

HEALTH & WELL BEING EVENTS

Tue 17th September: Drop in between 10.30am – 12.30pm in The Lurach Centre, Maghera to find out what support and services are in your local area

Thursday 3rd October: 4 week Health and wellbeing course begins in Maghera Leisure Centre, from 11.00 am—12.30pm. To book your place, contact health.wellbeing@midulstercouncil.org or 03000 132 132

7th October: 6 week Online Gentle Exercises and Wellbeing practices begins, with Ann and Paula from 11.00 am -12.15 pm. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Contact Anita for zoom link – 075 4063 5862 register@cwsan.org

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 including:

- *SMA Novena 23 September to 1 October 2024 (in honour of St Therese)
- *Anam Cara Parent Evening 25 September 2024 Armagh City Hotel
- *Weekend Retreat in Dromantine 27 – 29 September 2024
- *Marie Curie Twilight Walk 27 September 2024
- *Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Annual Service of Remembrance 6 October 2024
- *Our Lady's Rosay Festival Belfast 5 – 13 October 2024

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 **21st/22nd September 2024**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 18th September 2024**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

Please note that Parish matters relating to Worship, Church, Schools and Halls will take priority in the bulletin. Next to be included will be other matters of worship which would be of interest to parishioners, e.g trips to Knock. Inclusion of anything after that will depend on space available and will be dealt with on a first come-first served basis. Items which don't make the bulletin may still be published on the Parish website under "Events In Our Parish" in the Latest News section.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



15th September 2024

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

Partings are never easy, and farewells are tinged with sadness. September can be a difficult month for parents: it's not easy to let go the tiny hand that tightens its grip as you approach school on the child's first morning. The parent realises there will be many partings throughout life, but this is probably the most significant. No wonder there are tears!! Gradually, the situation improves and before long the young ones have made new friends, and the word of the teacher carries extraordinary weight.

Further into the month of September and October other parents are preparing for older ones heading off to university or college.

*Dear Lord,
As our students begin a new school year,
I pray that you will keep them in your care.
Send your Spirit to open their minds
to all that is true and beautiful and good
Help them to see the gifts and talents
you have given them and to use them well.
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.
Help them to be kind to others
and lead others to be kind to them.
Open their young hearts to your presence
and enfold them in your peace and protection.
Amen.*

And so, we do pray that God's Spirit will come upon all our young people and protect them from harm. Despite the many attractions and distractions of life may they always find time and place for silence and reflection. May they never become so preoccupied with the outer world that they forget the inner world – the world of the spirit, the depths of the human heart, the place where Christ dwells. And from the stillness of solitude may they recognise the value of companionship. May they have a desire for justice and grow in wisdom, responsibility, and maturity.

Every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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WEEKEND

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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 16th - 20th September 2024

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Tuesday: 9.30 am

Next Sunday's 11.30 am Mass (22nd September): Month Mind Mass for Gerry McCourt.

St. Mary's, Dunamore

Monday: 10.00 am Opening -School -Year Mass for St Mary's P S, Dunamore

RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

The Relics of St Bernadette are coming to Our Diocese:

19th October: St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh

20th October: St Patrick's Church, Dundalk

The Relics will also be in St Patrick's and St Colman's Cathedral in Newry on the **17th/18th of October.** St Bernadette's Body is in Nevers in France

DUNAMORE GRAVEYARD Important To Note

Our Graveyard in Dunamore, while it still has space for new plots, this space is diminishing and it is now time to look at measures to ensure the future needs of the Parish are maintained. Ultimately no new plots will be available in the current location and it is now time to be thinking about opening a new piece of ground. Making the preparations on any new ground will take time to meet the necessary requirements. However the first step is to locate a possible location for the extension of the graveyard which does not need to be adjacent to the existing graveyard but would be preferable to be close to the Church. **If anyone has any suggestions or options as to where this could be it would be greatly appreciated if they could contact me to discuss the next steps. I am keen to ensure that there is a suitable burial ground in Dunamore for the years to come.**

In the more short term, to protect the limited space, I have implemented the following measures:

*Any new Graves required will only be allocated at the point of need and

*There will be no new graves provided to anyone who lives outside the parish. There will be no objections to the use of an existing family plot.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL COLLECTION

Collection this weekend for the maintenance/ restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh. Please use a spare envelope from your offertory box and mark it Cathedral.

CÉILE IN ST JOSEPH'S HALL, KILLEENAN

The Céile will take place **TONIGHT, 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.

KILDRESS AREA YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club will recommence on **Wednesday 2nd October 2024**, from 7.00-8.30pm. Registration forms will be distributed on the first night. The Youth Club is for children aged 7 to 1st year. Please note that a parent with a child attending the youth club will be expected to supervise on a few occasions over the year, this will work in a rota basis.

KILDRESS WOLFE TONES HUB—FORTHCOMING EVENTS

GIVE BLOOD

.....on **Wednesday 18th September** at Kildress Wolfe Tones Hub, you could save 3 lives. Book your appointment now between 12.30 pm and 7.30 pm. Tel. 08085 534653 or visit www.nibts.org

FRIDAY MORNING SOCIAL

Good news in that our Friday Morning Social will resume on **Friday 20th September** at 11.30am and will continue each Friday until the Christmas Break. There is no need to book, you can just turn up.

MUSIC

Music lessons for young and old commence on **Wednesday 25th September** in our Hub. We offer tuition in tin whistle, flute, banjo, mandolin, bodhrán, fiddle, guitar and accordion, subject to numbers.

A FESTIVAL FOR MATTY

We are inviting you all to join us in a weekend of events to celebrate to life of Matty McGuigan. Matty had a strong love for football, music and the club so it's very fitting we host a weekend involving all those things!

Saturday 28th September

12noon - 7 aside Minor boys tournament **5.00 pm** - Music Fest (10 live acts) tickets available on klubfunder

Sunday 29th September

Funday 12 noon - 6.00 pm (Football, kids activities, FitMinds Coaching, hot food, bar facilities, live music and much more!) **6. 00 pm** - Corky's Big Bingo