

LAY MINISTRY FOR JULY 2026

Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Gerard Quinn
Sunday 9.30 am Ann Small
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Deirdre Bowe/Martina McNamee

Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Sean Heagney/Jason Lagan
Sunday 9.30 am. Louis Lennon/Pat Wilson
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Liam Hughes/Niall Ruddy

Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Michelle McLaughlin
Sunday 9.30 am. Tony McKernan
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Margaret Loughran

Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Meagan Grimes/Laoise Loughran/Una McGlinchey
St Joseph's Church: Imelda Conway/Colette O'Connor

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
- * Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School with online delivery
- * Pilgrimage to Lisieux 18 -21 September

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 **11th/12th July**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 8th July 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN

5th July 2026

Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Today Jesus offers a special invitation,

“Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.”

There are few of us who do not fit into that category. Many of us know people who are weighed down with worry and anxiety; illness and infirmity; old age and disability; loneliness and grief. Jesus alone is the one who can ease their burdens, listen to their concerns and give them the right guidance.

“Come to me.....sit down.....take the load of your feet. Rest here in the shade of the tree. Refresh yourself at the running stream. I will ease your pain.”.

**God of love and mercy, grant us
in all circumstances -your help;
in all our doubts - your guidance;
in all our weaknesses - your strength;
in all our sorrows - your consolation;
and in all our dangers - your protection.**

Sometimes he doesn't take our burdens from us but gives us the strength to carry them!

*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

£2,175

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 (6th - 10th July 2026)

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

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Wednesday evening: 7.30 pm. Month Mind Mass for Sean Quinn

Friday: 9.30 am

St Mary's, Dunamore

Thursday: 9.30 am

COLLECTION IN OUR CEMETERIES

The collection taken up in the Cemeteries last Sunday at the Blessing of the Graves was £3,668.64 Thank you to all who contributed to this collection and to all who contributed to the collection taken up in the church which was over £1,800. My thanks to the collectors who helped with The Cemetery Collections.
Please make sure your graves are properly marked with a name.
Fr Paddy Hughes

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.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO FAUGHART SHRINE

The national pilgrimage to Faughart Shrine is on **Sunday 5th July** at 3.00 pm. There will be a procession around the stream, anointing of the sick during the Mass, and Blessing with St. Brigid's Relic. Our celebrant this year is Fr. Emlyn Mc Ginn PP. All welcome.

ST. OLIVER FESTIVAL DROGHEDA, 3-5 JULY 2026

Sunday 5th July, National St Oliver Plunkett Pilgrimage Day

Procession commences at Holy Family Church, Ballsgrove at 3.00 pm, arriving at St Peter's Church for concelebrated Mass at 4.00 pm. Preacher: Rev Dr Thomas O'Connor, Emeritus Professor of European History, NUI Maynooth, priest of the Diocese of Meath and recently appointed Chaplain to the Irish College, Paris. Priests are welcome to concelebrate.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will take place on the **26th July 2026**.

The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – **"I will never forget you" (Is 49:15)** – reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age.

KILDRESS HEALTH MATTERS Annual River Walk

The walk takes place **TODAY, 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.

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.