

**St Brigid's Church Killeshandra**  
**Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva**  
**Church Newsletter 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Reflection: Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing."**

Fish are funny creatures. Ever on the move, they flit about, dashing and darting hither and thither, full of agitation and enthusiasm. They are so quick to react to the first rumours of danger and yet so easily caught. There is a certain 'fishiness' about us too. We are, after all, the fish Christ sent Peter out to catch. Like fish, we are immersed in a sea of troubles and distractions, easily alarmed and agitated by every ripple of excitement. We expend so much energy on trivialities. We dally so dangerously with temptations, and allow ourselves to be hooked to so many creature comforts, from cigarettes to various status symbols. It is little wonder that Christ showed a marked preference for fishermen when he chose his first apostles.

Today's Gospel miracle is also the miracle of our lives. Christ continues in loving and gentle ways to throw his net of salvation over us, a net of grace. He carries us ashore to our eternal home in heaven.

**A Prayer for Self-Development**

Father, help me to know myself, what I am and what I can become.

Enable me to see the good in myself, and rejoice in it to see the flaws and change them.

Teach me to live with myself, to accept myself.

Remind me that becoming what you want me to be is more like cultivating a garden than chopping down a forest.

**Cemetery Sunday**

**St Brigid's Church, Killeshandra: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July following 11.15am Mass.**

**Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 12.30pm.**

**St. Brigid's Church Killeshandra**

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Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	11.15am.	Anniv. Eileen O'Dowd and deceased members of O'Dowd and O'Reilly families.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm.	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May		Eucharistic Adoration 5pm to 9pm.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm.	<b>Memorial Mass:</b> Frank B. Shannon. Organised by the Railway Road Residents Association.
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	11.15am.	12 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Frank Curran, Portaliffe. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv. Helen Brady, Market Avenue. <b>Remembrance Mass.</b> Charlie Sheridan, Drumgoa, Killeshandra and Kildare and Margaret Cunningham (formerly Sheridan) Drumgoa, Killeshandra and Birmingham, England.

**Readers:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May: Michael McGibney. **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May:** Kieran Fitzpatrick.

**Offertory Collections:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April: €1,083. **Trocaire to date:** €3,004.

**Killeshandra Tidy Towns and Killeshandra Community Council invite you to a screening of: "Mrs Robinson" on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May** in Killeshandra Resource Centre at 7.30pm. This is the inspirational life story of change-maker Mary Robinson, Ireland's first female President. A pioneering UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the successor of Nelson Mandela as Chair of The Elders and the co-founder of Project Dandelion. The event is **free** with refreshments served afterwards.

**Please reserve your place at:** [https://kinema.com/events/MRS-ROBINSON-\\_zvgf4](https://kinema.com/events/MRS-ROBINSON-_zvgf4)

**Scoil Bhríde Parents Association:** would like to thank the community for baking, donating and buying at their recent bake sale. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

**Sacred Heart Church Arva**

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	9.45am.	Anniv. Pascal Harrington, Drumhaldry.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	10am.	
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	9.45am.	Anniv. Mary, Patrick and John McGlade, Corlespratten.

**Readers:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May: Cormac O'Donnell. **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May:** Mel Bouchier.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May: Bernie Calders and John Ryan. **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May:** Margaret Maguire and Margaret McEntee.

**Offertory Collections:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April: €921.55. **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April:** 762.55. **Trocaire Collection to date:** €2,115 (amendment to collection amount in Newsletter 27<sup>th</sup> April).

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

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Commencing on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30am – 11.30am and each Friday thereafter.

**Arva Active Age Group Pop-up-Shop** on Main Street, Arva (opposite Centra) on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May from 10am – 5pm each day.

**St Patrick's Hall Annual General Meeting:** takes place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in St Patrick's Hall, Arva.

**Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea**

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	7.30pm.	People of the Parish
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	10am.	
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm.	

**Offertory Collections:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April: €412.80. **Trocaire Collection to date:** €510.

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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.**