

St Brigid's Church Killeshandra

Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva

Church Newsletter - Sunday 14th September 2025 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sunday Reflection: 'He welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

The Gospel describes a shepherd's search, a woman's frantic sweeping, a father's irrational forgiving. All these 'lost and found' stories remind us that God's relationship with us is not about practicality but prodigality. Part of us can wonder what the older son was like – the brother of the Prodigal Son. Is he like the dutiful son or daughter who stayed at home in Ireland? Likeable, trustworthy – the one who got the place after their parents, but never saw the sights, never got married, or made the money. Had he that mixture of resentment and loyalty that we recognise in so many who stayed too long at a post wondering and hoping? Duty soured their soul; resentment scarred their life. Actions performed with arms and feet, but not from their heart. Too much loyalty to parents can stifle initiative. Yeats once wrote, 'Too long a sacrifice can make a stone of the heart'. It may be why T.S. Eliot described the greatest treason as doing the right thing for the wrong reason.

Garrymore Community Association: Community Employment, have a Caretaker position available in the Arva area and a Cemetery attendant position in Derrylane/Drumkeeran area. Please contact Tanya Dobson 049 4337862 or email tanyadobson@garrymorecce.ie for details/check eligibility.

Breifne Historical Society Lecture: Dr William Roulston will deliver a lecture entitled "Church of Ireland places of worship in the diocese of Kilmore in the early seventeenth Century" at Cavan library on Thursday 18 September at 7 pm. Everyone welcome.

Kilmore Diocesan PTAA. Dinner Dance and Presentation of Pins: on Sunday 21st September. Preceded by Mass in St Mary's Church Carrigallen at 2pm. Followed by Dinner and Dancing in the Kilbracken Arms at 3pm. Tickets €35 available from your local centre or Rosaleen Smith 087 2450692.

Diocesan Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to Rome: There are still some places available on the forthcoming Diocesan Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to Rome from Thursday 20 to Wednesday 26 November 2025 which will be led by Bishop Martin Hayes.

Anyone wishing to book a place (or places) on the pilgrimage should contact Marian Pilgrimages in Dublin directly and as soon as possible on (01) 878 8159. Price: €1,855.00 per person sharing on half-board basis. Please note that there are no single rooms currently available. For further information on the pilgrimage itself, please contact Seán Coll, Pilgrimage Director, on 049 4375004 (Extension 102) or by email to directorkdpc@kilmorediocese.ie

St. Brigid's Church Killeshandra **Eircode: H12 DD79** **churchtv.ie/killeshandra**

Sunday 14th September 11.15am. **Anniv.** Patsy and Delia O'Reilly, Drumrooske and all the deceased members of the Mulligan and O'Reilly families.
Anniv. John Shannon, Clodrum and deceased members of the Shannon family.
Anniv. Tommy Brady, London and Church Street and **Anniv.** Patrick Brady, Church Street.
People of the Parish
Eucharistic Adoration 5pm to 9pm.
Anniv. Mary and Tommy Swarbrigg and Sean Swarbrigg, Portaliffe.
Anniv. Phil and Margaret O'Reilly, Cordalea.

Readers: Sunday 14th and Sunday 21st September: Peggy Martin.

Offertory Collections: Sunday 7th September: €1,257. **Holy Land Collection to date:** €207.

Sacred Heart Church Arva **Eircode: H12 RY96**

Sunday 14th September 9.45am **Anniv.** Gráinne Ellis, Drumnawall.
Anniv. Jack and Margaret McCabe, Corlespratten.

Friday 19th September 10am.

Sunday 21st September 9.45am. **People of the Parish**

Please remember in your prayers: Eddie Reilly, Raheen, Limerick and formerly Arva, whose death occurred on Tuesday last. His funeral took place in St Nessian's Church, Raheen followed by burial in Castlemungret Cemetery. May he Rest in Peace.

Readers: Sunday 14th September: Mel Bouchier. **Sunday 21st September:** Edel Brady.

Eucharistic Ministers: Sunday 14th Sept: Margaret Maguire and Margaret McEntee. **Sunday 21st Sept:** Frances Barry and Deirdre Dobson.

Offertory Collections: Sunday 7th September: €788.30. **Holy Land Collection to date:** €215.

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 **Eircode: H12 HN53**

Saturday 13th September 7.30pm. **Anniv.** Hugh and Brigid Duignan and deceased family members, Farranseer.
Anniv. Charles Cullen, Arva and his daughter Mona.
Anniv. Deceased members of the O'Reilly family, Drumbess and Angela Geoghegan, Drumkeeran.
Tuesday 16th September 10am.
Saturday 20th September 7.30pm. **Anniv.** Eugene, Bridget and Kathleen Burns, Drumbess, Cornafean and deceased members of the Burns and Butler families.
Anniv. Mary Comiskey, her son Jim and deceased members of the Comiskey family, Behey, Arva.

Please remember in your prayers: Nuala Morrow (née Sheridan) Cavan Road, Ballyhaise and formerly of Arva, sister of Joe Sheridan, Coronea. Nuala's Funeral took place on Saturday 13th September in St Nessian's Church, Raheen. May she Rest in Peace.

Offertory Collections: Saturday 6th September: €526. **Holy Land Collection to date:** €114.

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