

## LAY MINISTRY FOR JUNE 2026

### Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Paula Conlon  
Sunday 9.30 am Winnie McElhatton  
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Claire Devlin/Don McGurk

### Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Jason Lagan/Eamon McGurk  
Sunday 9.30 am. Oliver Gallagher/Tony McKernan  
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Gary Kane/Brigid Heagney

### Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Anne Loughran  
Sunday 9.30 am. Noelle McAshea  
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Ailish McGeown

### Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Siobhan Ferguson/Pauline Loughran/Siobhan Quinn  
St Joseph's Church: Ann Hagan/Ciara Hagan/Donna Hagan

**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**
- \* **Saint Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk in Downpatrick**
- \* **National Pilgrimage to Faughart Shrine, 5th July @ 3.00 pm**

## 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 **27th/28th June**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 24th June 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

## KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN

21st June 2026

# **Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time Father's Day**



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Today's readings remind us that if we are serious about our faith, we must be prepared to face sufferings, hardship, rejection and even persecution. Jeremiah is an outstanding example of someone who had to face such trials. In today's first reading we hear him say,  
*"All those who used to be my friends, watched for my downfall".*

Jesus himself had to face similar challenges in his ministry. Yet at no time did he try to evade the hands of those who scourged him, the blows of those who struck him, or the spittle of those who spat on him. And what about the martyrs, who down through the centuries, have followed in his footsteps? Many of them found themselves beset by dangerous storms of hatred, that not only threatened their bodies but tried to destroy their spirits as well.

It may well be the same for us if we take our faith commitment seriously. When we try to reflect in our lives the values of the Kingdom, choosing life over death, faith over disbelief and integrity over sin, we will have to face opposition. When we denounce by word and deed falsehood, injustice and selfishness, we may be like Jeremiah, left in lonely isolation and deserted even by close friends.

*With every blessing,  
Monsignor Colum.*

**PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS**

**Fr Paddy Hughes,**  
**Parochial House, 10 Cloughfin Rd.,**  
**Killeenan, Cookstown BT80 9JB**  
**Tel: 028 867 51206**  
**Email: kildressparish@outlook.com**

**LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY**  
**COLLECTION BANKED**

**£1,525**

**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 (22nd - 26th June 2026)**

(The Rosary will be said 15 minutes before the start of each weekday Mass.)

**St Joseph's, Killeenan**

**Monday, Friday: 9.30 am**

**Thursday: 10.00 am End-Of-Year Mass for St Joseph's P.S.**

**St Mary's, Dunamore**

**Tuesday, Wednesday: 9.30 am**

**BLESSING OF GRAVES**

**28th June:** St Joseph's, Killeenan after 11.30 am Mass; St Mary's, Dunamore at 6.00 pm.

A collection will be taken up in the graveyards to help with their upkeep.

**Please place all dead wreaths, flowers and rubbish in the bins provided.**

**MONTH'S MIND MASS FOR VERY REVEREND SEAN F. QUINN.**

The Month's Mind Mass for Very Reverend Sean F. Quinn, PE, will take place on  
**Tuesday 30 June 2026, at 7.30 pm** in the Church of the Assumption, Pomeroy.

**ANAM CARA PARENT SUPPORT EVENING**

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Wednesday 24th June 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.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

We're grateful for your help in raising awareness of this free support for bereaved parents in your parish community. For more information visit [www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie).

**DAY FOR LIFE Sunday 21st June 2026**

Today is the day when we reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. To read the bishops' message for today please visit [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie) or on our Parish Website under Latest News.

**ST. JOSEPH'S REDEMPTORIST CHURCH DUNDALK**

*Triduum in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

At the 9.30am Mass on the **25th, 26th and 27th June**, St. Joseph's Redemptorist Church, Dundalk will celebrate a triduum in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

**BOOKING ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

All anniversary Masses should be booked at least two weeks before the required date and after Mass in the Sacristy of the Church in which the anniversary Mass is to be celebrated. Or a note can be placed through the letter-box of Killeenan Parochial House, no later than two weeks before the required date and a contact number should be included in the note. **Please do not book anniversary Masses over the phone or by email. Month Mind Masses/First Anniversary Masses must be booked with Fr Hughes directly.**

**KILDRESS HEALTH MATTERS** \_\_\_\_\_Annual River Walk

**PLEASE NOTE FURTHER CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME**

To avoid a clash with a Month Mind Mass the walk has now been rescheduled as follows:

The walk will now take place on **Sunday 5th July** along the Dunamore River Path with walkers setting off from Dunamore Hall at **1.00 pm**. Delicious refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards. There will be a Collection Bucket at the event with all donations going to the Kildress Health Matters Community Fund. Everyone welcome to join in this healthy stroll.

**S.V.P. ANNUAL FAMILY BUS TRIP TO PORTRUSH.....**

.....on **Tuesday August 4th 2026.** Leaving Loy Street Cookstown at 9.00 am. Leaving Portrush at 5.00 pm. All children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Contact 028 867 62900 to secure places on the bus. Names, ages, contact phone numbers and £10 deposit are required. Numbers are limited. **Closing date is July 20th.**

**JOB ADVERTISEMENT,**

**PASTORAL MINISTRY CO-ORDINATOR IN THE JESUIT CENTRE, BELFAST**

The director of the Jesuit Centre, Fr Gerry Clarke, is seeking applicants for a 9-month fixed contract role attached to the Jesuit Centre in Belfast. The role holder will also work alongside the Chaplain to the University of Ulster, delivering Campus ministry across their Belfast Campus. Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES. Terms and conditions relating to the role are available via the above link, by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form.