

St Brigid's Church Killeshandra
Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva
Church Newsletter – Sunday 15th February 2026
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Temperance Sunday)

Sunday Reflection: *'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord.....he is like a tree by the waterside.....'*

The world is flush with a vast variety of tree species. Each tells its own story. Trees talk – of life. The oak spends a third of life growing, a third of life living and a third dying. The yew lives with a hollow heart, dying from the core outwards. The holly is forty years old – well settled – before it bears berries. The ash has the shortest yearly leaf life and so is more vulnerable. Trees are life giving. Reflect on the varieties of fruit they provide for human consumption. Almost half of the medicines that we use stem from plants that grow in tropical forests. Like us humans, trees need and consume large amounts of water. Water is their God-given means of survival. Large trees need up to 10,000 liters of water a year. The most nurturing place for a tree is near the water's edge. Jeremiah similarly reminds us in the First Reading to seek our nurturement from God who is the river of life and love.

Week 4 – Final Preparation Theme: Lent is almost here Getting Ready for Lent with **Baptised & Sent Lent** begins this week on Ash Wednesday. As we prepare to enter this sacred season, parishioners are invited to make use of Baptised & Sent, a Lenten faith resource available to all in the diocese. Whether used individually or with others, Baptised & Sent offers a gentle and prayerful way to reflect on our Baptism and our call to live our faith each day. All are welcome to take part. Resources and information can be found at synod.ie.

Safeguarding Sunday: Our annual Safeguarding Sunday will take place throughout the Diocese this weekend, 14/15th February. We hope to create a greater awareness of safeguarding in our parishes and diocese and to acknowledge the great contribution of the faithful in ensuring that our diocesan safeguarding policies are implemented. The annual safeguarding newsletter will be available to download from www.kilmorediocese.ie/safeguarding-children section. Please download a copy and inform yourself of developments in safeguarding.

SAVE THE DATE: CAVAN Rugby Choir will perform on Saturday 28th March at 8pm in the Church of the Sacred Heart Arva. They will be joined by the 2 Province Children's Choir and The Arvagh Dreamers Choir for what will be a wonderful night of entertainment. Proceeds for the renovation of the church. Tickets are €20 each. Please support.

Calling all former employees of Carrick on Shannon Telephone Exchange: A reunion dinner and get together to mark the 40th Anniversary of the automation and closure of Carrick on Shannon Telephone Exchange will take place in the Landmark Hotel on Saturday 28th February at 6pm. This is open to any former employees of the telephone exchange and post office. If you know of anyone that worked there please spread the word as we would be delighted to see you. Booking essential. Contact Margaret at 0879865765.

St. Brigid's Church Killeshandra Eircode: H12 DD79

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Sunday 15th February 11.15am. Anniv. Patrick and Margaret Woods, Derries Upper.
 Anniv. Tommy McDermott, Dernacross.
 2nd Anniv. Ena Thompson and her husband Leo, 15th Anniv., Main Street.

Monday 16th February No Mass

Wednesday 18th February 11.15am and 8.30pm. Mass and distribution of Ashes. (Eucharistic Adoration 5.30 – 8pm).

Friday 20th February 7pm. 2nd Anniv. Joseph McCormack, England and Railway Road, Killeshandra.
Stations of the Cross after Mass.

Sunday 22nd February 11.15am. Anniv. John and Mary Ann O'Reilly, Eonish.

Readers: Sunday 15th/22nd February: Paddy Mulligan.

Offertory Collections: Sunday 8th February: €1,017.

Sacred Heart Church Arva Eircode: H12 RY96

Sunday 15th February 10am. Anniv. Jim Reilly, Lacken, Arva and Frank Finlay, Tycusker, Arva.

Wednesday 18th February 10am and 8pm. Mass and distribution of Ashes.

Friday 20th February No 10am Mass - Eucharistic Adoration from 10.30am – 11.30am.
7.30pm Memorial Mass for Julie Ann Farnham Perry who died on 8th December 2025.
Stations of the Cross after Mass.

Sunday 22nd February 9.45am. 2nd Anniv. Ciaran Sheridan, 7th Anniv. Margaret Sheridan,
 and 12th Anniv. Jack Sheridan, Brankill, Arva.

Readers: Sunday 15th February: Barney Cully. **Ash Wednesday, 18th February:** John Ryan. **Sunday 22nd February:** Michael Ellis.

Eucharistic Ministers: Sunday 15th February: Lilian Brady and Ann Farrelly. **Ash Wednesday, 18th February:** Carmel Dobson and Cormac O'Donnell. **Sunday 22nd February:** Margaret Maguire and Margaret McEntee.

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

Offertory Collection: Sunday 8th February: €676.67.

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

Arva Active Age Group: are serving pancakes in St Patrick's Hall on Pancake Tuesday, 17th February from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Come along and enjoy your pancake filled with your favourite filling and bring a friend.

Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea Eircode: H12 HN53

Saturday 14th February 7.30pm. People of the Parish.

Tuesday 17th February No Mass **Wednesday 18th February 10am and 7.30pm. Mass and distribution of Ashes.**

Saturday 21st February 7.30pm. Anniv: Terry and Annie Masterson, Bruce.

Offertory Collections: Saturday 7th February: €590.

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.