

**St Brigid's Church Killeshandra**  
**Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva**  
**Church Newsletter - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday Reflection: 'Hope'**

Hope is not blind optimism. It is not ignoring the enormity of the task ahead or the roadblocks that stand in our path. It is not sitting on the sidelines or shirking from a fight. Hope is that thing inside us that insists, despite all evidence to the contrary, that something better awaits us if we have the courage to reach for it, and to work for it, and to fight for it. Hope is the belief that destiny will not be written for us, but by us, by the men and women who are not content to settle for the world as it is, who have the courage to remake the world as it should be based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

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*Into this world, this demented inn, in which there is absolutely no room for him at all,  
Christ has come uninvited. But because he cannot be at home in it - because he is out of place in it, and yet must be in it -  
his place is with those others who do not belong, who are rejected because they are regarded as weak;  
and with those who are discredited, who are denied status of persons, and are tortured, exterminated.  
With those for whom there is no room, Christ is present in this world.*

**Thomas Merton**

**The Jubilee Year of Hope Novena to Our Lady of Hope** in the Cathedral of Saints Patrick & Felim, Cavan, continues this week and will conclude on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Novena Ceremonies with guest speaker each evening at 7.30pm. The theme of the novena is "Providing Hope on our Pilgrim Journey". All welcome. Novena Ceremonies will be live-streamed each evening and may be accessed using the following link: [www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral)

**BAKE IT PINK: Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place from 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October.** Bake for friends or bake with friends and raise some "dough" for Breast Cancer Awareness. You can request a fundraising bake kit, set up a fundraising page, and then host a "Bake it Pink" event in October to raise money for breast cancer education and awareness. For further information and to register your event, go to [www.breastcancerireland.com/bake-it-pink/](http://www.breastcancerireland.com/bake-it-pink/)

**St. Brigid's Church Killeshandra Eircode: H12 DD79**

[churchtv.ie/killeshandra](http://churchtv.ie/killeshandra)

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 11.15am. Deceased Members and Friends of Killeshandra Youth Band**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September No Mas due to Novena in Cathedral, Cavan.**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October Eucharistic Adoration 5pm to 9pm.**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7pm. Memorial Mass for Sean Gallagher, Railway Road,**  
requested by Railway Road Residents Association.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 12noon. Months Memory. Eileen O'Rourke, Portlongfield.**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 11.15am. Anniv. Tony Galligan, Salaghan and deceased members of the Galligan family. Readers:**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September/Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October: Martina Young. Offertory Collections: Will be included in next week's Newsletter.**

**Killeshandra P.T.A.A. Centre 90 Years Celebration and Presentation of Pins: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm Mass in St Brigid's Church.**

**Killeshandra Town Centre First Plan:** Following on from previous consultation on the Killeshandra Town Centre First Plan, Cavan County Council is holding a community drop -in event, inviting the community to share their feedback on the draft plan and project ideas before the plan is finalised. The drop-in event takes place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 4pm – 7pm in Killeshandra Resource Centre.

Everyone is welcome to attend. For further information on the event please contact Caroline Brady, Town Regeneration Officer, Cavan Co Council [cbrady@cavancoco.ie](mailto:cbrady@cavancoco.ie)

**Volunteers needed:** Would you have some spare time on your hands? **Killeshandra Day Care Service** for older people takes place every Friday morning at Killeshandra Resource Centre. A hot meal, entertainment and exercise is provided. The Committee are seeking additional help with the running of this valuable service – it's only one morning per week and your help would be very much appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Anne at 087 2871167. Thank you!

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

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 9.45am.**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 10am.**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 9.45am. Anniv. Jack Masterson, Bruce, Arva.**

**Readers: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September: Shane Dobson. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October: Eva Brady.**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept: Eileen Cully and Micky Cully. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct: Áine Bannon.**

**Offertory Collections: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. (includes returned envelopes from other Churches): €700. **Holy Land Collection final:** €215.**

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

**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@garrymorece.ie](mailto:tanyadobson@garrymorece.ie) for details/check eligibility.

**Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea Eircode: H12 HN53**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm. People of the Parish.**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 10am. Anniv. Josie Reilly, Packie Reilly, Peggy Reilly and Sean Reilly, Behey.**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm. Anniv. Brendan, Rose and Liam O'Hanlon and deceased members of the O'Hanlon family.**  
**Anniv. John and Maisie Martin, Seamus Martin**  
and deceased members of the Martin family, Bruce.

**Offertory Collections: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September: €435.70. **Holy Land Collection final:** €114.**

**Priests: Fr. Andrew Tully P.P. Killeshandra. 049-4334017/086-8050526. Email: [killeshandra@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto: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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