

LAY MINISTRY FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Anne McKenna
Sunday 9.30 am Kathleen Lennon
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 McGuk
Sunday 9.30 am. Louis Lennon/Tony McKernan
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Brigid Heagney/ Gary Kane

Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Mya McCullagh
Sunday 9.30 am. Fintan Loughran
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Leah Foster

Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Eilish Loughran/Michelle Loughran
St Joseph's Church: Mary Jo McCourt/Cathy Murphy

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:

- **Anam Cara Bereavement Information Evening 15 September 2026**
- **A Journey of Faith St Patrick's Church Dundalk 17 September at 7.00pm**
- **Trocaire Christmas Appeal 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 **19th/20th September**. To have something included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 16th September 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN

13th September 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Forgiveness, like playing golf or learning to drive, sounds straightforward and simple in theory, but the practice can be a different matter. In today's Gospel we are told to "*forgive your brother /sister from your heart*", but when it comes to the crunch, we may find it difficult to utter those three significant words "I forgive you", to let go of resentment, and to reach out the hand of friendship to those estranged from us. Forgiveness is a huge challenge. A glance at any of the trouble spots around the world today reveals the effect of intransigence and the lack of forgiveness. Hatred and anger prevail while suffering and violence bring death and destruction. The Gospel reminds us that wars cannot end, apartheid cannot cease, ethnic divisions cannot be healed, and famine cannot be controlled until someone says, "*I am sorry*".

When I forgive someone - whether a neighbour or a family member, I release them from the burden of guilt and remorse, allowing them to regain joy and peace. I also free myself from resentment and anger and consequently I will experience deep relief. Ultimately, forgiveness opens my heart to God's forgiveness. Forgiving is not the same as forgetting. It does not require me to erase what happened or dismiss past hurt. Forgiveness is an ongoing process, and healing takes time. When I open my hands to forgive and let go, I also open them to receive the extraordinary blessings from God who is all forgiving and "whose name is Mercy." (Pope Francis)

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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Email: kildressparish@outlook.com

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY
COLLECTION BANKED

£1,795

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 (14th - 18th September 2026)

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

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday, Wednesday: 9.30 am

Friday: 10.00 am Opening-Of-School-Year Mass for St Joseph's P S .

St Mary's, Dunamore

Tuesday: 9.30 am

Thursday: 10.00 am Opening-Of-School-Year Mass for St Mary's P S .

KILDRESS APOSTOLIC WORK

The Kildress Apostolic Workers have their annual Church Door collection at all Masses this weekend, 12th and 13th September. All monies donated go directly to the Missions to help missionary priests and Sisters make the gospel a reality to those they serve. As a parish you have given generously to our previous collections and we would greatly appreciate your generosity again. Many thanks.

LOUGH DERG RETREATS

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on September 15th, 19th and 20th. Admission €50. Group discounts available. Advance Booking Essential. **Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 PC60**
www.loughderg.org email: info@loughderg.org Tel. 0719861518

ANAMCARA BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING 15th September 2026

Anam Cara is very pleased to announce our first Bereavement Information Evening especially dedicated to supporting surviving siblings this autumn. Supporting everyone following the death of a child, we are exploring opportunities to further support the entire family. This is open to all parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. We are also opening this event to bereaved adult siblings over 18. To register and for more information visit:
bit.ly/SeptBIE

IRISH MASS ST MALACHY'S, ARMAGH

Aifreann Gaeilge: Léifear an chéad Aifreann Gaeilge i ndiaidh sos an tSamhraidh ar an tríú Satharn den Mhí seo, 19ú Meán Fómhair, in Eaglais Naomh Maolmhaoldhóg, Ard Mhacha, ar 4.00 i.n. Beidh fáilte ar ais roimh chách. Scaipigí an scéal.

Irish Mass: The first Irish Mass after the Summer break will be celebrated in St Malachy's Church, Armagh, on **19th September at 4.00pm**. All welcome.

ANNUAL VENERABLE MATT TALBOT MASS

Sunday 27th September 2026 in Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean Mc Dermott Street, Dublin at 3.00pm. Anyone from Cookstown and Dungannon contact Eugene O Hagan 02886736259. Bus leaving Armagh City Hotel at 10.30am and Newry 10.45am. Fare £25.00 (Bus) (£35.00 Meal). Total £55.00 includes tea and evening meal in the Carrickdale Hotel Dundalk. Names to Mary Livingstone 07974629994 by 25th September 2026

KILDRESS CREDIT UNION LTD Schools' Collections

Please note the weekly savings collections in both primary schools have resumed — Tuesdays in St Joseph's, Killeenan and Thursdays in St Mary's, Dunamore.

A convenient opportunity for your child to save.

CEILI IN ST JOSEPH'S HALL

The Ceili takes place on **Saturday 12th September 2026** in St Joseph's Hall, Killeenan beginning at 9.00 pm and finishing at 12 midnight. Dancing to the music of Raymond Loney. Admission £8. Supper served. In aid of Church funds. Everyone welcome.

FORTHCOMING EVENT IN ST MARY'S HALL, DUNAMORE

Whist: Whist begins on **Friday 18th September** at 8.00 pm. Newcomers welcome.

KILDRESS WOLFE TONES - EVENTS IN GORTACLADDY HUB

Friday Social: We are delighted to be returning to our Social Morning beginning **Friday 18th September from 11.30am to 1pm**. The morning will start with Chair Pilates (catering for all abilities) and will be followed with a light lunch. Suggested donation of £4.

Looking forward on welcoming our regulars back and as this is the start of the new term it is a perfect opportunity for those who are interested in coming along for the first time. Everyone of all ages will be made very welcome.

Pilates: Etaoine's Pilates classes will also resume on **Friday 18th September from 10am to 11am**. This class is suitable for beginners and improvers. If you have a mat, please bring it with you. Four weeks @ £30 or drop in £8 per session.

MARY'S MEALS-FUNDRAISER

Quiz Night- Killymoon Golf Club **Friday 2nd October- 8.30pm** £5 per person
Team maximum-6 Everybody welcome. Please support.

Help us feed the next hungry child.