

St Brigid's Church Killeshandra
Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva
Church Newsletter - Sunday 13th July 2025. Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: The parable of the good Samaritan is not about being good or bad, it is a story about compassion. We often interpret the meaning of this parable from the prospective of one of the characters. 'I am a good Samaritan because last week I helped Mr. Old Man chop wood', or I'm just like the priest and Levite because yesterday I avoided Mrs. Old Woman who needed help with her garden. The problem with such an interpretation is that we individualise and personalise the meaning of the parable and therefore lose much of what it is saying. We either bask in the false glory of self-righteous behaviour or we sink deeper into guilt, which reinforces a sense of our own worthlessness. The truth is that we are all of the characters in the story at different times: lawyer, priest, Levite, Samaritan, and even the roadside victim. Each of us if we are truly honest is capable of denying or giving birth to compassion. What distinguished the good Samaritan, like Jesus, was the fact that he was prepared to interrupt his schedule and cross the road.

St. Brigid's Church Killeshandra

Sunday 13 th July	11.15am.	Anniv. Pauline Duffy, Portaliffe. (16 th Anniv. on Friday last, 11 th July). 3 rd Anniv. Michelle Woods née Murphy, Drumully, Killeshandra.
Monday 14 th July	7pm.	
Wednesday 16 th July		Eucharistic Adoration 5pm to 9pm.
Friday 18 th July	7pm.	Anniv. James McKiernan and deceased family members.
Sunday 20 th July	11.15am.	People of the Parish

Please pray for the soul of: Tony Higgins, Kilnavara Heights, Cavan (brother of Paul Higgins, Church Street) whose funeral took place last week. May he Rest in Peace.

Readers: Sun 20th/27th July: Noah and Amy O'Reilly. **Offertory Collections:** Sun 6th July: €1,049. **Pope's Collection to date:** €322.66.

Thank you to the Community: As the final walkers left the Community Hall and the Camino came to a close, one thing became clear — we are part of a generous community. Thank you - to everyone who helped in any way — whether you were stewarding, catering, completing registration, or leaving out treats. Your kindness did not go unnoticed. A special thank you also to our local businesses and community groups who so generously support the Camino project — whether through sponsorship, donations, refreshments, or practical help - you made Killeshandra Camino happen, and we're so grateful to each and every one of you. - *Killeshandra Camino Calling*.

Sacred Heart Church Arva

Sunday 13 th July	9.45am.	Anniv. Peter O'Reilly, Drumalt, Arva and Frank and Josephine O'Reilly, Pound Street, Arva. Anniv. Luke Martin, Farrangarriff, Arva, also remember his wife Katie and son Luke.
Friday 18 th July	10am.	
Sunday 20 th July	9.45am.	Anniv. Terry McKiernan, Coolbawn, Corlismore.

Readers: Sunday 13th July: Olivia Brady. **Sunday 20th July:** Mel Bouchier.

Eucharistic Ministers: Sunday 13th July: Margaret Maguire and Margaret McEntee. **Sunday 20th July:** Frances Barry and Sandra Dobson.

Offertory Collections: Sunday 6th July: €913.30. **Pope's Collection to date:** €155.

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

St. Mary's N.S are still accepting enrolments for the next school year. We are currently only one pupil short for enrolment numbers but and are in danger of losing a mainstream class teacher position for the following September if we do not meet the enrolment figure on 30th September 2025. We are hopeful of a few more new enrolments over the summer. If you know of any family moving into area who may have children to enrol, please let them know to contact us on 049-4335560 or email stmarysarva@gmail.com for an enrolment form.

Arva Branch Library- Summer Stars FREE Event: Children's Tapestry and Weaving Workshop on Saturday 19th July from 2.30pm-4pm. Become a designer and develop your creative skills in this Tapestry and Weaving Workshop. Tapestry and Weaving are traditional crafts and participants will learn how to use a loom, needle, and skills such as warping and wefting. Suitable for children 7-10yrs. This event is FREE. Booking Essential; Tel 0494335905 during Arva Library opening hours or email rfgan@cavancoco.ie

Arva Branch Library opening hours: Tuesday: 12-2pm and 3-6.30pm. Thursday: 2-5pm and 6-8.30pm. Saturday: 10am -1pm and 2-5pm.

The Breffni 3 Province Challenge: will take place on Saturday 2nd August in Arva with 7 different courses bringing almost 1000 participants through the 3 Provinces of Ulster, Connaught and Leinster. We have a 100k cycle, 50k cycle, 30k family cycle, chipped half Marathon, chipped 10k, 7k and a 5k run/family walk. Funds raised will be donated to The Friends of St Luke's Dublin, National Breast Cancer Research Institute, Galway and the Cavan/Monaghan Cancer Homecare Association. To date the event has already raised over €1 million for cancer organisations! A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our previous events and we would be most grateful for your continued support on Saturday 2nd August in Arva. So, whatever your level, cycle, run or walk we look forward to seeing you. Music Entertainment, Barbecue and refreshments served on the square on your return so please stay and join us on what is always a fantastic atmosphere! For registration to guarantee our beautiful T shirts, and medals please log on to: breffni3provincechallenge.com.

Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea

Saturday 12 th July	7.30pm.	Anniv. Philip, Michael and Brigid Reilly, Farrenseer. Anniv. Séan Cullen, Pottle, Corlismore.
Tuesday 15 th July	10am.	

Saturday 19th July 7.30pm. **Anniv.** Fr. Eddie Burns, his brother Fr. Benny Burns and deceased family members.

Please pray for the souls of: Ettie (Anita) Rothwell, Killavalley and formerly Ballyjamesduff (aunt of Fr Andrew Tully) and Richard Webb, Drumcarbin, Ballinagh (brother-in-law of Rose McKiernan). Both funerals took place recently. May they Rest in Peace.

Offertory Collections: Saturday 5th July: €553.20. **Pope's Collection to date:** €175.

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

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Parish Office Opening Hours -Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10am to 1pm. Contact Bridie: 049 4334017.

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