

**St Brigid's Church Killeshandra**  
**Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva**  
**Church Newsletter – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Thought for the Day:** In a world where the poor are increasingly numerous, we paradoxically see the growth of a wealthy elite, living in a bubble of comfort and luxury, almost in another world compared to ordinary people. This means that a culture still persists – sometimes well disguised – that discards others without even realizing it and tolerates with indifference that millions of people die of hunger or survive in conditions unfit for human beings. A few years ago, the photo of a lifeless child lying on a Mediterranean beach caused an uproar; unfortunately, apart from some momentary outcry, similar events are becoming increasingly irrelevant and seen as marginal news items.

*Pope Leo XIV. Dilexi, Love for the Poor*

**Most Rev. Martin Hayes, Bishop of Kilmore, earlier this week announced diocesan appointments, effective from Monday 2nd March 2026:** Those relating to our Parish are: Fr Finbarr Felix, MSP currently CC in Arva to be CC in the Parishes of Annagh and Drumlane. Fr Tom McManus retired PP Drumkeeran to be Priest in Residence in our Parish, residing in Arva.

**Baptised & Sent is a programme of discovery about our faith which is linked to the different weeks of Lent.**

*Baptised & Sent* is being warmly encouraged by Bishop Martin Hayes as a Lenten journey for the people of the diocese.

The programme reminds us that Baptism is not just something that happened in the past, but a living call today — shaping how we live, serve, and witness to our faith in our homes, parishes, and communities. Parishioners are invited to consider using *Baptised & Sent* as part of their Lenten prayer and reflection this year. Copies of the programme are available at Church doors.

More information is available at [synod.ie](http://synod.ie).

**Safeguarding Sunday:** Our annual Safeguarding Sunday will take place throughout the Diocese on the weekend of the 14/15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.kilmorediocese.ie/safeguarding-children) section. Please download a copy and inform yourself of developments in safeguarding.

**Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** takes place this year from 5<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2026. To book a place please contact Cavan Travel 049 4361222. Pilgrims who need assistance please contact Fr. Tom Mannion on 087 9170879. To care for the Assisted pilgrims two extra nurses are required. If you would be interested, please contact Paula Brady, Director of Nursing on 0861721712.

**St. Brigid's Church Killeshandra Eircode: H12 DD79**

[churchtv.ie/killeshandra](http://churchtv.ie/killeshandra)

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>11.15am.</b>	<b>Anniv. Paul and Nan Farrelly and John McCormack.</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>7pm.</b>	<b>Celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick during Mass. People of the Parish.</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>5.30pm – 8.30pm.</b>	<b>- Eucharistic Adoration.</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>7pm.</b>	<b>Anniv. Patrick and Gretta O'Reilly, Castlepoles.</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>11.15am.</b>	<b>Anniv. Patrick and Margaret Woods, Derries Upper.</b>
		<b>Anniv. Tommy McDermott, Dernacross.</b>
		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv. Ena Thompson and her husband Leo, 15<sup>th</sup> Anniv., Main Street.</b>

**Readers: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February:** Keelan Braiden. **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February:** Paddy Mulligan.

**Offertory Collections: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February:** €1,030. **Adorers Contribution:** €326.20.

**Killeshandra Queen Bees Women's Social Group:** are hosting an Information Evening on making a valid will. Guest speaker is Jacqueline Maloney, Solicitor and will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at the Focus Family Resource Centre, Killeshandra. All welcome.

**Sacred Heart Church Arva Eircode: H12 RY96**

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>9.45am.</b>	<b>Anniv. Kathleen and Eugene English.</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>10am.</b>	<b>Celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick during Mass.</b>
		<b>Eucharistic Adoration from 10.30am – 11.30am.</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>10am.</b>	<b>Anniv. Jim Reilly, Lacken, Arva and Frank Finlay, Tycusker, Arva.</b>

**Readers: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February:** Paul Dobson. **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February:** Barney Cully.

**Eucharistic Ministers: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February:** Teresa Lynch and Eileen McGlade. **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February:** Lilian Brady and Ann Farrelly.

**Collection Counters: 8<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> February:** Aisling Brady, Damien Miney and Michael Ellis.

**Offertory Collection: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February:** €689.02.

**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**

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>7.30pm.</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Maura Leddy, Drumbess.</b>
		<b>Anniv. Thomas Kilkenny, Coronea.</b>
		<b>Also, for his sister, Catherine Coleman who recently passed away in New York.</b>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>10am.</b>	<b>Anniv: Robert and Kathleen Greaves, Coronea.</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>10am.</b>	<b>Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick during Mass.</b>
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>7.30pm.</b>	<b>People of the Parish.</b>

**Offertory Collections: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January:** €530. Includes returned envelopes from other Church areas.

**Priests:** Fr. Andrew Tully P.P. Killeshandra. 049-4334017/086-8050526. Email: [killeshandra@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:killeshandra@kilmorediocese.ie)

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

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