH ENVELOPES AND GIFT AID NOTICE**

*Once more my thanks to all who contribute to the upkeep of our Parish  
by paying weekly or monthly and to all who have signed up for gift aid.*

**IF YOU ARE PAYING TO THE PARISH AND IF YOU PAY TAX YOU CAN SIGN UP  
TO GIFT AID.**

*At Masses last week Gift Aid Cards were available We were asking that  
people making contributions to our Parish and who were taxpayers  
would sign up for Gift Aid And if you were already signed up would you  
please fill it again as we are checking all details as we are computerising  
our accounts system. Please return your card by next weekend*

*Fr Paddy Hughes*

**FIRST CONFESSION**

Primary 4 pupils of St Mary's P.S. will make their First Confession on **Thursday of this  
week, 12th March**, in St Mary's Church at 1.30 pm. Parents and grandparents are most  
welcome to attend.

**IRISH LANGUAGE COLLECTION**

A Church Door Collection for the Irish Language will be taken up at this weekend Masses  
(**7th /8th March**). The monies collected will be used to help fund some of our young  
people going to the Gaeltacht.

**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.*

**ACCORD NEEDS YOU!**

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG/NI is currently recruiting volunteers to  
train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the  
Sacrament of Marriage. The marriage preparation programmes are fun and interactive and  
very popular with couples.

Working as part of an enthusiastic, friendly, and experienced team, facilitators typically pro-  
vide four marriage preparation programmes per annum. Each team works from Accord  
centres which are located in every diocese, north and south.

Testimonials from facilitators who have completed our training programme:

*"The Training really prepared me for my role as marriage preparation programme facilitator. The tutors  
shared their own experiences of being a facilitator and this was great as it gave me confidence in my own  
ability to fulfil the role in the future."*

Successful applicants will receive free professional training during seven in person work-  
shops at venues around the country and will be part of a team delivering marriage prepara-  
tion programmes in your local area.

**The closing date for receipt of application forms to be included in Selections for this  
year is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)  
[www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**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**

**TONIGHT, Saturday 7th March:** Social Dance beginning at 9.30 pm. Music by Larry and Co.

**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**