

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**
- **St Joseph Men's Camino 12 September 2026**
- **A Journey of Faith St Patrick's Church Dundalk 17 September at 7.00pm**

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 **12th/13th September**. To have something included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 9th September 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN

6th September 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

We are living at a time of public enquiries, open tribunals and expensive investigations to establish where there may be dishonesty or corruption within certain bodies or organisations. As a result, we often learn about people defrauding the system, or behaving in a way that could harm others.

Occasionally, we discover that there were friends or colleagues who were aware of the wrongdoing but chose to turn a blind eye. This calls to mind the expression: ***“All that is required for evil to succeed is that good people should do nothing”***. Condoning a wrong-doing or colluding with it, is to contribute to the wrong-doing.

As we listen to Jesus speak about settling differences and mending fences, we may have to look no farther than our own families to realise the havoc caused by rows over the contents of a parent's will, a strip of land or a boundary fence. Sometimes for good measure children are drawn into the situation with the result that the bad blood and the strained relationships can be passed from one generation to the next. Many of us know people whose lives have been put on hold because they focused their energy on something that someone did to them five or twenty-five years ago.

When Jesus refers to conflict resolution and the importance of confronting another person with the truth, especially when that person has stepped out of line, we realise we are in delicate territory. To challenge another person is never easy because it requires moral courage, a genuine concern for the welfare of that person and others. Above all, it will require the ability to speak the truth in love and that is undoubtedly a gift from God.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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Email: kildressparish@outlook.com

LAST TWO WEEKENDS' OFFERTORY
COLLECTIONS BANKED

23rd August £1,560

30th August £1,325

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 (7th - 11th September 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: 9.30 am

Thursday evening: 7.30 pm Month Mind Mass for Kathleen McAleer

PRIEST'S VISIT TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

The Sick and Housebound will be attended this week as follows:

Monday morning: Killeenan area Tuesday 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.

LOUGH DERG RETREATS

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on September 6th, 9th, 12th, 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

FAREWELL TO BISHOP MICHAEL

A Mass of Thanksgiving will take place on **Wednesday, 9th September 2026** at 7.00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. All are welcome. This Mass will give us all an opportunity to thank Bishop Michael for his six years of generous service in the Archdiocese of Armagh and wish him well on his appointment as Bishop of Derry.

ST. JOSEPH'S REDEMPTORIST CHURCH DUNDALK

On **Thursday, 10th September** at 7.30pm, a special Prayer Service to mark World Suicide Prevention Day. **All are welcome.**

On **Sunday, 13th September** at 3.00pm, a celebration of the Eucharist to mark the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Redemptorists in Dundalk. All are welcome.

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 Maolmhaothóg, 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 and this includes tea and evening meal in the Carrickdale Hotel Dundalk. Names to Mary Livingstone 07974629994 on or before 25th September 2026

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN ST MARY'S HALL, DUNAMORE

Social Dance: Saturday 5th September..... Music by Lakelanders.....9.30 pm start..... All welcome

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

MUSIC CLUB IN GORTACLADDY HUB

Registration for the club for young and old took place on Wednesday, 2nd September 2026. **Classes commence Wednesday 9th September.**

CEILI IN ST JOSEPH'S HALL

The Ceili will take 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. Please support.