

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) 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!**

*Spiritual Exercises: 5 Day Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men Benburb Priory 30th April 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 on the weekend of **25th/26th April**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 22nd April 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN

19th April 2026

Third Sunday Of Easter



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Today we accompany two of the disciples on their way to Emmaus and eavesdrop on their conversation with a stranger who joins them on the way.

They are leaving Jerusalem, the place where everything went wrong, where their hopes had collapsed and all their dreams were shattered. It's understandable that they want to get away from the place of failure and disappointment. Feeling lost and disillusioned, their 'faces are down cast', their hearts sad and heavy. They are leaving it all behind.

While we don't know anything about the two individuals in question, apart from the fact that one of them is called Cleopas, this story is regarded as a masterpiece in terms of conversation and conversion, moving as it does from utter despondency to total enthusiasm. When eventually, they recognise the stranger as the Risen Lord, the two disciples exclaim to each other: 'Did not our hearts burn within us?' And in the end, we watch them heading back to Jerusalem filled with fresh hope and boundless joy.

There are many layers of meaning and countless depths of significance contained in this story which has bemused theologians and scripture scholars for generations.

Lord, we ask you to stay with us on our journey. Touch our lives and make our hearts burn with in us so that we too may recognise you in your Word and in the Breaking of Bread.

*With every blessing,
Monsignor Colum.*

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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Killeenan, Cookstown BT80 9JB
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LAST TWO WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY
COLLECTIONS BANKED

5th April £2,715.00
12th April £2,205.00

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 (20th—24th April 2026)

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

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday evening: 7.30 pm Month Mind Mass for Tommy McKenna

Wednesday, Friday: 9.30 am

St Mary's, Dunamore

Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30 am

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament Of Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish by Bishop Router on
Tuesday evening, 21st April 2026, in St Joseph's Church at 5.00 pm

TRÓCAIRE

*My thanks to all who contributed to this year's annual Trócaire
collection. If you haven't returned your Trócaire donation and
would like to do so please leave it in the sacristy of either church
or the Parochial House by next weekend.*

Fr Paddy Hughes

DATE WORTHY OF NOTE

28th June 2026: Blessing of Graves in our Parish.

ANAM CARA BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING

Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement
Information Evening for all bereaved parents in Ulster on **Tuesday 21st April 2026** at
7:00 pm in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast. This is a free event and open to all bereaved
parents but registration is required. For more information email info@anamcara.ie or call
us on 01 404 5378 or 028 952 13120

ANAM CARA PARENT SUPPORT EVENING

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent
Support Evening on **Wednesday 29th April 2026** at 7.30 pm in the Armagh City Hotel,
Friary Rd, Armagh.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the
circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in
advance.

PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX 18 -21 SEPTEMBER

Pilgrimage to Lisieux, **September 18th to 21st**, staying in a beautiful hotel across the road
from the Carmel Convent of St Therese. €795 includes flights, coaching, full religious
programme, all dinners, and some lunches. Please phone 057 93 55050 or
email info@myriam.ie

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND ST PETER'S PARISH, LURGAN

An Evening of Peace, Encouragement and Faith for Women and Mothers

Join Catherine DiNuzzio for a gentle, faith-filled evening offering hope and practical
guidance for navigating anxiety with the peace of Christ.

Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30 pm St Peter's, Lurgan. Co. Armagh

RETREAT LOUGH DERG 25 APRIL 2026

As we rush through a busy world, shaped by endless social media and influencers, there is
still a place for Faith and Stillness. We invite you to join us at our Retreat on Lough Derg
Co Donegal – A Sanctuary of Faith and Stillness on **Saturday 25th April 2026.**

Boat departs at 9.30am. The day will conclude with the Celebration of the Eucharist at
5.00 pm (open to the public).

This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend (supported by the
Knights of St Columbanus).

Registration is essential – www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lough-derg-60185780863

For further information please contact info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk /
+447759496677.

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.