

**St Brigid's Church Killeshandra**  
**Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva**  
**Church Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**'All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person' The Foolish Monk**

Once upon a time an Abbot and a young monk lived together in the same hut. The saintly abbot was the teacher of the monk. Eventually the abbot was impressed by the spiritual progress of the young monk. He let him live on his own in a riverbank hut. Each night the young monk used to put out his religious habit to dry. It was his only possession. One morning he was dismayed to find that his only habit had been torn by rats. He begged the local villagers to buy him a second habit. When the rats tore that one also, he got a cat. But now he had to beg not only for food for himself, but milk for the cat. To get around this, he borrowed money to buy a cow. Then he had to borrow some more money to buy land for the cow to graze. Then he hired workers to cultivate the excess land and with the produce from it, he paid the workers and also paid back his borrowings. Checking on the workers on a daily basis interfered with his prayer life. So, he married a wife to help him out. Soon he was the wealthiest person in the village. So, he built himself a mansion where his old hut stood. After several years the abbot visited him and asked: Why are you living in such grandeur in a mansion? What is the meaning of all this? The monk answered: There was no other way to protect my religious habit from the rats!

**Returning to School:** Dear Heavenly Father, for all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector. Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm. Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace. Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts. Help us to mature as parents and caregivers. Bless every family. We entrust our children to you, dear God. Since from the beginning they are yours to keep. Amen.

**Information evenings for the Ministry of Lay Pastoral Worker Programme:** will take place in the Island Theatre, Ballinamore on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept at 8pm and the Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30pm. Brochures are also available in each church, providing further details. Further information on the Kilmore diocesan website at [www.kilmorediocese.ie](http://www.kilmorediocese.ie) If you are unable to attend in person, you may join an online information meeting or one of the other scheduled meetings in the Diocese; all details are on the website. Bishop Martin and team will be present at all the meetings and are looking forward to meeting you. If you have any queries, please email Martina at [pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie) or telephone 085 864 0299.

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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 11.15am.** **Anniv.** Annie and Matt Reilly, Cordalea.  
**Anniv.** Kathleen, Philip and P. O'Reilly. Fr Seamus O'Reilly. Eileen and Phil Masterson and all the deceased members of the O'Reilly family, Derries Lower.  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 7pm.** **Anniv.** P.J. and Elizabeth Kelly, Drumhilla.  
John and Nora McGivern, Ballyhaunis and Peter and Peggy Maguire.  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** Eucharistic Adoration 5pm to 9pm.  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 7pm.** **Anniv.** Michael and Mary Martin, Kinkeel.  
**Anniv.** The deceased members of the O'Reilly family, Feaugh and Mel McCormack.  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 11.15am.** **1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.** Francis Magarahan and **27<sup>th</sup> Anniv.** Kathleen Magarahan.  
**Anniv.** Tommy and Teresa McDermott, Tully and Anna May and Vincent Crowe.

**Readers:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Áine McGibney. **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September:** Michael McGibney.

**Offertory Collection:** 25<sup>th</sup> August: €850. **Holy Land Collection – to date:** €140.

**Scoil Bhríde** reopens this Monday, September 1st. We welcome back our pupils, refreshed after the summer break and we extend a special welcome to the boys and girls who begin a new journey in life. Monday also sees Ms Ailis Fay assume her position as the new Principal. We wish her well as captain of the ship together with all staff, old and new; may the ship sail happily as they embark on a new school year. Special best wishes are extended to Bridie Finlay who has retired as Secretary after many years of faithful and dedicated service. Enjoy a **Long and Happy Retirement** Bridie. We warmly welcome Sharon Shanley as she takes up her position as Secretary.

**Sacred Heart Church Arva**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 9.45am.** **Anniv.** Kathleen and Gerry Ellis and the deceased members of the Ellis family, Drumalt.  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 10am.**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 9.45am.** **Anniv.** Bridie Duffy, Broad Road, Arva.  
**Readers:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September: Alice Murtagh. **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September:** Eileen McGlade.  
**Children's Rosary Practice** every Monday evening at 6.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Arva. Everyone welcome.  
**Offertory Collection:** 25<sup>th</sup> August: €447.

**Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 7.30pm.** **Anniv.** John McKiernan, Drumkeeran.  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 10am.**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm.** **Anniv.** Hugh and Brigid Duignan and deceased family members.  
**Anniv.** Gerry Leddy, Gurteen, Arva.  
**Offertory Collection:** 24<sup>th</sup> August: €341. **Holy Land Collection – to date:** €120.

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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 10am to 1pm.**