

**St Brigid's Church Killeshandra**  
**Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva**  
**Church Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**A Time for Change:** In his Lenten Message, Pope Francis states: "Lent is a time to free oneself from slavery and take action to free others suffering from the multiple forms of slavery that affect our world." In the Gospel of this weekend, Jesus has to overcome 3 different forms of temptation - Power, Prestige and Possessions. All human beings are tempted in similar ways. Pope Francis writes: "We set up idols for ourselves, such as a longing to be all-powerful, to be looked up to by all and to dominate others. We can become attached to money, to certain projects, ideas or goals, to our position, to a tradition, even to certain individuals, all of which may only paralyze people and create conflict. Through prayer, almsgiving and fasting, Christians experience openness and self-emptying in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us. We need to rethink our lifestyles and to examine our role in society and the contribution we can make to its betterment."

According to the International Labour Office, as of 2023, there are still 152 million children and adolescents who are victims of child labour worldwide. Some 40,000 of them are working in mines in the Democratic Republic of Congo, extracting coltan which is needed in making smartphones, tablets and computers, tools that sometimes end up being a form of addiction for others. According to a United Nation report in 2021, 22 million people were trapped in forced labour and another 22 million into forced marriage, in addition to the countless victims of human trafficking. Additionally, our lifestyles in Western countries have a major negative effect on climate change.

**Lenten Pledge: I promise to abstain from alcohol until Easter Sunday. I ask God to help me keep this promise.**

Trócaire Boxes: are available in all churches. "Lent is a time to begin living more simply so that others can simply live".

**St. Brigid's Church Killeshandra**

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Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	Month's Memory, Colm and Rose O'Reilly, Lahard
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	11am.	Anniv. John and Mary Anne O'Reilly, Eonish. Anniv. Tommy McDermott, Dernacross and John, Ellie and Jimmy Reilly and deceased family members.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	7pm.	Memorial Mass for deceased members of Killeshandra Pioneer Centre
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb.		Eucharistic Adoration 5pm to 9pm.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.	7pm.	
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	11am.	Anniv. Terry and Seán O'Reilly, Drumabry. Anniv. James and Mary Ellen McDermott, Gurteen

**Recently deceased: Please remember in your prayers the death of:** Ina Thompson, Main Street, whose funeral took place in St Brigid's Church on Thursday last. May she Rest in Peace.

**Offertory Collections: 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. - €630**

**Special Date for your diary:** Sunday March 10th will be a Special Day in the parishes of Killeshandra and Kildallan, when, in association with the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary (Killeshandra Nuns), we, at a Special Commemorative Mass in St. Brigid's Church Killeshandra, will celebrate the arrival of the Sisters to Drummully House on March 7th 1924. Chief celebrant will be Bishop Martin Hayes. Everyone welcome – more details will be published in the coming weeks.

**Sacred Heart Church Arva**

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	10am.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.	10am.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	10am.

**Offertory Collections: 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. €710.**

**Concert:** With much needed renovations due to commence in the next couple of months in the Sacred Heart Church, Arva the Parish Committee are holding a Concert in the Church on Saturday 16 March with a fabulous group called ÉIRU. Tickets are on sale and the committee ask for your generous support. It is important to have this work carried out as soon as possible. Surveys have been undertaken and Grants applied for so it is important that the whole community gets behind this work to restore our Church to its former beauty.

**Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea**

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	7.30pm.	Anniv. Brenda Chipperfield (née O'Reilly) and deceased of the O'Reilly family, Cloncose.
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	10am.	
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	7.30pm.	Anniv. Margaret McCabe, Mullaghboy, Corlismore. Anniv. The deceased members of the O'Reilly family, Behey and the deceased members of the McArdle family, Lough Egish, Co Monaghan. Anniv. Terry and Annie Masterson, Bruce.
Recently deceased: Please remember in your prayers the deaths of:		Bernard (Benny) Martin, Quivvy whose funeral took place in Coronea Church on Thursday last and Mary (May) Mullen, Arva whose funeral took place in Coronea Church on Friday last. May they Rest in Peace.

**\*\*\*Please Note: Due to the Concert taking place in the Sacred Heart Church Arva on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, Mass will be at the earlier time of 7pm in Coronea Church.**

**Offertory Collections: 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. - €335.**

**Save the Date - Open Day in Corliss NS** - Saturday 2nd of March 11am-1pm. Come and see what our fabulous school has to offer, meet the teachers and view the plans for our new school building. All welcome.

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**Secretary:** Bridie Finlay **049-4334017** or **Email: [killeshandra@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:killeshandra@kilmorediocese.ie)** – Booking of Anniversary Masses, and notices for inclusion in Church Newsletter. Monday to Wednesday 1.30 to 3.30pm.