

St Brigid's Church Killeshandra
Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva
Church Newsletter – Sunday 8th 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.

Safeguarding Sunday: Our annual Safeguarding Sunday will take place throughout the Diocese on the weekend of the 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.

Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: takes place this year from 5th to the 10th 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

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Sunday 8th February 11.15am. Anniv. Paul and Nan Farrelly and John McCormack.

Monday 9th February 7pm. **Celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick during Mass. People of the Parish.**

Wednesday 11th February 5.30pm – 8.30pm. - Eucharistic Adoration.

Friday 13th February 7pm. Anniv. Patrick and Gretta O'Reilly, Castlepoles.

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.

Readers: Sunday 8th February: Keelan Braiden. **Sunday 15th February:** Paddy Mulligan.

Offertory Collections: Sunday 1st 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 9th February at 7.30pm at the Focus Family Resource Centre, Killeshandra. All welcome.

Sacred Heart Church Arva Eircode: H12 RY96

Sunday 8th February 9.45am. Anniv. Kathleen and Eugene English.

Friday 13th February 10am. **Celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick during Mass.**

Eucharistic Adoration from 10.30am – 11.30am.

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

Readers: Sunday 8th February: Paul Dobson. **Sunday 15th February:** Barney Cully.

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

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

Offertory Collection: Sunday 1st 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

Saturday 7th February 7.30pm. 1st Anniv. Maura Leddy, Drumbess.

Anniv. Thomas Kilkenny, Coronea.

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

Tuesday 10th February 10am. Anniv: Robert and Kathleen Greaves, Coronea.

Wednesday 11th February 10am. **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick during Mass.**

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

Offertory Collections: Saturday 31st January: €530. Includes returned envelopes from other Church areas.

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.