

**St Brigid's Church Killeshandra**  
**Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva**  
**Church Newsletter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025**  
**The Ascension of The Lord**

**Reflection: 'He withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven.'**

On Ascension Day Jesus withdrew his physical presence from his disciples. But physical absence does not mean absence of presence. People can be very close to one another even though separated by thousands of miles. In fact, physical presence can sometimes actually get in the way of intimate communication. Many of our disappointments in life are caused by the fact that seeing and touching do not always create the closeness we seek. For people to grow together there must be periods of absence as well as presence. In absence we see each other in a new way. We are less distracted by a person's idiosyncrasies and are better able to appreciate his or her true worth. 'Absence makes the heart grow fonder.' When we think of each other with love, a spiritual bond is created between us and we enter into a new intimacy. For those who love one another there is no such place as 'far away'.

**The Knights of St Columbanus Charities -Annual Church Gate Collection** at all Masses in the three Church areas of Killeshandra Parish **this weekend, Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**. The Knights support students for the Priesthood, they issue Prayer Cards to children for Confirmation in the Diocese and they support the education of children with learning difficulties in Africa. Please support.

**Jubilee Year of Hope 2025:** Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Martin Hayes on Trinity Island on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm. All welcome!

**The Diocese of Kilmore is recruiting for the position of Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and Training:** 6-month initial contract working 2 days per week (flexible) initially (with possibility of increase in hours). This post will be based in the Conaty Centre in Cavan town and will require travel around the Diocese of Kilmore. Full job description and requirements of candidates available on diocesan website ([www.kilmorediocese.ie](http://www.kilmorediocese.ie)) CV's and cover letters to be issued to Bishop's House, Cullies, Co. Cavan. Closing date for applications is 14th June 2025.

**Diocesan Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to Rome:** Bishop Martin Hayes will lead a diocesan pilgrimage to Rome from Thursday 20 to Wednesday 26 November 2025 to mark the Jubilee Year of Hope. This pilgrimage will be of particular interest (though not exclusively) to those involved with church choirs as it will coincide with the Jubilee of Choirs being organised as part of the Jubilee Year of Hope programme in the Vatican. The cost of the pilgrimage is €1,855 per person sharing on a half-board basis. Single Room Supplement: €300 (limited availability). Contact: Seán Coll, Pilgrimage Director on 049 4375004 (Extension 102) or by email to [directorkdpc@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:directorkdpc@kilmorediocese.ie)

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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 11.15am.** 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Michael O'Reilly, Killytawney.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – no Mass.**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** Eucharistic Adoration 5pm to 9pm.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 7pm.** Anniv. John P. and Roseanna Fitzpatrick and their son Gerard Fitzpatrick, Glasstown.

Anniv. Cathal O'Rourke, Portlongfield.

15<sup>th</sup> Anniv. John Gumley, Portaliffe.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 11.15am.** Anniv. Sheila Gray, Imelda Gray, Nancy O'Reilly and Terry Gray.

Anniv. Packie and Mogue O'Reilly, Patricia Dene, Drumambry and deceased family members.

**Readers:** 1<sup>st</sup> June: Eamon Sexton. **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June:** Declan Reilly.

**Offertory Collections:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May: €655. **Diocesan Purposes to date:** €254. **Eucharistic Adorers:** €357.

**Fr John Phair P.P. Golden Jubilee:** To mark this occasion, there will be a Concelebrated Mass in St Aidan's Church, Kinlough on Saturday 7th June at 7pm. Bishop Martin Hayes will be in attendance. After Mass there will be a presentation in Kinlough Community Centre. Refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome.

**Sacred Heart Church Arva**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 9.45am.** Anniv. Noel Ellis, Farrangariff, Anne and James Lynch, Cornafean and Noel and Mary Ellis, Cormore.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 10am.**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 9.45am.** Anniv. Ellie and John O'Reilly, Enaghan.

Anniv. Benny and Teresa Fitzpatrick.

**Readers:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Áine Bannon. **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June:** Eileen McGlade. Michael O'Faoláin.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Áine Bannon. **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June:** Olivia Brady and Anne Kiernan.

**Offertory Collections:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May: €735.50. **Diocesan Purposes Collection to date:** €240.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> May 7.30pm.** Anniv. Bernard, Susan and Seamus Brady, Drumkeeran, Cornafean.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 10am.** For those doing exams.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm.** Anniv. John and Helena Sheridan, Farranseer.

**Offertory Collection:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May: €510. **Diocesan Purposes Collection to date:** €189.

**Retirement Function.** A Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell to mark the occasion of Master Paddy Kerrigan's retirement from Coronea NS will take place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. Everyone 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 10am to 1pm.**