

St Brigid's Church Killeshandra
Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva
Church Newsletter Sunday 27th September 2026. Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Reflection: It's not fair -Most of us have been shaped and influenced by meritocracy. Merit is at the heart of our fairness standard. We've been told to earn our keep and that the early bird gets the worm. That may be the way we think but it's not how the landowner thinks. He or she knows that the late birds are also hungry and that there are enough worms for every bird. That the late birds get a worm doesn't take away the worm the early birds got. Or as the landowner says, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong.' It's not fair but that's what the kingdom of heaven is like. What if we began to live like that? In what ways is meritocracy controlling your life, defining your value, and distorting the way you see others? I've had times in my life when I didn't see others. I profiled them. I looked at their appearance and actions, listened to what they said, and then made conclusions, assigned motives, and attributed qualities. Maybe you've done that too. It's easy to assume we know more than we really do or can. I think we often do that with the workers in today's gospel. The twelve-hour workers are dedicated, hardworking, and responsible. The one-hour workers are late, lazy, and irresponsible. Maybe that's all true. But maybe it's not. We don't know. The story doesn't tell us. Maybe the twelve-hour workers had donkeys to ride to work. Maybe the nine hours workers walked from another town. Maybe the six-hour workers just woke up after a night shift. Maybe the three-hour workers were taking care of a sick child or a dying parent. Maybe the one-hour workers had just finished another job but still didn't have enough. We don't know why each worker showed up when he or she did. We only know that they showed up and that was enough for the landowner. It's not fair but that's what the kingdom of heaven is like.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION: Today, Sunday 27th we will mark the Centenary of The Church of The Immaculate Conception Coronea with a Concelebrated Mass with Bishop Martin Hayes as the Main Celebrant, almost 100 years to the day since the Church was dedicated and opened on Sunday 10th of October 1926. We will gather in thanksgiving for the fine building that we have to worship in today. We will give thanks for all those great people of Coronea and beyond who made sacrifices to support the building of the Church, just four years after the foundation of the state. We give thanks for all who organised fundraising events to support the building of the Church and all the many emigrants who gave generously to support the building of a new church in their native place. Everyone is welcome from near and far, within the parish and beyond to the Mass at 3:00pm and to the refreshments afterwards in Cornafean G.A.A. Hall, beside Páirc Naomh Fionnán. We encourage you to come along and be part of the celebration of faith which has been handed down the generations in the Coronea Area. There will be a live stream of the Mass for all who are housebound or are unable to be there, at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/@adamkaczmarek2195/streams> Regardless of whether you have a connection with the Church or not, please feel welcome to come along and join in the Celebration.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The Centenary Committee are seeking donations of baked goodies i.e. cakes/buns etc for the refreshments after the Centenary Mass. Please drop your baked items into Cornafean G.A.A. Hall on Sunday morning/afternoon. A large crowd is expected at this event and all donations would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

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

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Sunday 27th September 11.15am.

Anniv. Sandra and Seamus McDermott, Gurteen.

Anniv. Kathleen, Philip and P. O'Reilly and **Anniv.** Eileen and Phil Masterson and all the deceased members of the O'Reilly family, Derries Lower, Killeshandra.

Monday 28th September 7pm.

Wednesday 30th September 5.30 – 8.30pm. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 2nd October 10am. No evening Mass.

Sunday 4th October 11.15am. Months Memory: Michael McGearry, Portaliffe.

Please remember in your prayers: Anna Brady (née Brady) Virginia (sister-in-law of Kathleen Dunleavey, Snakiel) whose funeral took place on Thursday last. May she Rest in Peace.

Readers: Sunday 27th September: Declan Reilly. Sunday 4th October: Keelan Braiden.

Offertory Collection: Sunday 20th September: €1,260.

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

Saturday 26th September 7.30pm. Vigil Mass (transferred from Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea).

Sunday 27th September No Mass

Friday 2nd October 10am. Eucharistic Adoration after Mass.

Sunday 4th October 9.45am. People of the Parish.

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

Readers: Saturday 26th September: Shane Dobson. Sunday 4th October: Cormac O'Donnell.

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 26th September: Lilian Brady, Carmel Dobson and Cormac O'Donnell. Sunday 4th October: Margaret Maguire, Margaret McEntee and Frances Barry.

Collection Counters – October: Tanya Dobson, Áine Bannon and Lilian Brady.

Offertory Collection: Sunday 20th September: €866.

Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea **Eircode: H12 HN53**

Saturday 26th September No Mass Transferred to Sacred Heart Church Arva at 7.30pm.

Sunday 27th September 3pm. Centenary of the Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea. Main Celebrant, Bishop Martin Hayes.

Tuesday 29th September 10am. People of the Parish.

Saturday 3rd October 7.30pm. Anniv. Brendan, Rose, Liam and deceased members of the O'Hanlon family.

Offertory Collections: Saturday 19th September: €410.

Priests: Fr. Andrew Tully P.P. Killeshandra. 049-4334017/086-8050526. Fr Tom McManus, Parochial House, Arva. 049 4335096.

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