

LAY MINISTRY FOR OCTOBER 2026

Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Kieran Kirk
Sunday 9.30 am Mark McMenamin
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Gary Kane/Anne Mallon

Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Jason Lagan/Eamon McGuk
Sunday 9.30 am. Damien McElduff/Pat Wilson
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Liam Hughes/Niall Ruddy

Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Ciara McIntyre
Sunday 9.30 am. Bronagh Loughran
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Catherine Uí Dhoibhlin

Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Anne Loughran/Mary Mulgrew/Patricia Mulgrew
St Joseph's Church: Leanne Devlin/Dympna Lagan/Rosemary McAleer

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 **3rd/4th October**. To have something included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 30th September 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN

27th September 2026

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Today's gospel parable might remind us of the brainteaser - which would you prefer: to be nearly drowned or nearly saved? the point being that neither prospect would be too pleasant. The gospel story of the two sons, who were asked by their father to go and work in the vineyard, might appear to be nothing more than a typical scene taken from any family situation. The father has a job to be done and he tells his sons: *"Go and work in the vineyard today"*.

One son seems rude, abrupt and discourteous as he answers back, *"I will not go"*.

On reflection, however, he has a change of heart and goes off and does what he is asked. The other son is polite and respectful and promises to go to the vineyard, but he hasn't the slightest intention of doing anything. He is a smooth talker but a poor performer. While we might be inclined to think that neither son is very pleasing, the parable reminds us that faith depends on action. Idle promises and half-hearted responses are worthless. What we profess to believe with our lips has little meaning if it's not translated into active commitment.

In the life and ministry of Jesus we find the perfect meeting of word and deed. He spoke with authority, but he also went about doing good. He could challenge his listeners to love their enemies because he himself turned the other cheek. He could speak out fearlessly on behalf of the poor and the downtrodden because he lived in their midst. All through his life, words of love became visible in acts of love, and many people saw and believed.

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 (28th September - 2nd October 2026)

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

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Friday: 9.30 am

St Mary's, Dunamore

Thursday: 9.30 am

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

ANAM CARA MONTHLY MEETING

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Wednesday 30th September 2026** at 7.30pm 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

TIME TO VOLUNTEER – JOIN ST VINCENT DE PAUL TODAY

The Society of St Vincent de Paul has launched a volunteer recruitment campaign inviting more people to become part of the SVP family in their local communities across the North Region. For more details contact SVP on 028 9035 1561 or email info@svpn.co.uk.

LOURDES FUNDRAISING CONCERT

Celebrating the spirit of Lourdes through music

St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh.....16th October 2026 at 7.30pm. Featuring choirs from Coalisland, Clonmore and Moy. MC for the evening will be Malachi Cush.

Tickets cost £20..... Contact your local Lourdes Committee.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND ULSTER RETREAT DAY

Catholic Mothers Ireland invite you to our Ulster Retreat Day on **Saturday, 3rd October**, from 10am–6pm at Benburb Priory

A day of prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal with guest speakers Fr Barry Matthews, Fr Gerry Campbell, Helen Stewart and Jim Deeds. Lunch and refreshments provided.

Cost: £45 Booking :www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats

ALL WELCOME — BRING A FRIEND

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.

AVAILABLE TO NON-CREDIT UNION MEMBERS ALSO

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.