

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) 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**
- * **Anam Cara online Bereavement Information**

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 **13th/14th June**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 10th June 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN

7th June 2026

Feast Of Corpus Christi



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Some years ago, during a time of negative criticism of the Catholic faith, a man wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper making the point that it made no sense for people to go to Mass every Sunday. He stated, *“For more than thirty years I’ve gone to Mass, and in that time, I’ve probably heard 30,000 homilies on a range of topics, but for the life of me, I can’t remember a single one of them. So, I believe I am wasting my time and what’s more the preachers are wasting theirs by speaking at all”*.

This sparked a series of reactions that went on for weeks until someone wrote the following reply:

“I’ve been married for thirty years now and in that time my wife has cooked me more than 30,000 meals. For the life of me, I can’t recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals, but I do know this – they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would not be alive today. Likewise, if I had not gone to Mass for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today.”

In a different context another writer has stated something similar:

“Without the Eucharist we become weak and incapable of loving others; without the Eucharist we become easy victims to temptation and lack commitment; without the Eucharist we quickly lose interest in anything spiritual and become enslaved by the materialism of the world.”

As we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, we might reflect on the significance of the Eucharist in our own lives - the centrality of Mass at the weekend, the significance of receiving Holy Communion, the place of Adoration in our prayer.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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Email: kildressparish@outlook.com

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY
COLLECTION BANKED

£2,000

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 (8th - 12th June 2026)

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

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.30 am

St Mary's, Dunamore

Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30 am

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

Next Friday, 12th June, we celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart.

Novena prayers to the Sacred Heart will be prayed at each Mass during this week.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

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

26th June: St Michael's, Lissan. Mass in the chapel at 7.30 pm followed by prayers in the graveyard.

7th June: Holy Trinity, Cookstown at 2.00 pm

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

ARMAGH DIOCESAN PIONEERS INVITATION

An open meeting for all Pioneer members in the Archdiocese of Armagh will take place on **Wednesday 17th June** at 7.30pm in the Ryandale Hotel, Moy.

This is an important gathering as we, like all dioceses across Ireland, prepare for the introduction of the new Constitution that all dioceses will need to comply with from September 2026. We will also begin planning the future structure of our regions. This new structure will then be presented to Archbishop Eamon Martin for approval. We will have a guest speaker in attendance, and all Centres are encouraged to attend.

THE MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA

This weekend Fr Neil Loughrey from the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) will speak at Masses in the Parish.

TINY TOTS FUN DAY

Tiny Tots are holding their annual Fun Day **TODAY, Sunday June 7th**, at the Hub from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Attractions will include bouncy castles, soft play, and a petting farm. There will also be a tuck shop and refreshments available. Everyone is welcome.

KILDRESS HEALTH MATTERS _____ Annual River Walk

!! IMPORTANT TO NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME !!

The walk will now take place on **Friday 3rd July** along the Dunamore River Path. Walkers will set off from Dunamore Hall at **7.00 pm**.

Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards.

All donations will go to the Kildress Health Matters Community Fund.

Everyone welcome to join in this healthy stroll.

KILDRESS WOLFE TONES

ROAD SAFETY ROADSHOW: Thursday 11th June 2026 at Edendork St Malachy's GAA from 7.00 pm until 8.30 pm. Suitable for all adults and young people aged 16+. Together we can make our roads safer. Spaces are limited. To register go to <https://www.universe.com/events/road-safety-roadshow-tickets-CTM2XL>

also

See KWT Facebook page for many upcoming events including: **Design A Jersey Competition; Pilates For All; GAA Gear Preloved (Drop Off/Sales Dates given); All Star Team; Club Kildress 5k per day**

DROMANTINE FAMILY FUN DAY 14 JUNE 2026

From 1.00 pm until 5.30 pm. Lots of attractions.

ATTRACTIONS: Grand Draw, Country & Western Music, Vintage Tractors, Gun Dog Display, Bouncy Castles, Obstacle Courses, Amusements, Stalls, Food, Refreshments and much more!

Admission-Donation £5 per car. Everyone Welcome.

CHORAL CONNECTIONS CONCERT.....

.....**Friday 12th June** at 8.00 pm in Burnavon Theatre, Cookstown. Tickets £10
An evening celebrating 4 of our local choirs; The Hub Community Choir, Cookstown Youth Choir, St Philomena's East Timor Choir & Rural Melody Ladies Choir, Moneymore, with Special Guests. Comper: Carol Doey Tickets available from The Burnavon.