LAY MINISTRY FOR NOVEMBER 2026

Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Marie McElduff
Sunday 9.30 am Anne McNally
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Claire Devlin/Don McGurk

Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Jason Lagan/Thomas Loughran
Sunday 9.30 am. Oliver Gallagher/Tony McKernan
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Mark McMenamin/Vincent Ruddy

Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Ciara McIntyre
Sunday 9.30 am. Eoin Loughran
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Ava Devlin

Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Eithne Donnelly/Eileen Keenan/Caroline Kelly

St Joseph's Church: Caroline Mullan-Beggs/Vera Mullan/Roisin McAleer/Eilish McKenna

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
* Dungannon and Omagh Charismatic Prayer Groups

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 **14th/15th November.** To have something included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 / 07584168879 by **Wednesday 11th November 2026.** Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



8th November 2026

Thirty-Second Sunday Of The Year



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader

Today's Gospel reminds us to be ready when Jesus calls - not only at death or the end of the world, but whenever a moment of grace arrives. We need wisdom to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit because the moment of grace can come unexpectedly and we need to be constantly awake and alert.

The Gospel also gives us an insight into marriage customs at the time of Jesus.

Seemingly, weddings were held at night. The bridegroom would visit the bride's home to settle the dowry. The elaborate procession back to his house was an important part of the ceremony. The function of the bridesmaids was to keep the bride company. In those days it was the men who were notoriously bad timekeepers, so the wait could be long and his arrival uncertain. When his approach was eventually announced, excitement grew: the bridesmaids would go out with glowing torches to meet him and escort him and his bride to the wedding hall. The doors were then closed, and the banquet would begin.

We may feel sorry for the five bridesmaids caught without oil in their lamps and consider their friends selfish for refusing to share.

Perhaps there are lesson for us? We must take responsibility for our behaviour and the way we live, rather than blaming others for our negligence or excusing our mistakes. We must always remain alert to the Lord's daily call to love and serve him.

Lord, grant that when you come, at whatever hour, our minds may be alight with faith, our souls alight with hope, and our hearts alight with love. Then may you lead us into the wedding banquet to enjoy your eternal presence

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION BANKED

£2,270

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 (9th - 13th November 2026)

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday: 9.30 am

Friday evening: 7.30 pm Month Mind Mass for Rosie O'Connor

St Mary's, Dunamore

Thursday: 9.30 am

COLLECTION FOR THE MISSIONS

The recent collection for the Missions was **£970.** Thank you for your generosity

SOUTHERN TRUST SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

You are warmly invited to a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for parents and families who have been bereaved through pregnancy loss or the death of a baby, child or young person in Daisy Hill Hospital or the wider community.

Date: Sunday 15th November 2026; Time: 3.00 pm

Venue: Warrenpoint Town Hall. BT34 3HN

WEEK OF WITNESS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith.

The charity Aid to the Church in Need, which works to support them, is organising a Week of Witness from **November 15th - 22nd** to highlight their plight with a special appeal for parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on **'Red Wednesday' November 18th.** More information is available at www.acnireland.org

FORTHCOMING PARISH DRAW

Over the next number of weeks ticket sellers will be going through the Parish with our draw tickets
Tickets cost £50 each or 3 for £100
1st Prize £5000
2nd Prize £1000
3rd Prize. 2 X £500

Please support your Parish.

Fr Paddy Hughes

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2026

St Vincent de Paul (SVP) are holding their annual Christmas party in the Glenavon House hotel on **Sunday December 6th** from 1.15pm to 6pm. Admission is by ticket only. All tickets are £12.50 each.

Please contact the SVP shop in Cookstown or any SVP member for tickets.
Numbers are limited. Book before November 20th.

KILDRESS CREDIT UNION CHRISTMAS DRAW

Take part in the Kildress Credit Union Christmas Draw for your chance to win £1,000!

Ticket Prices: 1 Ticket - £5 3 Tickets - £10 7 Tickets - £20

Open to Kildress Credit Union ADULT members only.

Visit Kildress Credit Union to purchase your tickets and enter the draw.

The winner will be announced on Tuesday 15th December!

ARMAGH DIOCESAN PIONEER ASSOCIATION

Annual Presentation Night and Supper

Friday 20th November 2026….. Ryandale, Moy at 8.00 pm…… Door £15.00.

Presentation of Diamond, Gold, Silver Pioneer Pins along with awards on the night.

- **PLEASE NOTE THIS FUNCTION IS NOW IN NOVEMBER AS THE STORM STOPPED US IN OCTOBER 2026**
- **UNDER THE INSURANCE POLICY OF PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS CAN BE IN ATTENDANCE**