

St Brigid's Church Killeshandra
Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva
Church Newsletter – Sunday 25th January 2026
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Reflection: *'The spirit of the Lord is upon me. He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to give new sight to the blind; to free the oppressed and announce the Lord's year of mercy.'*

These words from today's Gospel have been referred to as Jesus's "Platform Speech", in which he sets out the priorities of his own life and ministry. He was someone who broke from the restrictive and elitist boundaries of the time. He spoke in favour of the hated Samaritans; he selected public sinners to be his favourite table companions; he reached out to touch lepers, the sick, the beggars, all the untouchables; he showed respect for all women including the adulterous ones; he pointed to one of the detested Roman soldiers as a man of faith. He chose his apostles from the less respected classes including one from the revolutionary party of the Zealots and another from the seamier side of the establishment, a tax collector.

Sadly, many of Christ's 'followers' in today's world are so concerned about respectability and political correctness that they put chains on themselves and others by their hostile attitudes towards homeless, travellers, refugees and other marginalised groups.

St. Brigid's Church Killeshandra Eircode: H12 DD79

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Sunday 25 th January	11.15am.	Anniv. John, Gertie, Jack and Kathleen Burns and Jack Flood. 2 nd Anniv. Rose O'Reilly, Lahard and 2 nd Anniv. Colm O'Reilly, Lahard, Killeshandra. Anniv. Fr. Dan Sheridan P.P., Killeshandra and Glangevlin. Anniv. Thomas and Anna May Flynn, Cordalea.
Monday 26 th January	7pm.	Eucharistic Adoration - 5.30pm – 8.30pm.
Wednesday 28 th January		Anniv. John Fitzpatrick, Portaliffe.
Friday 30 th January	7pm.	St Brigid's Day. Blessing of St Brigid's Crosses.
Sunday 1 st February	11.15am.	Mass for Tradfest. Remembering all those associated with Traditional Music in Killeshandra The Presentation of The Lord – Candlemas Day. Blessing of Candles.
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.

Readers: Sunday 25th January: Declan Reilly. **Sunday 1st February:** Keelan Braiden.

Offertory Collections: Sunday 18th January: €1,288.

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 25 th January	9.45am.	Anniv. John Crowe, Main Street, Arva. Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion and Confirmation – for St Mary's N.S. Pupils.
Friday 30 th January	10am.	Eucharistic Adoration from 10.30am – 11.30am.
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

Please remember in your prayers the following: Peter Galligan, Glasscarrick, Loughduff (brother of Bridie Dobson, Forthill) whose funeral took place on Saturday 17th January at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mullahoran. May he Rest in Peace.

Readers: Claire Miney. **Sunday 25th January:** Áine Bannon. **Sunday 1st February:** Michael O'Faoláin.

Eucharistic Ministers: Sunday 25th January: Áine Bannon and John Ryan. Sunday 1st February: Olivia Brady and Anne Kiernan.

Collection Counters: 26th January: Jim Finnegan. Olivia Finnegan and Deirdre Dobson. 1st /8th /15th /22nd/29th February: Aisling Brady, Damien Miney and Michael Ellis.

Offertory Collection: Sunday 18th January: €748.30. This includes returned envelopes from other Church areas.

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 24 th January	7.30pm.	People of the Parish. Tuesday 27 th January 10am.
Saturday 31 st January	7.30pm.	Blessing of St Brigid's Crosses at this mass. 2 nd Anniv. Vincent Maguire, Cordonan, Arva. (Died 30 th January 2024). 1 st Anniv. Michael Finnerty, Corr, Cornafean. (Died 31 st January 2025). Anniv. Pat Joe Brady, Drumcon, Cornafean.
Monday 2 nd February	10am.	The Presentation of The Lord – Candlemas Day. Blessing of Candles.
Tuesday 3 rd February	10am.	Feast of St. Blaise – Blessing of Throats.

Offertory Collections: Saturday 17th January: €465.

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

Fr Finbarr Felix, MSP, Parochial House, Arva. 087-6442121.

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

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