

Parish of Kilsherdany & Drung

Fourth Sunday of Advent & The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - 21 & 28 Dec 2025



Weekend Masses This Week:

Church of Immaculate Conception, Drung

Sat 20th - 8.00 pm - Phil Smith, Lettermore

Brief Penitential Service & Confession, after Mass

Thu 25th - 11.00 am - **Christmas Morning Mass**

Sat 27th - 8.00 pm - James & Ellie Coyle, Brian & Benny Coyle, and deceased members of the Coyle and McCaffrey families, Cornagall
- Andrew & Kathleen Reilly, Kilmacnoran, and Peter & Margaret Reilly, Gortskeagh

Wed 31st - 6-8pm - **Adoration - come and join us for an hour with the Lord**

Sun 4th January, 2026 - NO MASS

St Mary's Church, Bunnoe

Sat 20th - NO MASS

Wed 24th - 8.00 pm - **Christmas Eve Mass**

Sat 27th - NO MASS

Wed 31st - 9.30 am

Sun 4th January, 2026 - 9.00 am - Philip & Anna Greenan, Lisgannon, Tullyco; also Dan Reilly, Bunnoe

St Patrick's Church, Corick

Sun 21st - 9.00 am - Patrick and Rose McPhillips, Killycreeny, their son Declan, & daughter-in-law Mary
Brief Penitential Service & Confession, after Mass

Thu 25th - 9.30 am - **Christmas Morning Mass**

Sun 28th - 9.00 am - Michael and Kathleen Hand & daughters Eileen and Monica,
& Michael and Mary O'Rourke, & Joe and Molly McIntyre

Sat 3rd January, 2026 - NO MASS

St Brigid's Church, Kill

Sun 21st - NO MASS

Tue 23rd - 9.30 am (**Brief Penitential Service & Confession after Mass**, then Eucharistic Adoration)

Tue 23rd - 6-7pm - Eucharistic Adoration - come spend time with Jesus

Wed 24th - 6.30 pm - **Christmas Eve Mass**

- Colin Carolan (16th Anniv)

Sun 28th - 11.00 am - **Special Arrangement** - 1st Anniversary of Vincent Deneher

Tue 30th - 9.30 am (Eucharistic Adoration will start at 10am)

Tue 30th - 6-7pm - Eucharistic Adoration - come spend time with Jesus

Sat 3rd January, 2026 - 8.00 pm - Mick Brady, Drumhurt

- Margaret & Patrick Cusack, Cornasaus & the Sullivan family, Tullywaltra

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

Important Church Information

Feast Days During Coming Weeks:

Tue 23: St John of Kanty	Mon 29: St Thomas Becket
Wed 24: Christmas Eve	Wed 31: St Sylvester
Thu 25: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	Thu 1: Mary, Mother of God
Fri 26: St Stephen	Fri 2: St Basil; St Gregory
Sat 27: St John	Sat 3: The Holy Name of Jesus, St Munchin

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they shall call him Emmanuel.

Advent 2025 ends on Christmas Eve, Dec 24, as we await the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Advent week 4 - Love: Angel's Candle (purple, representing the ultimate love of God, that He might send His only Son for us. The fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the colour purple, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth.

We also light a fifth candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to represent the birth of Jesus.

We come together as friends and family to celebrate the coming of our Saviour.



NO REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES ON 24,25,26 December or 1, 2 January

Parish Office closing from 12.30pm on Fri 19th Dec until 10am on Fri 2nd Jan

First Friday Calls for January:

Wednesday 31st December - from 10.30 am

Effective 1st 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.

2025 Christmas Message of Appreciation and Best Wishes to all parishioners

Peace and joy of Christmas to all, and blessings of the new year 2026. On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Committee and all the various Church Councils/Committees in the parish; and on behalf of the Parish Priest Fr. Yusuf Bamai, and our Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Martin Hayes; we extend our Christmas wishes and blessings to all parishioners.

We give thanks and praise to God for the blessings this year. God has indeed been faithful to us in so many ways and circumstance; we give Him all the praise and glory. We are very grateful to all who continue to support and assist the Parish in so many and different ways.

We therefore take this opportunity thanks and appreciation to all parishioners for the supports and cooperation. Your kind and generous contributions to the parish, has enable us to carry on in the parish all through the year.

Sincere thanks and appreciation to our Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee; the various Church Councils and Committees in the different Church areas, for their commitment and dedication. May God bless you all abundantly. We also thank the various groups and individuals in the parish for their sacrifices, dedication and commitment: Our Sacristans, our Altar Servers, their parents and their coordinators, Parish Safeguarding Officer and Collaborators, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors/Missalette Distributors, Choirs, Altar Society Ladies/Church cleaners, money counters/Record keepers & Accountants, our Parish office Secretary, Eucharistic Adoration Group, St. Padre Pio Group and so many Associations/individuals that work behind the scenes for our common good. May God bless and reward you abundantly. Merry Christmas and blessed New Year 2026.

Fr. Yusuf Bamai (PP).

Local Information

Bunnoe Youth Choir Carol Service on Sunday the 21st of December at 6:30pm in Bunnoe Church. All donations are in aid of St Vincent de Paul. **ALSO**, the choir will be on the radio on Christmas Day on Shannonside Northern Sound 'Side by Side' programme, after the news at 9.00 am. There will be a repeat of the programme on the 28th. Tune in, if you can, for a Christmas treat!

Tullyvin Variety Show will take place on **Friday 20th and Saturday 21st February, 2026**. We are looking for singers / dancers / musicians / sketches and any adults or children or group in the community who is interested in getting involved or taking part. Please contact Jackie McQuillan on 086 8355108 or Angela Carnew on 0863665494. Thank you.

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 1st 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 15th December 2025. Numbers drawn: 8. 10. 11. 29. No Jackpot Winner. €30 Winners: Shane O'Rourke, Cornakill, FOD; Mel McCabe, Ardglushin, FOD; Aideen & Greg Rossiter, Lisnageer, FOD; Laura Rudden, Drumcarn, FOD. Next week's jackpot €5,000.



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!

- **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 will resume on the **Tuesday the 13th of January 2026**.

Fr Yusuf Bamai, PP 049 555 3035 or 089 964 5065

Email: kill@kilmorediocese.ie or drung@kilmorediocese.ie

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

Landline: 049 589 3239

Parish Website: <http://kilsherdanyanddrungparish.com>

Office Email: kilsherdanyanddrungparish@gmail.com

Newsletter items due before 9pm on Wednesday

Webcam (for Live Streaming of Masses): www.churchtv.ie

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

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>

Local Information & General News

2025 CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

The world today is on the fast lane of building a world where God is ejected as its landlord. Consequently, there has been the concerted effort too to remove Christ from the celebration of Christmas. Many cards today that should read 'Merry Christmas', read instead, 'Happy holiday' or 'Season's greetings!' We may simply imagine, or take it for granted, that it's Christmas holiday and/or Christmas season these cards allude to; but as Christians it's incumbent on us to tell the world in strong unequivocal terms that Christmas celebrates the Nativity of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world! As you buy (or make) and send Christmas cards, please try to project and express Christ to the world. In everything you do during this season, let Christ be the center. Let Christ be the reason and summit of the Christmas. "Our hearts are on fire today with love of You O Lord. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we pray for the strength and courage to share the love that we feel today, tomorrow and each day; with those who need it most, helping to build Your kingdom here on earth. Amen."

Kill Altar Society	Dec	Lisa Bannon & Nuala McCauley
	Jan	Carmel Brady, Patricia Ward, Val O'Reilly
Corick Altar Society	Dec	Carmel Brady and Phyllis Smith
	Jan	Nancy O'Reilly and Rose Pickens
Drung Rotas	Dec	<u>Ministers of the Word:</u> Miriam McConnell <u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Kitty Keogh, Ann Galligan
	Jan	NO MASSES
Bunnoe Rotas	Dec	NO MASSES Altar Society (Flowers): Susie McCaul
	Jan	<u>Servers:</u> Group A on the 4 th , Group B on the 11 th , Group C on the 18 th , Group D on the 25 th <u>Reader:</u> Sean Slowey <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Nellie Fitzpatrick & Philomena Cassidy <u>Altar Society (Flowers):</u> Kathleen Daly <u>Door Collectors:</u> Barry Smith, Gerry McCaul <u>Cleaners:</u> Veronica Jackson, Martina Slowey, Louise Slowey

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 or phone 01 853 5163. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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