

St Brigid's Church Killeshandra
Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva
Church Newsletter – Sunday 1st February 2026

St Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Reflection: Our landscape is part of God's creation and also part of our inheritance. Celtic Spirituality reminds us of our Christian origins, which are based on a great love and reverence for all aspects of our natural environment. Our patron saints, Patrick, Colmcille and Brigid appear to have shared this reverence for the things of nature. While aspects of their stories may be mythical, yet the 'Shamrock' of Patrick, the 'Crane Bird' of Colmcille, and the 'Rush Cross' of Brigid are emblems we all feel comfortable with. Today we honour St Brigid, who always took special care of people, animals and God's earth. She is traditionally associated with blessings, a long practice in Irish spiritually of blessing people, places and objects. For example, 'as Gaeilge' our greeting for another person is 'Dia dhuit'. On departure we may also say 'Goodbye' which is a contraction for 'God be with you'. Brigid's best-known title is 'Muire na nGael' – Mary of the Gael.

Sick and Housebound in the Parish: will be visited with the Eucharist, Blessing of the Sick and Blessing of the Throats this week.

Arva St Vincent de Paul: wish to thank all those who supported the recent church gate collections in **Coronea and Arva**. Many thanks to all for your continued support. St Vincent de Paul can be contacted on 087 1879441.

St. Brigid's Church Killeshandra Eircode: H12 DD79

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Sunday 1 st February	11.15am.	St Brigid's Day. Blessing of St Brigid's Crosses. Mass for Tradfest. Remembering all those associated with Traditional Music in Killeshandra
Monday 2 nd February	11.15am.	The Presentation of The Lord – Candlemas Day. Blessing of Candles.
Tuesday 3 rd February	7pm.	Feast of St. Blaise – Blessing of Throats.
Wednesday 4 th February	5.30pm – 8.30pm.	- Eucharistic Adoration.
Friday 6 th February	7pm.	People of the Parish.
Sunday 8 th February	11.15am.	Anniv. Paul and Nan Farrelly and John McCormack.

Please remember in your prayers: Bridget Ledwith (née Shanley - sister of Charlie Shanley, Coragh) Athlone, Roscommon and Ballinasloe, Galway. Bridget's funeral Mass took place on Saturday 31st January at St. Mary's Church, Moore. May she Rest in Peace.

Readers: Sunday 1st/8th February: Keelan Braiden. **Offertory Collections:** Sunday 25th January: €2,287.

Scoil Bhríde Killeshandra: is enrolling for the 2026/2027 school year. To enrol your child please phone the school on 049 4334886 or email scoilbhridekilleshandra@gmail.com

Sacred Heart Church Arva Eircode: H12 RY96

Sunday 1 st February	9.45am.	St Brigid's Day. Blessing of St Brigid's Crosses. 1 st Anniv. Kathleen Kiernan, Enaghan, Aughnacliffe and her husband John and son Pauric whose anniversaries occur around this time.
Monday 2 nd February	8pm.	The Presentation of The Lord – Candlemas Day. Blessing of Candles.
Tuesday 3 rd February	8pm.	Feast of St. Blaise – Blessing of Throats
Friday 6 th February	10am.	Eucharistic Adoration from 10.30am – 11.30am.
Sunday 8 th February	9.45am.	Anniv. Kathleen and Eugene English.

Readers: Sunday 1st February: Michael O'Faoláin. **Sunday 8th February:** Paul Dobson.

Eucharistic Ministers: Sunday 1st February: Olivia Brady and Anne Kiernan. **Sunday 8th February:** Teresa Lynch and Eileen McGlade..

Collection Counters: 1st /8th /15th /22nd/29th February: Aisling Brady, Damien Miney and Michael Ellis.

Offertory Collection: Sunday 25th January: €854. 6th January: €105.

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

ENROLMENT 2026: St. Mary's N.S. are now accepting enrolments for September 2026. If you wish to enrol a child into Junior Infants, please contact the school with your child's details and we will post you out an Enrolment form. School contact number: 0494335560.

Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea Eircode: H12 HN53

Saturday 31 st January	7.30pm.	Blessing of St Brigid's Crosses at this mass. 2 nd Anniv. Vincent Maguire, Cordownan, Arva. (Died 30 th January 2024). 1 st Anniv. Michael Finnerty, Corr, Cornafean. (Died 31 st January 2025). Anniv. Pat Joe Brady, Drumcon, Cornafean.
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Tuesday 3 rd February	10am.	Feast of St. Blaise – Blessing of Throats.
Saturday 7 th February	7.30pm.	1 st Anniv. Maura Leddy, Drumbess. Anniv. Thomas Kilkenny, Coronea.

Also, for his sister, Catherine Coleman who recently passed away in New York.

Please remember in your prayers: Charlie Grimes, Moyne, Co Longford (father of Cathal Grimes, Coronea) whose funeral took place on Thursday 29th January in St. Francis Xavier Church, Moyne. May he Rest in Peace.

Offertory Collections: Saturday 24th January: €400.

Corliss National School Open Day: Corliss National School will hold an Open Day on Saturday 7th February from 10am to 12 noon. Come and see our fantastic new school building. All welcome. Enrolment forms available from the school by contacting schooloffice@corlissns.ie or 049 433488. For updates check out our website corlissns.weebly.com

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.