

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: Briega 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
- * Vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood special event Synod Hall 23rd May 2026 @ 3pm
- * St Patrick's Church, Dungannon, 150th Anniversary Concert 29th May 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 **16th/17th May**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 13th May 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN

10th May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Sometimes I try to imagine the terrible loneliness of the 'American Wake' of years gone by. So many of our people had to emigrate from every county in Ireland to the United States and other parts of the world, knowing they might never return. In those days they had little means of communication, so the farewell party on the eve of departure was indeed equivalent to a wake.

Today's gospel is also a story of farewell and departure. It is taken from a section of St John's gospel known as 'The Farewell Discourse'. The setting is the Last Supper, the night before Jesus' crucifixion. For a group of people who had become dependent on him as leader and friend, they must have felt lonely and bewildered. Not only were they engulfed by the sadness of his impending death, but they were overwhelmed by a terrible sense of confusion and emptiness. The uncertainty of a future without Jesus disturbed them deeply.

With great gentleness and compassion, Jesus reassures them that he will not abandon them: ***"I will not leave you orphans."***

In his going from them he will be sending the Holy Spirit to them:

"I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever...."

During times of uncertainty and confusion, we remind ourselves that Jesus has promised us the same Advocate to be with us as comforter and consoler. And what the Lord asks of us in return is that we love him by keeping his commandments: ***"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."***

We are called to be immersed in a culture of kindness and to be the living expression of God's goodness reflected in all that we do and say. I am reminded of some advice once given by St Teresa to her community in Calcutta:

"Be a witness to God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile. And that will make all the difference".

*With every blessing,
Monsignor Colum.*

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY
COLLECTION BANKED

£1,840

IRISH MASS IN ST MALACHY'S CHURCH 16 MAY 2026 AT 4.00PM

Aifreann Gaeilge in Ard Mhacha: Léifear an tAifreann Gaeilge arís ar an tríú Satharn den mhí seo, **16ú Mí a Bealtaine** ar 4.00 i.n. in Eaglais Naomh Maolmhaodhóg, Ard Mhacha. Fáilte roimh chách! Scaipigí an scéal!

Irish Mass in Armagh: The next Irish Mass will be celebrated in St Malachy's Church, Armagh, on the third Saturday of this month, **16th May**, at 4.00pm. All welcome- Irish speakers and those learning Irish. Spread the word!

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 (11th - 16th 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

St Mary's, Dunamore

Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30 am

Saturday: 11.00 am First Communion Mass for Pupils of St Mary's PS, Dunamore

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

On behalf of the Southern Health and Social Care Trust you are warmly invited to a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for parents and families who have been bereaved through pregnancy loss or the death of a baby, child or young person in Craigavon Area Hospital or the wider community. **Date: Sunday 31st May 2026 at 3.00 pm in Seagoe Parish Centre, 46 Seagoe Road, Portadown BT63 5HW**

KILDRESS WOLFE TONES

Coffee Morning

Our Friday Social Morning are hosting a **coffee morning on May 10th from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm**. Everyone is more than welcome to call into the Hub for some refreshments and a good old get - together. Raffles on the day and all donations on the day support our social morning and 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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our 5 children of St Joseph Primary School who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday past. My thanks to their class teacher Mrs Crozier; to the School Principal, Mrs McKenna and all the Staff off the School; to Emer McCrory our organist and to the school choir and to all who helped to make it a very memorable day .

Fr Paddy Hughes

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE TO PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

People from all over Ireland are invited to Knock Shrine on **Saturday May 16th**, for a special pilgrimage to pray for peace in the Holy Land.

The pilgrimage – organised by the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need – will be led by Bishop William Shomali from Bethlehem. Bishop Shomali will offer a message of hope at 11.00 am and celebrate Mass at 3.00 pm. All are welcome. More information at www.acnireland.org