

LAY MINISTRY FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Takes Effect Saturday 31st August 2024

Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Kieran Kirk
Sunday 9.30 am Kathleen Lennon
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Mary Gilligan/Vincent Ruddy

Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Jason Lagan/Eamon McGurk
Sunday 9.30 am. Eimear Donnelly/John Loughran
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Shane Bowe/Brigid Heagney

Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Gerard Quinn
Sunday 9.30 am. Donna McCrory
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Carolyn Small

Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Meagan Grimes/Laoise Loughran/Una McGlinchey
St Joseph's Church: Briega Bell/Ann Mallon/Frances O'Gara

Anyone who cannot fulfil their ministry should contact Fr Hughes.

PARISH WEBSITE

Our Parish website can be accessed at www.kildressparish.co.uk

Visit the Latest News section of our Parish Website for details of forthcoming Diocesan events/courses which may be of interest to you.

The website has a facility to have the bulletin forwarded to your email address.

SOME USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

SAMARITANS: 028 25650000 and 08457909090 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

The next bulletin will be the weekend **31st August/1st September 2024**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 28th August 2024**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



25th August 2024
**Twenty-First Sunday
In Ordinary Time**



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

For the past few weeks, the Sunday Gospel has focused on St John's teaching on the Bread of Life and has reminded us of the awesome privilege of receiving the Lord in Holy Communion. This is no casual meeting, but an encounter with the Risen Jesus, deserving our utmost reverence and attention. The Eucharist is the Lord coming to us as the food of life, giving us nourishment and sustenance for our pilgrim journey of faith: "Whoever eats me will draw life from me".

In today's First Reading Joshua gathers the tribes of Israel and challenges their loyalty to God; he reminds them of how the Lord has led them to the Promised Land and how he has sustained them on their pilgrim journey. He then gives them a choice in terms of whom they now wish to serve.

The people are in no doubt - they will serve the Lord who has been so faithful to them in the past. "We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods!..... We will serve the Lord, for he is our God".

In the Gospel the followers of Jesus are also given a choice. In this instance some find his teaching too difficult to understand and feel offended. They drift away murmuring under their breath, "This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?" While the believers stay on, some of them are not too sure what is entailed.

In answer to the question from Jesus, "What about you, do you want to go away too?", Peter speaks on behalf of the others: "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life?"

This is a scene that has been repeated often down through the centuries. Some still find the message too difficult and walk no more with Jesus.

As for ourselves, we too must reflect on that question: "Will you also go away?"

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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COLLECTION BANKED FOR LAST
WEEKEND

£ 1,945

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 Slater (Cookstown): 028 867 63490
Fr Francis Coll (Coagh): 028 867 37212 Fr Moore (Pomeroy) 028 877 57867

WEEKDAY MASSES 26th - 30th August 2024

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Wednesday, Friday: 9.30 am

St. Mary's, Dunamore

Thursday: 9.30 am

ARCHDIOCESE OF ARMAGH CURSILLO

Cursillo is a lay movement within the Catholic Church which has provided a lifeline for many people who had become distanced from the Church, for those who had felt "far away from God" and for those who wanted to make a fresh start spiritually. The weekend can best be described as an encounter with Christ in a very meaningful way in a setting that is relaxed, prayerful and light-hearted. There are leaflets at the back of the chapel describing Cursillo in more detail with information about upcoming weekends in Servite Priory, Benburb for **men 19th - 22nd September** and **women 26th - 29th September**.

MARIE CURIE TWILIGHT WALK

Marie Curie's Twilight Walk is back for 2024! Join us on **Friday 27th September** for a very special event in support of Marie Curie at Barnett Demesne, Belfast.

Sign up by 4th August for 50% off registration www.mariecurie.org.uk/twilightwalk

ORDINATION OF DEACON BRIAN MCNALLY

Deacon Brian McNally will be ordained on **Sunday 29th September** in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for Ordination.

FREE LECTURE IN CARDINAL Ó FIAICH LIBRARY

Free lecture: "The Fadgies – a view of the Omeath community of Irish speakers in 19th-century Belfast" by Prof Fionntán de Brún, Maynooth.

Wednesday 4th September at 7.00 pm in Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library & Archive. More information 028 3752 2981 or eolas@ofiaich.ie

COLLECTION IN AID OF THE AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE

There will be a collection at all Masses this weekend of **24th/25th August** in aid of this very important and essential service. Please support generously.

MARY'S MEALS ———'ZERO HUNGER'

A powerful documentary about the devastating and escalating hunger crisis in Ethiopia will be shown in the Tyrone Suite of the Glenavon House Hotel Cookstown.
Date—**Thursday 5th. September 2024.** Time—7.00 pm-8.30 pm.
This film is not recommended for children due to distressing scenes. It has been given a 12A rating. Free admission. Everyone welcome Tea/Coffee available.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND – Family Day

We will be holding our inaugural Annual National Mass on Saturday **7th September** in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran, Co. Armagh (near Armagh city). Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin at 12 noon, followed by food and activities in the hall. A lovely day for all the family!
Email catholicmothers@outlook.ie for more information or book your place here:
<https://forms.office.com/r/tUCejrqnGn>

VENERABLE MATT TALBOT MASS

Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean Mc Dermott Street, Dublin

22nd September 2024 at 3.00pm.

All are welcome to join us. Those wishing to travel in Cookstown and Dungannon Regions contact Eugene O Hagan 0288673625

WEEKEND RETREAT IN DROMANTINE 27 – 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

The SMA community welcomes our supporters and friends to this Weekend Retreat and Reflection, which will be an opportunity to take time aside in the tranquil and relaxed setting of Dromantine.

All will join in celebrating Mass each day at the Novena in honour of St Therese. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated during the weekend.

KILDRESS CREDIT UNION LTD **Back To School Loans**

Prepare for the new school year with our Back To School loan. Whether you need to cover the cost of supplies, uniforms or tech **we're here to help.**

You can borrow up to £1,000 for a term of 26 weeks at a loan rate of 6% (APR 6.18%). The total amount repayable is £1,015.56 with weekly payments of £39.08 over 26 weeks.

Contact us today to see how we can help you get ready for the school year ahead.