

## 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](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
- \* Fr. Peter Kerr's First Year Anniversary Mass of his death 5th May 2026
- \* 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 6611

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 **9th/10th May**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 6th May 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

## KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN

3rd May 2026

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**



### Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

You may have heard about a headstone in a certain graveyard which bore the inscription:

*“Remember, stranger, as you pass by,  
as you are now, so once was I.  
As I am now, so you shall be,  
so, prepare yourself to follow me.”*

And somebody with a sense of humour added with a piece of chalk:

*“To follow you I'm quite content,  
but how do I know which way you went?”*

In today's Gospel Jesus refers to himself as THE WAY - “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life”. Jesus is the one who brings God to us, and he is also the one who brings us to God.

The Way that Jesus proposes is not just about direction but about a way of living. The heart of his Way is an unconditional love which sees every person as a brother or sister, and a love which gives itself in complete service. It is a source of consolation to know that in the midst of our troubles and difficulties there is no need to be afraid because the Risen Lord is here with us and for us. And it is a source of greater joy to know that no matter who we are or what our occupation, the Lord himself has gone ahead to prepare a place for those who are faithful.

May we so live in such a way that one day we will be welcomed into our eternal home and enjoy the fullness of what the Lord has prepared for us.

*With every blessing,  
Monsignor Colum.*

**PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS**

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**Parochial House, 10 Cloughfin Rd.,**  
**Killeenan, Cookstown BT80 9JB**  
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**LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY**  
**COLLECTION BANKED**

**£1,700**

**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 (4th - 9th 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**

**Saturday: 11.00 am First Communion Mass for Pupils of St Joseph's P S, Killeenan**

**St Mary's, Dunamore**

**Thursday evening: 7.30 pm. First Anniversary Mass for Peter McGurk**

**PRIEST'S VISIT TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

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

**Wednesday morning: Killeenan area Thursday morning: 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.

**ORDINATIONS**

We rejoice that Deacon Gabriel Neal, Deacon Jacek Tuszkievicz and Deacon Paul O'Reilly will be ordained to the Priesthood on **Saturday 9th May 2026** in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, at 3.00pm.

All three have undertaken their formation with the Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Dundalk.

Please remember Gabriel, Jacek and Paul in your prayers.

**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](mailto:info@myriam.ie)

**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](mailto:Secretary.kildresswolfetones.tyrone@gaa.ie) or [Marie Quinn 07818435502](mailto:Marie.Quinn.07818435502@btinternet.com)  
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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.

**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 for enthusiasts and the general public!