

St Brigid's Church Killeshandra
Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva
Church Newsletter 18th May 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Reflection: "There are many rooms in my Father's house."

Swallows are appearing in plenty in recent days, having started their long journey from South Africa in early March. During the winter they will have undergone a leisurely moult and so return on 'new wings'. The journey takes 6 to 8 weeks and millions of birds are still streaming northwards to all parts of Europe and Western Asia. The 6000-mile journey to Ireland and elsewhere is hazardous, as all journeys are. Like the swallows we have two homes. One journey, however, that of a lifetime unlike the swallow's annual journey. We are not guided by instinct but by Christ who is 'the Way, the Truth, and the Life'.

Relics of St Oliver Plunkett: will visit The Conaty Chapel of the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Cavan next Wednesday, 21 May 2025, through the kind support of the Knights of St. Columbanus. The relics will arrive at the Centre at 10:00a.m. and will be available for veneration until 10:00p.m. that evening. Please see poster on church noticeboard or contact the Centre - 049 4375004 for more information.

Mary's Meals Ireland will hold a Church Gate Collection: on May 24th and 25th. Your support would be greatly appreciated. They feed more than 2.6 million children each school day in 16 of the world's poorest countries. €22 will feed a child in their place of education for a whole school year. With at least **93%** of all donations going directly to their charitable activities. For more information go to www.marysmeals.ie

Online Pray for Life Novena – 23rd May to 31st May 2025: for the protection of human life which is available at The Irish Catholic Bishops' Council for Life website at, <https://councilforlife.ie/pray-for-life-novena/> and at <https://prayforlife.ie/>

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Sunday 18th May	11.15am.	Months Memory: Kevin O'Reilly, Drumambry. Anniv. John Joe and Maura Braiden, Snakiel.
Monday 19th May	7pm.	People of the Parish
Wednesday 21st May		Eucharistic Adoration 5pm to 9pm.
Friday 23rd May	7pm.	
Sunday 25th May	11.15am.	Anniv. John, Rose and Hugh Kiernan, Drumrooske.
		1st Anniv. Bernadette (Bea) Brady, Church Street.
		7th Anniv. Gretta Magee, Drumnavanagh, Cavan and formerly Drumgoa.
		Anniv. John, Eileen, Pat and Richard Brady
		and deceased members of the Brady and Galligan families.

Readers: Sunday 18th May: Kieran Fitzpatrick. Sunday 25th May: Eamon Sexton.

Offertory Collections: Sunday 11th May: €916. **Diocesan Purposes to date:** €194.

We remember in our prayers all those who died recently. We remember especially: Gerry McCormack, Railway Road, Killeshandra. Gerry's funeral took place yesterday, Saturday 17th May in St Brigid's Church, Killeshandra. May he Rest in Peace.

We also remember: Seamus Magee, Drumree, Co Meath and formerly Drumgoa, Killeshandra who died on 4th April 2025. May he Rest in Peace.

Killeshandra Camino: We Need Your Help – Just a few hours on Saturday 21st June. Can you lend a hand to support a great local day? If you're not walking the Camino this year, could you spare a few hours to help with stewarding along the route or hospitality in the Community Hall. We especially need help in the afternoon through to the end of the day. This is a real community event, and it takes the whole community to make it happen. It's always a brilliant day – full of friendly faces, great conversations, and a lot of fun. Surplus funds go back to local voluntary and community groups doing such valuable work. Please let us know if you can help.

A Talk Celebrating the Return of Summer Migratory Birds to Killeshandra: given by Cavan Birdwatch and Ecologist, Anne Birtwistle in Killeshandra Resource Centre (H12 X3Y9) on Wednesday 21st May at 7.00pm. Who amongst us has not wondered about this great phenomenon. Come along and hear this interesting story.

Sacred Heart Church Arva

Sunday 18th May	9.45am.	Months Memory: Ita Reilly, Drumhaldry.
Friday 23rd May	10am.	
Sunday 25th May	9.45am.	Anniv. Kathleen Ellis, Woodlands, Arva.

Readers: Sunday 18th May: John Ryan. Sunday 25th May: Eileen McGlade.

Eucharistic Ministers: Sunday 18th May: Frances Barry and Sandra Dobson. Sunday 25th May: Eileen Cully and Micky Cully.

Offertory Collections: Sunday 11th May: €663.85. **Diocesan Purposes Collection to date:** €195.

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

Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea

Saturday 17th May	7.30pm.	First Anniv. Seamus Fitzpatrick, Drumcarey, Corlismore and Ballinagh.
		Anniv. Philip Mulligan, Forthill.

Tuesday 20th May	10am.
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Saturday 24th May	7.30pm.	Seán Maguire and the deceased members of the Maguire family, Bruce.
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Offertory Collection: Saturday 10th May: €320.

East Cavan Region PTAA Hosts: Dinner Dance on Sunday 25th May in the Lavey Inn. Music by Seamus Farrell. Tickets €35, available from Fr Andrew Tully at 086 8050526. A Procession for Jubilee Year will also take place earlier in the day at 12.30pm followed by Mass in Upper Lavey Church at 1pm.

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.**