

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 **7th/8th September 2024**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 4th September 2024**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



1st September 2024

**Twenty-Second Sunday
In Ordinary Time**



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

I wonder did you dip your fingers in the Holy Water font on your way into Mass today? If you did, you might like to reflect for a moment on how and why you did so. Was it an automatic gesture? Did you give any thought to the significance of what you were doing? Was it something you did out of habit? Did you simply bless yourself because it's part of the ritual of coming into a church building or did you think why you dip your fingers in Holy Water? Did you at any time associate the water with your Baptism or the accompanying words with the Holy Trinity or the gesture itself with the Sign of the Cross? And finally, did you genuflect on your way into your seat? If so, why? What did it look like? Did you deliberately bend the knee to touch the ground? Was that ritual also observed just because of habit, or did you think about Who you were genuflecting to and the significance of the ancient gesture of genuflecting?

I'm not posing these questions as some kind of quiz to see if you are a good Catholic; I do so merely to show how easily we can be like the Pharisees in today's Gospel. We can do things out of routine and with little thought or appreciation. The Pharisees were very religious people and extremely particular about observing all kinds of laws and regulations. They paid scrupulous attention to the external law while often neglecting more important considerations. Their behaviour prompted Jesus to say of them "these people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me".

Jesus reminds us that there is more required than external observance. It's about motivation and purpose and where your heart is that really matters. We've often heard the expression "he didn't have his heart in it" or "she didn't have the heart for it".

Jesus was aware that outward public behaviour doesn't necessarily reflect inward character. Maybe that's why at the beginning of his ministry he invited people to "Set your hearts first on the Kingdom of God".

**Lord, help us to be sincere in everything we do and say.
May what we express with our lips find expression in the quality of our lives.
And may we put more heart into the practice of our faith.**

Every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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COLLECTION BANKED FOR LAST
WEEKEND

£ 1,605

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 2nd - 6th September 2024

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Friday evening: 7.30 pm Month Mind Mass for Eileen McGuire.

Friday is the First Friday of the Month

St. Mary's, Dunamore

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

FIRST SATURDAYS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

A reminder that next **Saturday, 7th September**, is the first Saturday of the month. This devotion can be done on any five successive First Saturdays. Details of the Devotion can be found in the Latest News section of our Parish website.

ARCHDIOCESE OF ARMAGH CURSILLO _____ Change of Dates

The Cursillo weekends, referred to in last week's bulletin, have been changed as follows:

Men's weekend: Thursday 10th October to Sunday 13th October;

Women's Weekend: Thursday 7th November to Sunday 10th November.

Both will take place in the Servite Priory, Benburb.

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 colas@ofiaich.ie

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.

CÉILE IN ST JOSEPH'S HALL, KILLEENAN

The Céile will take place on **SATURDAY 14th September** in St Joseph's Hall, Killeenan, with dancing from 9.00 pm until 12.00 midnight.

Music by Duntally Band. Admission is £8 with proceeds going to Church Funds. Supper served. A great opportunity to support your Parish whilst having an enjoyable social event.

"OUR LADY OF SORROWS NOVENA" BENBURB PRIORY

Special Novena taking place in Benburb Priory **7th – 15th September 2024**.

Full schedule can be seen on our Parish website

To view on -line.. <http://www.mcn.live/camera/the-servite-priory--benburb>

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 22nd September 2024 at 3.00pm.

Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean Mc Dermott Street, Dublin All are welcome to join us. Those wishing to travel in Cookstown and Dungannon Regions contact Eugene O Hagan 0288673625

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

GREEN RIBBON MONTH - for Mental Health

September is Green Ribbon Month. Wear a green ribbon to show those you encounter that you care about their mental health. This September, for Green Ribbon Month, SHINE (Supporting people affected by mental ill health) asks you to support the campaign to help bring about positive changes in your community. Further information and resources can be found at: www.seechange.ie/green-ribbon/