

LAY MINISTRY FOR OCTOBER 2024

Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Paula Conlon
Sunday 9.30 am Eileen Leadon
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Anne Hagan/ Anne Mallon

Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Jason Lagan/Tony McKernan
Sunday 9.30 am. Louis Lennon/Damian McElduff
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Mark McMenamin/Vincent Ruddy

Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Michelle McLaughlin
Sunday 9.30 am. Noelle McAshea
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Ailish McGeown

Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Martina Mallon/ Clare Tracey/Sinead Tracey
St Joseph's Church: Anne Hagan/Ciara Hagan/ Donna Hagan

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 **5th/6th October 2024**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 2nd October 2024**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



29th September 2024

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**



Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader

As Christians we must always be aware that the way we live our lives has an influence on others for better or for worse; I can be a stumbling block or a stepping stone in somebody's path on the way to salvation.

You are a scandal to me when you are unkind or unjust in the way you treat me. You make me feel inadequate. You damage my self-confidence. You are a scandal to me when you fail to understand my weakness, mistakes and sins. When you condemn me, you make me feel unworthy and inadequate.

You are a scandal to me when you discourage me, exclude me or ignore me. You hurt my pride and make me feel a stranger.

You are a scandal to me when you exploit me (cf. St James in today's Second Reading). You impoverish me in order to enrich yourself.

But you can also be a stepping stone for me on the road to salvation:

You are a stepping stone to me when you support me in moments of weakness and doubt.

You are a stepping stone to me when you give me a belief in myself and boost my self-confidence. You see something in me that I am not able to see in myself.

You are a stepping stone when you challenge me and make demands of me, not to hurt me, but to help me grow and develop my potential.

You are a stepping stone when you forgive me. You liberate me from my past and allow me to move forward once more. If you have done any of these things you are a light to me in my darkness.

You are a signpost on my journey.

You are a bridge over troubled water.

As Jesus says in today's Gospel, "*If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, he will most certainly not lose his reward*".

With every blessing, Monsignor Colum.

PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS

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COLLECTION BANKED FOR LAST
WEEKEND

£ 1,755

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 30th September - 4th October 2024

St Joseph's, Killeenan

Monday, Wednesday: 9.30 am

Friday evening: 7.30 pm. Fr Brian McNally will celebrate Mass and give his
First Blessing to all.

St. Mary's, Dunamore

Tuesday evening: 7.30 pm First Anniversary Mass for Brigid Brennan

Thursday: 9.30 am

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

FR BRIAN MCNALLY

The Ordination of Rev Brian McNally for the Archdiocese of Armagh will take place **this**
Sunday afternoon in St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh at 2.30 pm. May God bless him with
a happy and fulfilling ministry

On Friday evening, **4th October**, Fr Brian will celebrate Mass in St Joseph's Church,
Killeenan, at 7.30 pm, the Church where he was baptised. He will give his First Blessing to
all present. Refreshments will be served afterwards in St Joseph's Hall.

AIR AMBULANCE COLLECTIONS

Helen McAlister, who did the recent church door collections for
the Air Ambulance, has asked me to thank you for your generous
donation. A total of £1,792 was raised. Thank you.

Fr Paddy Hughes

WORLD ROSARY DAY 7 OCTOBER 2024

Pope Francis has asked for a new prayer initiative as a great symphony of prayer leading up
to the Jubilee 2025. He has requested that all Catholics pray the Rosary at the same time **at**
7pm (local time) on the 7th October, the Feast of the Holy Rosary. It would be great to
have as many dioceses and parishes as possible registered for this as thousands of groups
have already registered from all over the world. Fr. Richard Gibbons has registered Knock
Shrine as a venue for the Rosary at that date and time and it might be useful to notify those
who are housebound, or unable to gather at a local level, to join with them online.
If you can organise a parish or group gathering to pray the Rosary at the specified time,
please register them by following the link to the relevant website, [World Rosary Day](#)

DUNAMORE GRAVEYARD

Space in the Graveyard in Dunamore, is diminishing and it is now time to look at
measures to ensure the future needs of the Parish. Ultimately no new plots will be available
in the current location and a new piece of ground will have to be opened. If anyone has
any suggestions or options as to where this could be please contact me to discuss the next
steps. I am keen to ensure a suitable burial ground in Dunamore for the years to come.

CEILI IN ST JOSEPH'S HALL - A THANK YOU

My thanks to the organisers of the recent Ceili in St Joseph's Hall,
Killeenan. £260 was raised for Parish Funds. My appreciation
goes to everyone involved.

Fr Paddy Hughes

DATES FOR THE DIARY.

Thursday 10th April 2025: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on the boys
and girls of Primary 7 in both St Mary's and St Joseph's schools on at 5.00 pm in St Mary's
Church Dunamore

Saturday 3rd May 2025: First Communion for the boys and girls of P4 in St Joseph's PS
in St Joseph's Church at 11.00 am

Saturday 10th May 2025: First Communion for the boys and girls of P4 in St Mary's PS
in St Mary's Church Dunamore at 11.00 am

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Lissan Apostolic Society is holding its final bazaar on Mission Sunday, **20th October 2024**
from 3.00 pm until 6.00 pm. Admission Free. All proceeds in aid of Missions