

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
- *Eucharistic Adoration: Information evenings.
- *Abide Women's Conference 20 – 22 November 2026, Bundoran.
- *Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart

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 **24th/25th October**. To have something included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 21st October 2026**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN

18th October 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time Mission Sunday



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Today is Mission Sunday. Somebody has made the observation that to be a Christian and to be Missionary we need three bones: a back bone; a wish bone; and a funny bone.

* We need a back bone to stand firm when all else seems to waver; to speak boldly for Christ within a culture that is mainly concerned with the things of this world; to act uprightly when it would be so much easier to ignore or deny.

* We need a wish bone to dream dreams of a better world, to see beyond the confines of the present to the greener pastures of Christ's future where loneliness, anxiety and injustice give way to community, security and peace.

* We need a funny bone, to have the courage to laugh at our mistakes and to begin all over again; to realise that ultimately everything depends not on us but on the Spirit of Christ; to believe that the promises made by the Lord will endure despite our weaknesses.

On this Mission Sunday we pray for the many Irish missionaries working in various parts of the world and we remember too the significant number of Irish men and women who lost their lives overseas because of violence and sickness. Their example should encourage us to be willing to witness to Christ in the circumstances of our lives.

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

Fr Paddy Hughes,
Parochial House, 10 Cloughfin Rd.,
Killeenan, Cookstown BT80 9JB
Tel: 028 867 51206
Email: kildressparish@outlook.com

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY
COLLECTION BANKED

£2,325

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 (19th - 23rd October 2026)

St Joseph's, Killeenan

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

St Mary's, Dunamore

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

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

WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL

Missio Ireland thanks you for your prayers and financial support. The 2025 Mission Sunday Collection raised €1,360,971 - a remarkable act of generosity in a time of financial challenge.

Thanks to the generosity of our people and your kind support, the Armagh returns read very favourably: €44,975.

Prayer lies at the heart of all mission. Communities facing hardship overseas, and the missionaries who serve them, draw great hope from knowing that people in Ireland are praying for them.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

Envelopes for the names of our beloved dead are now available in both churches in the Parish.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY COALISLAND

Months Mind Mass for Fr Mark O'Hagan Church of the Holy Family, Coalisland Sunday **18th October 2026** at 9.30am

ANAM CARA ARMAGH CITY HOTEL

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Wednesday 28th October 2026 at 7.30 pm** 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 / NI 028 952 13120 or email info@anamcara.ie

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Over the next couple of weeks essential maintenance of, and repairs to, St Joseph's Church, Killeenan, will take place. These will include:

- fixing of the lead flashing over the Sanctuary area,
- fixing gullies and down pipes that are blocked
- adding two new down pipe at the front entrance to the church
- resealing on the outside of the window around the Sanctuary
- repairing damaged window sill

DOLLY MIXTURE ROAD RUN

In Aid Of McMillan Cancer Support

THIS SUNDAY 18th October 2026..... 17 mile route.....All vehicles welcome (cars, vans, jeeps, tractors, lorries).....MODERN OR VINTAGE.

ST JOSEPH'S HALL, KILDRESS

Registration 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Convoy leaves at 3.30 pm SHARP

£25 per vehicle (includes lunch token for driver)

Extra lunches £10 per adult £5 per U12

HOLY TRINITY COLLEGE- SCHOOL SHOW 2026

Get ready for a spooktacular evening of music, comedy and family fun as Holy Trinity College, Cookstown proudly presents **The Addams Family from Tuesday 20th - Thursday 22nd October at 7.30pm in our new school premises.** Tickets can be purchased via Eventbrite or by contacting reception on: (028) 8676 2420.