

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 Deirdre Bowe/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. Gerard Quinn
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!
- Abide Women's Conference 20 – 22 November 2026, Bundoran

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 **10th/11th October**. To have something included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 7th October 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN

4th October 2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

The vineyards referred to in today's readings describe God's care for his people Israel and their failure to produce the desired fruits. The Gospel parable about the vineyard and the wicked tenants might also speak to a human experience that is all too familiar: the pain of disappointment and betrayal. Some people will identify with the owner of the vineyard, who tried his best. He planted the vines, built a fence, dug a winepress, and erected a tower – he did all he could to secure a good harvest. Yet his hard work, attention to detail, and, above all, the trust he placed in his tenants came to nothing. He received no return.

There are some parents today who might relate to that sense of failure, especially when their adult children don't conform to their values or let them down through abusive drinking, marriage breakdown, trouble with the law or neglect of their faith.

Other people may recall the personal sacrifices they made to support another, but no gratitude: befriending a neighbour in difficulty, helping someone financially through hard times, going out of their way to offer a listening ear – and not a word of appreciation.

In some respects, that is also God's story for despite the love God has shown his people, he receives little in return. As Isaiah states in the First Reading, *"He expected it (the vineyard) to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave."*

The startling fact is that God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son. In anger and violence that Son was rejected and crucified. Today he is being rejected by apathy, indifference and lack of gratitude.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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Email: kildressparish@outlook.com

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY
COLLECTION BANKED

£1,720

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 (5th - 9th October 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

Next Sunday's 11.30 am Mass will be the First Anniversary Mass for John Nugent

St Mary's, Dunamore

Tuesday, 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

APOSTOLIC WORK

Kildress Apostolic Work would like to thank everyone for their generosity at their recent weekend Church Door collection. To date the total collected is **£2,509** and this full amount goes to Armagh Apostolic to be distributed to the Missions towards building of Churches, schools, wells and providing much needed food. Thank you again for your support.

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@svpni.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.

MISSIO IRELAND

October and World Mission Sunday is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries. Please call Missio Ireland on (01) 497 2035 or go to www.missio.ie for further information.

THE CARDINAL Ó FIAICH LIBRARY

The Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library & Archive's Autumn Programme continues on Thursday 7 October with a FREE lecture by Dr Conor Heffernan of Ulster University. The theme this season is Traditional Games in Ireland and Dr Heffernan will speak about the revival of the sport of Stone-lifting which is currently experiencing a resurgence in popularity. The talk begins at 7.30 pm and everyone is welcome. For more details tel. 028 3752 2981 or email eolas@ofiaich.ie

VOCATIONS TO THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood - Anyone interested in joining a discernment group to consider aspects of the Diocesan Priesthood are invited to contact Fr Barry Matthews, Armagh Archdiocese Vocations Director at armaghpriest@gmail.com or visit www.armaghpriest.com.

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

CREGGAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Bingo is back!! Starting Sunday 11th October at 8.00 pm. £1000 jackpot to be won in 45 calls or less, Take Your Pick top prize £100

Irish dancing classes every Tuesday: beginners at 6pm and advanced at 7:30pm.

Jujitsu every Saturday at 4.00 pm. Age 5+. £6 per class. No booking required. New beginners welcome to all classes.