

St Brigid's Church Killeshandra
Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva
Church Newsletter 23rd March 2025
Third Sunday of Lent

Reflection: Religious Holidays

An atheist once complained to a friend, "Christians have their special holidays, such as Christmas and Easter; and Jews celebrate their holidays, such as Passover and Yom Kippur; Muslims too have their holidays. Every religion has its holidays. "But we atheists" he said, "have no recognised national holidays of any kind." His friend replied, "well why don't you start by celebrating April 1st!!!"

I Will Seek Beauty All My Days

Within the dark chaos of a troubled world, I will seek and find some Beauteous Thing.
From eyes grown dim with weeping; will shine a light to guide me,
and in Sorrow's Hour, I shall behold a great High Courage.
I shall find the wonder of an infinitive Patience; and a quiet Faith in coming Joy and Peace.
And love will I seek in the midst of Discord, and find swift eager hands out-stretched in welcome.
I will seek beauty all my days; and in my quest, I shall not be dismayed.
I shall find God.

Ulster Provincial Pioneer Council Hosts: National Ball 2025 which takes place on Saturday 5th April 2025, commencing with Mass in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan at 6pm followed by dinner in the Four Season's Hotel, Monaghan at 7.30pm. Music and dancing to Brendan McCahey Band. For further information or ticket sales - contact Rosaleen at 087 2450692.

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Sunday 23rd March	11.15am.	Anniv. Francie and Peggy McKiernan, Rockfield.
Monday 24th March	7pm.	Special Intention
Wednesday 26th March		Eucharistic Adoration 5pm to 9pm.
Friday 28th March	10am. (no evening Mass)	
Sunday 30th March	11.15am.	Frank and Rose Ellen McGovern, formerly of Derry and their daughter, Helen Fullen, Laheen.

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

Dr John Taaffe, Tullamore, Offaly and Doogarrry, Killeshandra whose funeral took place in the Church of the Assumption, Tullamore on Monday last, 17th March. May he Rest in Peace.

Readers: Sunday 23rd March: Noeleen O'Reilly. Sunday 30th March: Áine McGibney.

Offertory Collection:

Sunday 16th March: €726. **St Patrick's Day Collection:** €656. **Confirmation Collection for Youth Ministry:** €710.

Sacred Heart Church Arva

Sunday 23rd March	9.45am.	Month's Memory. Kathleen Kiernan, Enaghan, Aughtnaccliffe, 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.
Friday 28th March	10am.	People of the Parish.
Sunday 30th March	9.45am.	Anniv. Barney McAvinue, Chapel Road, Arva. Anniv: Kathleen, Patsy and Pádraig Gumley, Castlepoles.

Readers: Sunday 23rd March: Eddie Ward. Sunday 30th March: Michael Ellis.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday 23rd March: Margaret Maguire & Margaret McEntee. **Sunday 30th March:** Frances Barry & Sandra Dobson.

Offertory Collections: Sunday 16th March: €1,012.34. **St Patrick's Day Collection:** €654.

Children's Rosary Sacred Heart Church: **Wednesdays - 6.30pm.** We welcome all children and adults to join us 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 Uilleann 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.

Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea

Saturday 22nd March	7.30pm.	
Tuesday 25th March	10am.	Birthday Remembrance: John Rothwell. 1st Anniv. Tommy Brady and Anniv. Ollie Brady
Saturday 29th March	7.30pm.	Anniv. Bernard and Brigid McCaffrey, Drumbess, John P. McCaffrey and deceased members of the McCaffrey family.

Offertory Collections: Saturday 15th March: €320.60. **St Patrick's Day Collection:** €293.

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

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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.**