

St Brigid's Church Killeshandra
Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva
Church Newsletter 16th March 2025
Second Sunday of Lent

Reflection: Temptation

Abbot John, the Dwarf, prayed to the Lord to take away all his passions and the Lord granted his prayer. In this condition he went to one of the elders and said; "You see before you a man who is completely at rest and has no more temptations. The elder said to him; "Go and pray to the Lord to command some struggle to be stirred up in you, for the soul is matured only in battle." And when the temptations started up again, he did not pray that the struggle be taken away from him, but only said; "Lord, give me the strength to get through the fight."

In her writings, Flannery O'Connor, refers to the devil in the following humorous way; "A working knowledge of the devil can be very well had, from resisting him." In today's Gospel, we are invited to consider the three temptations the devil set before Christ as we too have to wrestle with similar temptations. The first temptation was to be selfish – thing only of ourselves; the second, idolatry – to worship the golden calf of materialism; the third, to put God to the test to bargain with God.

St Patrick's Day Collection. Please use your St Patrick's Day envelope for this collection. We appeal for your continued generosity towards Missionary work and Emigrant Chaplaincy. Thank you.

Community Games Arva / Killeshandra / Cornafean. Are you in our Community Games Area?? Is your child aged 6 to 16. Would they like to make new friends or try new activities. There is something for everyone. Art, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Chess, GAA, Gymnastics, Handwriting, Model Making, Pitch and Putt, Quiz, Soccer, Swimming, Tag Rugby, Drama, Music, Dance and more. All welcome to join in the fun. Contact: Pauline Duignan 087 7702019 or Catherine Geoghegan 086 0859470 for further information.

Daffodil Day: It's that time of year again when we need volunteers for Daffodil Day on Friday March 28th. If you can spare a couple of hours, please message or phone with your name, number and if you have a preference to (am) (pm) or (flexi), we will put you in touch with your Local Organiser or perhaps you may even want to run a Coffee Morning or other event at your place of work. Let's go all in against cancer and turn Cavan yellow this daffodil day. Please contact Martina on 0863782928. Many thanks for your continued support.

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Sunday 16th March 11.15am. People of the Parish.

Monday 17th March 11.15am. **Lá Fhéile Pádraig.** Anniv. Patrick and Anna Luby, Rockfield and deceased family members and Anniv. John Murphy, Corraneary. Eucharistic Adoration 5pm to 9pm.

Wednesday 19th March

Friday 21st March 10am. (no evening Mass)

Sunday 23rd March 11.15am. Anniv. Francie and Peggy McKiernan, Rockfield.

We remember in our prayers all those who died recently. We remember especially the repose of the soul of:

Eamonn Corr, Carrickaboy and Drumrooske, whose funeral took place in St Matthew's Church, Drumavaddy on Saturday last, 15th March. May he Rest in Peace.

Readers: Sunday 17th and 23rd March: Noeleen O'Reilly.

Offertory Collection: Sunday 9th March: €780.

Sacred Heart Church Arva

Sunday 16th March 9.45am. Anniv. Gerard Hourican, Woodlands, Arva.

Anniv. Christine O'Connor, Tycusker and her nephew, Philip O'Reilly, Castlegregory, Kerry.

Monday 17th March 9.45am. **Lá Fhéile Pádraig.** Anniv. Norman Moore.

Friday 21st March 10am. People of the Parish.

Sunday 23rd March 9.45am. **Month's Memory.** Kathleen Kiernan, Enaghan, Aughnaccliffe, her husband, John and son Pauric whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Anniv. Kathleen Bouchier, Con and Madge Bouchier and deceased members of the Bouchier family

2nd Anniv. Fr Vincent Brady and 5th Anniv. Fr Charles Brady, Gurteen.

Readers: Sunday 16th March: Erinn Smith. **Monday 17th March:** Claire Miney. **Sunday 23rd March:** Eddie Ward.

Eucharistic Ministers: Sunday 16th March: Carmel Dobson & Cormac O'Donnell. **Monday 17th March:** Bernie Calders & John Ryan.

Sunday 23rd March: Margaret Maguire & Margaret McEntee.

Offertory Collections: Sunday 9th March: €574.89.

Children's Rosary Sacred Heart Church: Wednesdays - 6.30pm. We welcome all children and adults to join in this beautiful prayer.

Concert: Keep the date free - Saturday 12 April – The Virginia Gospel Choir will perform a Concert in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arva commencing at 8.00 pm sharp featuring special guests Fr Jordan Mc Gabhann on Uileann Pipes and Flute and The Dreamers. This is a night not to be missed and all proceeds will go towards the Conservation and Restoration of the Church. Work is ongoing at the moment with the Gutters taken down and repaired – as it is a Listed Building all the original material must be reused. Mc Govern Builders, Bawnboy are the contractors and are specialists in this work. **Tickets on sale after Mass on Sunday 16th March.**

Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea

Saturday 15th March 7.30pm.

Monday 17th March 9am. **Lá Fhéile Pádraig.**

Tuesday 18th March 10am.

Saturday 22nd March 7.30pm.

Offertory Collections: Saturday 8th March: €633.55.

Coronea N.S. Enrolment: If and Parent(s) wish to enroll their child in Coronea N.S., please contact the school at 049433570.

Priests: Fr. Andrew Tully P.P. Killeshandra. 049-4334017/086-8050526. Email: killeshandra@kilmorediocese.ie

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Secretary: Bridie Finlay 049-4334017 or Email: killeshandra@kilmorediocese.ie – Booking of Anniversary Masses, and notices for inclusion in Church Newsletter. **Monday to Wednesday 10am to 1pm.**