

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:

- Trocaire Christmas Appeal 2026
- Queen's Catholic Chaplaincy – We're Back!
- St Patrick's Cathedral - Week of Hope starting 26 September 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 **26th/27th September**. To have something included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 23rd September 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN

20th September 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

It is good to be chosen, but to be left aside can be embarrassing. Some of us might recall the anxiety of standing in the schoolyard waiting to be called as teams were picked and desperately hoping that we wouldn't be left to the end or worse still totally ignored!

Today's Gospel demonstrates that the Lord has a particular concern for the little ones, for those who are lost and rejected, for those who are forgotten, ignored or left on the margin. In answer to the question, "*Why have you been standing here idle all day?*" the men in today's parable reply, "*Because no one has hired us*".

What society rejects, God cherishes. What others turn away, God gathers in. Today's Gospel reassures us that God does not reward our achievements but honours the way in which we respond to the opportunities that come our way. It is also worth remembering that the Lord has selected each one of us; you have been chosen by him, and he has a special purpose for you.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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Email: kildressparish@outlook.com

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY
COLLECTION BANKED

£1,710

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 (21st - 25th September 2026)

St Joseph's, Killeenan

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

St Mary's, Dunamore

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

IMPORTANT DATES

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on the boys and girls of our Primary 7 classes on **Tuesday 13th April 2027** by Archbishop Eamon Martin in St Mary's Church at 5.00 pm

First Communion will be celebrated on:

Saturday 15th May 2027 for the girls and boys of Primary 4 of St Mary's P S School in St Mary's Church at 11.00 am

Saturday 22nd May 2027 for the girls and boys of Primary 4 of St Joseph's P S School in St Joseph's Church at 11.00 am

BISHOP ROUTER

This Sunday Bishop Router will be installed as the new Bishop of Derry. The Mass of Installation will take place in Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry at 3pm. Please Keep Bishop Router in your prayers, that the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen him in his ministry.

Fr Paddy Hughes

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

THANK YOU TO THE CEILI ORGANISERS

My thanks to the organisers of last weekend's Ceili in St Joseph's Hall. A generous donation of £200 was given towards Parish Funds.

Fr Paddy Hughes

CAMOGIE TEAMS REUNION

Calling Camogie Teams of the 80s and 90s to meet on **Sunday, September 27th at 2.00 pm** at Gortacladdy Hub. Bring a hurley and a ball! Time to reconnect, share stories and remember all. Please share!

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.

Fuel Stamp Scheme

Now you can become involved in this scheme which helps you spread the cost of oil and solid fuel. At the Credit Union you can pick up a free stamp card and purchase £5 stamps. Call into the Credit Union office today and get involved in this helpful scheme.

KILDRESS AREA YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CLUB

Our children get so much out of the Youth Club - fun, friends, confidence, learning, memories and a feeling of community. Unfortunately we are now at a stage where more help is needed on the Committee in order to keep the Youth Club going. It would be a shame if our children lose out because there aren't enough people to help behind the scenes. No previous Committee experience is necessary and even a small amount of your time will make a difference.

A Committee meeting will take place in St Joseph's Hall this Wednesday, 23rd September, at 7.00 pm.

We appeal to as many parents as possible to come along, have a chat and see how you might help.

KILDRESS WOLFE TONES - EVENT IN GORTACLADDY HUB

VINTED STYLE EVENT

Preloved sale of goods - clothing (Women's, Men's, children's, GAA), household items, books, toys. **Saturday 3rd October 2026** in the Hub at Gortacladdy. **From 11.00 am until 2.00 pm.** Entry fee **£2 per person.** Children free. All proceeds to Kildress Wolfe Tones.

MARY'S MEALS-FUNDRAISER

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