

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Kiltoom masses live streamed on www.churchservices.tv/kiltoom

Saturday 21st December	Kiltoom 7pm	Rose Nestor
Sunday 22nd December	Curraghboy 10am	Fiona Reid (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 22nd December	Kiltoom 11.30am	Pat Naughton (Ballycraggan) John & Gretta Naughton
		CHRISTMAS EVE
Tuesday 24th December	Curraghboy 6pm	People of the Parish
Tuesday 24th December	Kiltoom 8pm	People of the Parish
		CHRISTMAS DAY
Wednesday 25th December	Curraghboy 10am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 25th December	Kiltoom 11.30am	People of the Parish
Thursday 26th December & Friday 27th December: No Mass		
Friday 27th December	Curraghboy 7pm	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Holy Hour)
Saturday 28th December	Kiltoom 7pm	Patrick & Mary Cunningham
Sunday 29th December	Curraghboy 10am	Mary & Sr. Celia & deceased members of the Harrington Family
Sunday 29th December	Kiltoom 11.30am	Mass Available
Tuesday 31st December	Curraghboy 7pm	Vera Byrne (1st Anniversary)
Wednesday 1st January	Kiltoom 10am	Myrl O'Carroll & her son Aidan
Thursday 2nd January	Curraghboy 7pm	Tom, Mary & Martha O'Brien (Eskerbaun) & Mark Corley & deceased family members
Friday 3rd January	Kiltoom 9.30am	Thomas & Molly O'Dowd
Friday 3rd January	Curraghboy 7pm	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Holy Hour)
Saturday 4th January	Kiltoom 7pm	Mass Available
Sunday 5th January	Curraghboy 10am	Annie O'Connor (Brideswell) Colm & Una Mee & deceased family members Patrick & Kathleen Burke (Pollalahar) Irene McDonnell
Sunday 5th January	Kiltoom 11.30am	Joe Higgins (Months Mind)

HOLY DAY: Monday 6th January. THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.

There will be no vigil mass on Sunday 5th January. Mass times for the Holy Day: Curraghboy Church at 10am & Kiltoom Church at 7pm

ALTAR SERVERS: Rota sent for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Kiltoom:	Saturday 28th December, Group 7	Saturday 4th January, Group 1
Curraghboy:	Sunday 29th December, Group 2	Sunday 5th January, Group 3

RECENT DEATHS: *We pray for the souls of*

Antoinette Hannon, Gortacoosan, Kiltoom
Teresa Shanagher Four Mile House, *Mother of Kathleen Mannion, Whitepark*
God grant them eternal rest & comfort, and console their bereaved family & friends



PARISH OF KILTOOM & CAM

Church of the Risen Christ,
Ballybay
Kiltoom
Athlone
Co. Roscommon
N37 NY36

St. Brigid's Church
Curraghboy
Athlone
Co. Roscommon
N37 KV62

**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
&
THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY &
JOSEPH**

22nd & 29th December 2024

Parish Newsletter

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Our Parish on-line

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Further safeguarding details can be found on the

Diocesan website www.elphindiocese.ie



**Parish of
Kiltoom & Cam**

ALL INVITED TO OPENING OF JUBILEE YEAR: During the weekend after Christmas, Bishop Kevin will open the Jubilee Year in the dioceses of Elphin and Achonry. On Sunday 29th December, we will gather in the Gillooly Hall, Sligo at 12 noon for a short liturgy and walk together to the Cathedral for Mass. On Saturday 28th December, we will gather at 6pm at Ballaghaderreen Cathedral for a liturgy and the celebration of Mass. We hope as many people as possible can participate at either of these liturgies in our two dioceses as we begin this special year of faith.

WHAT IS JUBILEE YEAR 2025? The Jubilee has its origins in an ancient biblical tradition (Leviticus). Every 50th year was celebrated as a time for setting slaves free, for forgiving debts, and for allowing the land to rest. In our Christian tradition the Jubilee has a strong focus on reconciliation and renewal, including reaching out to people on the margins. It is normally celebrated every 25 years, so that more people can celebrate it at least once in a lifetime. The theme for the Jubilee 2025 is 'Pilgrims of Hope' (*Spes non Confundit - Hope Does Not Disappoint*). This theme of hope encourages each of us to be messengers of hope in our very troubled world. More information about the Jubilee Year in our two dioceses will be available in the New Year.

SENIORLINE: Would you like someone to talk to over Christmas? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary.

EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE ROSCOMMON: The EmployAbility Service is an Employment and Recruitment Service to assist people with a disability, health condition, illness or injury to pursue and maintain employment in the open labour market. Are you currently aged over 18 years? Do you have a disability, health condition, illness or injury? Would you consider working? If so, why not let Seetec Employability Service Roscommon support you to find that job in your local area. This is a confidential and free individualised service funded by the Department of Social Protection. For further information Call 0906647117 or email employabilityroscommon@seetec.ie

MOBILE LIBRARY 2025: On 2 January (11-3.30) and 16 January (1-3.30) the mobile library will visit Monksland, SuperValu Carpark. We have a great selection of books, e-books and audiobooks for all ages and library membership is free.

BRIDESWELL NS ENROLLMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025: Brideswell National School are now accepting enrollments for September 2025. For more information or to register your child, please contact the school office at brideswellns@gmail.com.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL would like to thank the communion class children and everyone who donated items to the recent collection for Esker House

ST. BRIGID'S LOTTO: Lotto Jackpot this weekend €5,400. Last weeks results: Numbers Drawn— 09 / 13 / 22 / 27. There was no winner. 4 match three winners €50, Draw takes place Sunday night 22/12/24 at 9pm.

EPILEPSY IRELAND would like to express their thanks for your kindness and generosity towards their recent church gate collection. A total of €388.15 was collected in Curraghboy and €405.00 in Kiltoom.

A message from Fr. Michael

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Deacon William Gacquin, The Parish Pastoral Council, The Area Distributors, Stewards, Choirs, Church Cleaners, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers & Supervisors, Caretakers and those who do a wonderful job in our churches, Lorraine our Parish Secretary, the ladies who help with my Holy Hours & those who help open and close our Churches.

I would also like to thank anyone who has helped out in anyway and supported the Parish throughout the year. I hope everyone gets to celebrate the birth of our Lord safely and I would like to wish you all a lovely peaceful Christmas & New Year.

God Bless,

Fr. Michael



A Christmas Prayer

Heavenly Father,
we thank you for the gift
of Your Son, Jesus,
whose birth into our world
we celebrate today.
Fill our hearts with the peace
that only He provides.
Let us share that peace with others
and help build Your kingdom
here on earth.
Amen.

THANK YOU: Sincere thank you to all who continue to return weekly envelopes and Christmas envelope. I am most grateful for your generosity, support and help towards the upkeep of both of our Churches and Church grounds. The Christmas envelope is one of four collections taken up annually to help support the Priests in the Parish.

PARISH OFFICE: Will be closed from 1.30pm Friday 20th December, reopening Friday 3rd January at 9.30am. The newsletter dated Sunday 22nd December will cover masses up to Sunday 5th January. Wishing you all a lovely Christmas and New Year.

AREA DISTRIBUTORS: Thank you once again for your continued help and support in delivering the Christmas envelopes. This is a huge task and I am extremely grateful.

CARD GAME resumes Tuesday 7th January in Curraghboy Handball Complex.