

St Brigid's Church Killeshandra
Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva
Church Newsletter – Sunday 14th December 2025
Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Sunday Reflection: My soul rejoices in my God.

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday, or Sunday of Joy following the theme from the Preface at Mass. Today we light the rose candle in the Advent wreath and are reminded that our Christian faith is one of hope, joy and optimism. This is important to remember in these days of war, hatred and civil strife with natural disasters thrown in for good measure! John the Baptist was a brave witness to the light of Christ who had come into the world, standing brave and steadfast in the face of church and state authorities. We too have an opportunity to give our Christian witness: when our prayers seem to lie unanswered, when hatred seems to prevail over goodness, when injustice seemingly triumphs as now in our present world. Yet I will rejoice in the Lord! 'Youths may grow tired and weary and young men stumble and fall, but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.' Isaiah40:30-31. Christ our light, our hope has come. Jesus, I trust in you.

Christmas Confessions and Mass times are on a separate sheet – please take one.

St. Brigid's Church Killeshandra Eircode: H12 DD79

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Sunday 14th December 11.15am. Anniv. Kathleen O'Reilly, Market Avenue.
Anniv. John Fay, Drumlara, Killeshandra.
2nd Anniv. Niamh King, Railway Road.

Monday 15th December 10am. Anniv. Patrick and Mary Lynch, Drumgoohey and Philip Lynch, Market Avenue.
7pm. Scoil Bhríde Christmas Carol Service

Wednesday 17th December 5.30 – 8.30pm - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 19th December 7pm. Anniv. Tom and Julia O'Reilly, Main Street.
3rd Anniv. Rosaleen Masterson, Church Street.

Sunday 21st December 11.15am. Anniv. Patrick and Marcella McClean, Coragh.
1st Anniv. Hughie Carmichael, Drumgoa, Killeshandra.

Readers: Sunday 14th December: Áine McGibney. **Sunday 21st December:** Michael McGibney.

Offertory Collections: Sunday 7th Dec: €1,510. **Monday 8th Dec:** €265.

Killeshandra St Vincent de Paul wish to extend a sincere thank you to all who supported the recent church gate collection and we, and on behalf of the people that we support are immensely grateful. **Killeshandra SVP Contact No: 087 4093420.**

Killygarry Apostolic Society: will sell wreaths in aid of the Missions after 11.15am on Sunday next 21st Dec. Please support.

Christmas Carol Service: The staff and pupils of Scoil Bhríde will be hosting their Christmas Carol Service on Monday 15th December at 7pm in St. Brigid's Church. All are welcome to attend. This will be followed by a Christmas Hamper raffle by the Parents Association of Scoil Bhríde. Raffle lines will be for sale after Mass today, Sunday 14th December.

Sacred Heart Church Arva Eircode: H12 RY96

Sunday 14th December 9.45am. Anniv. Philip and Marie Brady and Annie Duignan, Kiltrasna.

Thursday 18th December 7pm. Paula Kiernan Music & Drama Group - Nativity and Carol Service.

Friday 19th December 10am. **Eucharistic Adoration from 10.30am – 11.30am.**

Sunday 21st December 9.45am. Anniv. Matt Dobson and Sheila Burns.

Readers: Sunday 14th December: Eddie Ward. **Sunday 21st December:** Olivia Brady.

Eucharistic Ministers: Sunday 14th Dec: Olivia Brady and Anne Kiernan. Sunday 21st Dec: Teresa Lynch and Eileen McGlade.

Please remember in your prayers: Chris Hourican, Aughnacliffe (mother of Margaret McEntee) whose funeral took place on Wednesday last, 10th December in St. Colmcille's Church, Aughnacliffe. **Also remember:** Ann-Marie Blessing, Celbridge, Co Kildare 9neice of Padraig O'Hara) whose funeral took place on Friday last, 12th December in St Patrick's Church, Celbridge. May they both Rest in Peace.

Offertory Collection: Sunday 7th December: €767.70.

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

St Patrick's Hall: Having spent €630,000 on renovating the Hall the debt is now down to approx €50,000 following recent Donations. The committee opened an Idonate page in the hope that a final push would clear the debt and then a new committee could be elected. The Hall is in daily use and will pay for itself if the debt was cleared. If you or family either at home or abroad would like to help out please go to <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/HelpStPatricksHall>. All donations – large or small - will be greatly appreciated.

Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea Eircode: H12 HN53

Saturday 13th December 7.30pm. Anniv. Michael and Kathleen McGahern, Cordownan.

Tuesday 16th December 10am.

Wednesday 17th December 7pm. Coronea NS – Carol Service.

Saturday 20th December 7.30pm. 2nd Anniv. Dessie Harrington, Drumkeeran and also his parents, Frank and Kathleen Harrington.
30th Anniv. Brigid Cassidy, Drumcarey. 3rd Anniv. Aaron McEntee.

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Hoare, Henry Street, Roscommon and formerly Bruce whose funeral took place on Wednesday last, 10th December in the Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon. May she Rest in Peace.

Offertory Collection: Saturday 6th December: €515.50.

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.

Email: killeshandra@kilmorediocese.ie – Booking of Anniversary Masses, and notices for inclusion in Church Newsletter.