

St Brigid's Church Killeshandra
Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea & Sacred Heart Church Arva
Church Newsletter Sunday 4th October 2026.
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Reflection:

'Little Flower' Over 100 years ago this month, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, a young French woman, died from tuberculosis.

Today, devotion to the 'Little Flower' as she is affectionately known, extends to every nation.

In her life, Thérèse worked no miracles, undertook no extreme penances and, unlike the great Foundress (Cloistered Carmelites) and namesake, St. Teresa of Avila, she had no visions. Far from having ecstasies, she admits to frequently falling asleep at prayer and finding her sickness unbearable. Unusual at that time, her Prioress decided to publish two notebooks that Thérèse had written for her sisters during the last two years.

'The Story of a Soul' contained childhood memories, profound insights into the scriptures and Christian life and an explanation of her 'Little Way'. In a nutshell this simply meant that Holiness is not a matter of heroic deeds but comes about through the small things in our lives which we perform with love.

In her own words, *"Love is repaid by love alone."*

Parish Pastoral Council – Nominations and Expressions of Interest: As we prepare for the formation of our new Parish Pastoral Council, parishioners are now invited to take part in the process of discernment.

Nomination Forms: are available for parishioners who wish to recommend someone whom they believe could make a valuable contribution to the Parish Pastoral Council. Before nominating someone, please speak to the person concerned and ensure that they are willing to allow their name to go forward.

Expression of Interest Forms: are also available for anyone who would like to express their own interest in serving on the Parish Pastoral Council, or in becoming involved in another area of parish life.

Forms will be placed at Church doors in the three Church areas, at the Parish Office, or on request by email at

killeshandra@kilmorediocese.ie The forms can also be downloaded from kilmorediocese.ie.

Completed forms should be returned to: Fr Andrew Tully, P.P., Parochial House, Portaliffe, Killeshandra, Co Cavan. H13KD30 by Tuesday 20th October. We encourage everyone to give prayerful consideration to who might be called to serve our parish community at this time. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in discerning the membership of our new Parish Pastoral Council.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2027:

First Holy Communion for St. Mary's NS: Sacred Heart Church, Arva on Saturday 24th April at 11am.

First Holy Communion for Corliss N.S. and Scoil Bhríde: St Brigid's Church Killeshandra on Saturday 15th May at 12noon.

Sacrament of Confirmation for the whole Parish: in St Brigid's Church Killeshandra on Saturday 29th May at 3pm.

Cemetery Sunday - Killeshandra on Sunday 25th July following 11.15am Mass.

Cemetery Sunday – Coronea on Sunday 15th August at 12.30pm.

The Mobile Unit of Irish Blood Transfusion Service - St Brigid's Community Centre, Loch Gowna: on Monday 12th October and Tuesday 13th October from 3.50pm – 8.00pm. Help ensure essential blood supplies are always available by giving blood regularly.

St. Brigid's Church Killeshandra Eircode: H12 DD79

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

Monday 5th October 7pm.

Wednesday 7th October 5.30 – 8.30pm. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 9th October 7pm. Anniv. James, Claire and Mary Ann Mulligan, Aughahully.

Sunday 11th October 11.15am. Months Memory. Marie Crotty, Templeogue and Killeshandra.

Anniv. Tony Galligan, Sallaghan and deceased members of the Galligan family.

Readers: Sunday 4th/11th October: Keelan Braiden.

Offertory Collection: Sunday 27th September: €1,219.

Sacred Heart Church Arva Eircode: H12 RY96

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

Friday 9th October 10am. Eucharistic Adoration after Mass.

Sunday 11th October 9.45am.

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

Readers: Sunday 4th October: Cormac O'Donnell. Sunday 11th October: Áine Bannon.

Eucharistic Ministers: Sunday 4th October: Margaret Maguire, Margaret McEntee and Frances Barry.

Sunday 11th October: Sandra Dobson, Eileen Cully and Micky Cully.

Collection Counters – October: Tanya Dobson, Dessie Dobson and Margaret McEntee.

Offertory Collection: Sunday 27th September: €373.

Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea Eircode: H12 HN53

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

Tuesday 6th October 10am.

Friday 9th October 11am. Opening of the Academic Year Mass for Coronea N. S. (In Coronea N.S.)

Saturday 10th October 7.30pm. Anniv. Hubert Barry, Drumnawall, Arva.

Offertory Collection: Saturday 26th September: €1,420.50. Centenary Donations to date: €2,200.

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

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.