

# Parish of Kilsherdany & Drung

Third Sunday of Advent

14 Dec 2025



## Weekend Masses This Week:

### Church of Immaculate Conception, Drung

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> - 10.00 am - **Special Arrangement** - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of PJ Denning, Drung

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> - 8.00 pm - Jimmy O'Reilly, Bunnoe & all deceased members of his family; also Una & John Joe McDonald, Cabragh, Middle Chapel

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> - 6-8pm - **Adoration** - come and join us for an hour with the Lord

Thu 18<sup>th</sup> - 9.30 am

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> - 8.00 pm - Phil Smith, Lettermore

### St Mary's Church, Bunnoe

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> - 12.00 Noon - **Special Arrangement** - Month's Memory of Maura Fay, Pottle West, Lisboduff

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> - 9.30 am

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> - NO MASS

### St Patrick's Church, Corick

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> - 9.00 am - Mary McKeon Brady (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv) & deceased members of the Brady & McKeon families

- David Gallagher, Corbeagh

- Anne (Nancy) Smith (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv), Rathrussan

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> - 6.30 pm

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> - 9.00 am - Patrick and Rose McPhillips, Killycreeny, their son Declan, and their daughter-in-law Mary

### St Brigid's Church, Kill

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> - NO MASS

Tue 16<sup>th</sup> - 9.30 am (Eucharistic Adoration will start at 10am)

Tue 16<sup>th</sup> - 6-7pm - Eucharistic Adoration - come spend time with Jesus

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> - NO MASS

**Recent Death:** Please pray for the soul of Frank Brady, Drumherriff, Tullyvin, Cootehill, who died on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025, and whose Requiem Funeral Mass took place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Drung, followed by burial in Drung Cemetery. May his gentle soul rest in eternal peace.

# Important Church Information

Thursday 18: St Flannon  
Saturday 20: St Fachanan

## First Friday Calls for January:

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December – from 10.30 am**

Fr. Yusuf is bringing Holy Communion to those at home, to all church areas. If you want anyone to be added to the First Friday Calls list, please contact the parish office.

**Advent 2025** Sun Nov 30, to Christmas Eve, Dec 24, marks the start of the liturgical year and is a time of hope, preparation, joy, and love as Catholics await the coming of Christ at Christmas and anticipate His Second Coming.

**Advent week 3 – Joy: Shepherd's Candle** (pink, the liturgical colour for Joy - on "Gaudete Sunday" (meaning rejoice or praise), we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds

## Upcoming Christmas Masses:

### Christmas Eve

Kill 6:30pm

Bunnoe 8:00pm

### Christmas Morning

Corick 9:30am

Drung 11:00am

**Christmas Confessions**, Sunday 21st December, 7.30pm in Cootehill

**Brief Penitential Service & Confession**, Saturday 20th December, after 8.00pm Mass in Drung

**Brief Penitential Service & Confession**, Sunday 21st December, after 9.00am Mass in Corick

**Brief Penitential Service & Confession**, Tuesday 23rd December, after 9.30am Mass in Kill



**THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES ON WED, THU & FRI OF CHRISTMAS WEEK**

The Parish Office will be closed from 12.30pm on Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec until 10am on Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan.

**St Vincent de Paul collection is this weekend of 13/14 December in Corick and Drung**

**NOTICE** - *Raising awareness about the Department of Education and Youth's online survey regarding school patronage - Final days to participate: #HaveYourSay about your Catholic School* For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start.

The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in **your** school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say **before 16 December 2025**. See - [gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey](http://gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey)

## Effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026:

"In an effort to promote togetherness in our pastoral community, all Month's Memory masses and First Anniversary masses in the churches that have active masses in the given month will no longer be allocated special, separate masses, and will be included with the regular weekend mass. It is important that all parishioners share in these anniversary masses, where possible, to offer the utmost support, as a community, to the grieving families." It is understood that some masses will fall in the inactive months, and may need to be given special consideration. All special arrangements must be cleared with Fr Yusuf before booking. Thank you for your understanding.

# Local Information

  **Christmas Carol Service - Monday 15 December @ 7pm** in St Brigid's Church, Laragh - Join us for an evening of Christmas songs, carols and reflections by a host of local artists - young and old! Voluntary Donations in aid of Laragh National School & Clifferna National School.  

**Ecumenical Carol Service** in Bunnoe Community Centre on Wednesday night December 17th at 7 pm. Everyone welcome.

🎵🎵🎵 **Kill Church Choir Rehearsal** on Thur evening 18 Dec at 7.30 pm. All welcome. 🎵🎵🎵

**NOTICE:** If anyone has old photos, articles, etc that they would like to submit, but they do not have the ability to scan and upload them to our '**St Brigid's Church Kill Bicentennial**' Facebook page, in the lead-up to our big celebration on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026, please drop them in to the office, in an envelope with your name and phone number on it. We will scan, upload, and keep your photos safe until you collect them again. If possible include dates, names, and places to identify the photos.

**Drung GFC Blotto Results** Monday 8th December 2025. Numbers drawn: 3. 9. 11. 31. No Jackpot Winner. €30 Winners: Mary Donohoe, Drung; Gary O'Reilly, Bunnoe, FOD; Brian Kiley, Cootehill, FOD; Eamon Denning, Drung, FOD. Next week's jackpot €4,900.

 **Kill Camogie Club Tractor & Vintage Run**  Kill Camogie Club is delighted to host a Fundraiser Tractor and Vintage Run on **Sun, 4th January** in support of our club.

 Registration: Tullyvin  From 11:00am  Run starts at 12:00pm  Entry Fee: €20  
 Refreshments provided on return. It's the perfect way to round off the Christmas season — all support is greatly appreciated! We look forward to seeing you there!  

<b>Kill Altar Society</b>	<b>Dec</b>	Lisa Bannon & Nuala McCauley
<b>Corick Altar Society</b>	<b>Dec</b>	Carmel Brady and Phyllis Smith
<b>Drung Rotas</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<u>Ministers of the Word:</u> Miriam McConnell <u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Kitty Keogh, Ann Galligan
<b>Bunnoe Rotas</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>NO MASSES</b> Altar Society (Flowers): Susie McCaul

- **Bunnoe Bingo** Join us for Bingo every Monday night at 8pm in Bunnoe Community Centre
- **Cootehill Badminton Club** St Aidan's on Mondays. Club nights Tue & Wed in Presbyterian Hall from 8pm.
- **Drung Bowling Club** in Drung Community Centre Wed at 8.45 pm.
- **Indoor Bowls** in Tullyvin Community Centre Mon at 8.00 pm.
- **Set Dancing Classes** in Gallonray House Thur from 8-10pm.
- **Whist:** in Tullyvin Community Centre on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025**, and then will resume after Christmas on the Tuesday the 13th of January.

# General News

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Parish Office hours: **Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10.00am-12.30pm**

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**Newsletter items due before 9pm on Wednesday**

Webcam (for Live Streaming of Masses): [www.churchtv.ie](http://www.churchtv.ie)

**Christenings are set for the last Saturday of the month at 12.30pm.**

**Manresa - Advent & New Year Retreat Offerings** "Come away and rest for a while." (Mark 6:31) with **Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality**, 426 Clontarf Road, Dollymount, D03 FP52, Dublin

> **New Year Retreat** Monday, 29 December 2025 - Thursday, 1 January 2026

Bookings online ([manresa.ie](http://manresa.ie)), by email at [reception@manresa.ie](mailto:reception@manresa.ie), or by calling +353 1 5529 448.

**Positive Age - James Kilbane Concert** The Perfect Christmas Gift for Mum or Granny. **Tuesday 30th December 2025**, 6pm, Doors: 5.30pm, St Brigid's Church, Laragh, Stradone, Co. Cavan. Tickets: €20 Available from the Positive Age Office 049-4380725. Join us for an uplifting evening of music with Irish country & gospel singer James Kilbane. Proceeds go towards the Positive Age Building Fund, supporting community services for the older people across the region. <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1562644011424643>

**Give Hope This Christmas with Double the Love:** Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3 million children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and better opportunities for the future. It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Thanks to the Tom Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled until 12th January 2026 or until the match funding limit has been reached. Together, through Double the Love, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. To donate, go to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or phone 01 853 5163. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**Free courses** commencing January 2026 - **Ballyjamesduff** see flyer on church porch

**Family Carers Ireland** is the National Charity Supporting 500,000+ Family Carers Nationwide, we are currently recruiting for **Community Homecare Workers** to provide support to clients. Work hours are flexible based on your availability. Own car and Full Driving Licence essential. Please send your CV to [jobs@familycarers.ie](mailto:jobs@familycarers.ie) or contact Carol on 049 8511031 or 086 4183949 for more information.

Other Priests of the Pastoral Area

Fr John Cooney, PP Cootehill: 049 555 2120 / 086 875 5695

Most Rev. Dr. Martin Hayes, Diocesan Bishop, Kilmore

**Diocesan Website:** <https://www.kilmorediocese.ie>

**Here are some Support numbers you may find useful:**

**ALONE** (Elderly): 0818222024 **AWARE** (Anxious/Depressed): 1800804848

**TEARMANN** (Dom Abuse): 0858102433 **PIETA** (Mental Health): 1800247247

**SAMARITANS** (To Talk): 116 123 **CHILDLINE** (Children): 1800 666 666

**WOMEN'S AID** (Dom Abuse): 1800341900 **MEN'S AID**: 015543811

**NORTH WEST STOP** (Free counselling): 086 777200