

LAY MINISTRY FOR MAY 2026

Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Marie McElduff
Sunday 9.30 am Anne McNally
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Anne Hagan/Monica Hagan

Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Thomas Loughran/Eamon McGurk
Sunday 9.30 am. Pat McCormick/Paul McGarrity
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Conor Gilligan/Mark McMenamin

Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Dan Quinn
Sunday 9.30 am. Donna McCrory
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Deirdre Bowe

Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Siobhan Kerr/Una Lagan/Fiona McCormick/Monica Young
St Joseph's Church: Briege Bell/Anne Mallon/Frances O'Gara

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

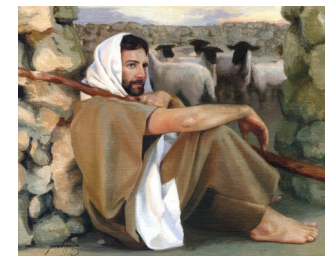
Next bulletin will be on the weekend of **2nd/3rd May**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 29th April 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN

26th April 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day Of Prayer For Vocations



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

I hope the picture attached to these few words might help us appreciate some of the customs associated with being a shepherd in Palestine at the time of Jesus and to understand more clearly what Jesus meant when he said, "I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe". It was common practice that the shepherd lived with his sheep throughout the various seasons; and it was a demanding job. With its rolling hills and craggy deserts, no flock of sheep would ever be left untended. It was his responsibility to lead them to new grass and find fresh water, to care for the sick and injured and to go in search of the lost one. Above all he had to protect them from wolves and guard them from thieves and robbers. In the evening all the sheep were enclosed within a sheepfold, an open space enclosed by a wall with one entrance.

At night-time, the shepherd himself lay across the opening so that no sheep could get in or out except over his body. Because the sheep were reared for their fleece, they were often with the same shepherd for years and they recognised his voice above any other sound. On this Good Shepherd Sunday we ask God's blessing on the many ways people fulfil their vocations in a variety of callings - may they find satisfaction in their work and help proclaim Gospel values in their lifestyle. We pray especially for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life; the need for dedicated men and women was never greater, the demands never more challenging and the rewards never more worthwhile.

*With every blessing,
Monsignor Colum.*

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

Fr Paddy Hughes,
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Killeenan, Cookstown BT80 9JB
Tel: 028 867 51206
Email: kildressparish@outlook.com

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY
COLLECTION BANKED

£1,685

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 (27th April - 1st May 2026)

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

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.30 am

Friday will be the First Friday of the month

St Mary's, Dunamore

Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30 am

FIRST SATURDAYS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

A reminder that next **Saturday, 2nd May**, is the first Saturday of the month.
This devotion can be done on any five successive First Saturdays. Details of the Devotion
can be found in the Latest News section of our Parish website.

CONFIRMATION

*On Tuesday evening we welcomed Bishop Router to our Parish.
He confirmed 39 boys and girls. My thanks to our schools,
St Joseph's and St Mary's, who prepared the children for the
sacrament and for the beautiful ceremony: to their class teachers,
Mr McKenna and Mrs Mallon; to the School Principals, Mrs
McKenna and Mrs Ward, and to all the staff of the schools who
contributed to the preparation for this important day in our
young Parishioners' lives.*

*My thanks to our organist, Mrs McCrory, to the Choir and musi-
cian's made up from both schools and to all who helped to make it
a beautiful and meaningful ceremony.*

Fr Paddy Hughes

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.

KILDRESS WOLFE TONES _____ Every Picture tells a Story

The Club is currently putting on record the journey of Kildress Wolfe Tones from 1952-2027. This is going to be a book about a football community who amid the ups and downs of life continued to grow and develop from its earliest inception. You can help us to continue the project.....

If you have any photographs, especially those which might not have been seen before, newspaper cuttings or other memorabilia that would help with the project, please share them with us. Everything which you share with us in the line of photographs etc will be taken good care of and returned to you.

If you are interested in writing a story/article for the book, please make contact and you will be guided.

Please contact: Secretary.kildresswolfetones.tyrone@gaa.ie or Marie Quinn 07818435502 bmequinn@aol.com; Eileen Leadon 07754475297 e.leadon@btinternet.com; Nicolette Campbell 07845521595 nicollette.mckenna@hotmail.co.uk
Thank you in anticipation.

ST MARY'S HALL, DUNAMORE Social Dance

..... On **Saturday 2nd May**.....9.30 pm start.....music by Country Cousins. Everyone welcome.

KILDRESS CREDIT UNION LTD

Information flyers are now available in our local shops and businesses. Pick one up and see how Kildress Credit Union can work for you.

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:

<https://www.burnavon.com/whats-on/cloughfin-pipe-band-with-stuart-liddell-steven-mcwhirter/129651220>

We are presenting thrilling ensemble sets and intimate world-class solo performances from legendary piping / drumming duo **Stuart Liddell and Steven McWhirter**. A rousing evening of tradition, virtuosity and unforgettable music for enthusiasts and the general public!