

St Brigid's Church Killeshandra
Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva
Church Newsletter – Sunday 22nd February 2026. First Sunday of Lent

Lenten Prayer. We fell when we were learning to walk, we stuttered when we were learning to talk.
We let people down when we were learning to love and at times, we think we will never get things right.
Part of life is falling and failing; nothing worthwhile comes without some pitfalls.
And so, it is with our following of Jesus; We glimpse the light and settle for darkness and we rejoice in the gospel and follow selfishness, we stray and return, always welcomed back.
Lord, give me the wisdom to know that if I follow you truly, you will always help me back to my feet, when I fall.

East Cavan Region P.T.A.A. – Lenten Challenge: Thinking of taking the Lenten Pledge? Non-Pioneers are invited to take the short-term pledge for lent. Conditions for enrolment are: 1. To abstain from all intoxicating drink. 2. To recite the following prayer daily:

Short-Term Pledge Prayer. *I promise, in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to abstain from all intoxicating drink until Easter Sunday.* Further details contact: Rosaleen Smith, Secretary East Cavan P.T.A.A. at 087 2450692.

Easter is the heart of our faith - a time of great joy and renewal for our parish communities. As we enter into Lent, we begin a journey of spiritual preparation. But we also prepare our parishes and our liturgies to celebrate the great feast of the Resurrection well.

On Saturday, 7th March, a liturgy workshop led by **Fr Turlough Baxter** will take place in the **Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan, from 10 am - 4pm.** This workshop is especially for members of parish liturgy groups, choirs, and all who are involved in preparing for Easter in our parishes. Together, we will reflect on how we approach the Sacred Liturgies of Holy Week and how we can prepare thoughtfully and prayerfully for Easter. More details will follow. Contact Martina at pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie with any queries.

Do you have: Anxiety, Depression, OCD, Anger, Insomnia, Nervousness? For Better-Mental-Health, the Recovery Self Help Method can help. Every Monday at 7.30pm. It is FREE to attend meetings. Details about Recovery on www.RecoveryIreland.ie Phone or text (086) 827 9374, email: info@RecoveryIreland.ie. The meetings will be held in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral centre, Cullies, Cavan, H12E5C7. Please come and see, it's free.

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.

[St. Brigid's Church Killeshandra](http://www.stbrigidscavan.ie) [Eircode: H12 DD79](http://www.kilmorediocese.ie)

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

Monday 23rd February 7pm.

Wednesday 25th February Eucharistic Adoration 5.30 – 8pm.

Friday 27th February 7pm. Stations of the Cross after Mass.

Saturday 28th February 2pm. 1st Anniv. Ted Sweeney, Drumrooske.

Sunday 1st March 11.15am. 3rd Anniv. Patricia Fitzpatrick Main Street.

Anniv. James and Ellen McDermott, Gurteen.

Anniv. Terry and Seán O'Reilly, Drumambry.

Please remember in your prayers; Seamus Woods, Kinkeel, Killeshandra whose funeral took place in St Brigid's Church on Friday last, 20th February. May he Rest in Peace.

Readers: Sunday 22nd Feb: Paddy Mulligan. **Sunday 1st March:** Noah and Amy O'Reilly. **Offertory Collections: Sun 15th Feb:** €758.

Sacred Heart Church Arva Eircode: H12 RY96

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

Friday 27th February 10am. Stations of the Cross after Mass. Eucharistic Adoration to follow afterwards.

Sunday 1st March 9.45am. Anniv. Barney McAvinue and Mary McAvinue, Chaple Road, Arva.

Readers: Sunday 22nd February: Michael Ellis. **Sunday 1st March:** Olivia Brady.

Eucharistic Ministers: Sunday 22nd Feb: Margaret Maguire and Margaret McEntee. **Sunday 1st March:** Frances Barry and Sandra Dobson.

Collection Counters: Sunday 22nd February: Aisling Brady, Damien Miney and Michael Ellis. **Sunday 1st March:** Anne Marie Ward/Eddie Ward/Martin McInerney.

Offertory Collection: Sunday 15th February: €893.40. (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. **St. Mary's N.S. Bag2School Clothing Collection.** Date: 11th March 2026. Please leave your unwanted clothes, shoes, bags & belts, into the reception area of the school before this date. Great time to de-clutter!

Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea Eircode: H12 HN53

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

Tuesday 24th February 10am. Stations of the Cross after Mass.

Thursday 26th February 7pm. Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion – Pupils from Coronea N.S. And Scoil Bhríde, Killeshandra.

Saturday 28th February 7.30pm. Martin Family Intentions.

Anniv. Jim Maguire, Arva.

Anniv. Margaret McCabe, Mullaghboy, Corlismore.

Offertory Collections: Saturday 14th February: €315.

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.