

# PARISH OF KILTOOM & CAM

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

St. Brigid's Church  
Curraghboy  
Athlone  
Co. Roscommon  
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**THE BAPTISM  
OF THE LORD**  
**11th January 2026**

## Parish Newsletter

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### Our Parish on-line

[www.kiltoomandcam.com](http://www.kiltoomandcam.com)

[www.facebook.com/KiltoomParish](https://www.facebook.com/KiltoomParish)

**Twitter:** @KiltoomChurch

**Masses live streamed:** [churchservices.tv/kiltoom](http://churchservices.tv/kiltoom)

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### Parish Safeguarding Liaison Officers

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*Further safeguarding details can be found on the  
Diocesan website [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)*

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

**Kiltoom masses live streamed on [www.churchservices.tv/kiltoom](http://www.churchservices.tv/kiltoom)**

Saturday 10th January	Kiltoom 7pm	Francis Henahan & deceased family members People of the Parish
Sunday 11th January	Curraghboy 10am	Patrick, Winfred & Ollie Mannion, Tom Mannion & Fr. Tom Mannion (Ballyline) & deceased family members Month's Mind Mass for Pauline Gately
Sunday 11th January	Kiltoom 11.30am	Derek Mannion (1st Anniversary)
Tuesday 13th January	Kiltoom 9.30am	Michael & Eithne Haugh & Mary Faulkner
Wednesday 14th January	Kiltoom 9.30am	Betty Price
Thursday 15th January	Kiltoom 9.30am	Moirá & Patrick Naughton
Friday 16th January	Curraghboy	Irene McDonnell
Friday 16th January	Curraghboy 7pm	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 17th January	Kiltoom 7pm	Lorraine Nestor People of the Parish
Sunday 18th January	Curraghboy 10am	Kathleen O'Brien (Milltown) & Birute Joudeikiene Month's Mind Helen O'Brien
<b>Sunday 18th January</b>	<b>Kiltoom 8.45am</b>	<b>John Gavin, Eamon &amp; Winnie Gavin</b>

**Please note the change of mass time for Sunday 18th, January**

### NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR SERVERS

**Kiltoom:** Saturday 17th January, Group 4      **Curraghboy:** Sunday 18th January, Group 1

### Recent Deaths:

Your prayers are requested for the soul of Mary Finnerty, Cork and late of Brideswell. May grant her eternal rest and console her bereaved family and friends

**St Brigid's Team:** Congratulations to St Brigid's senior team who won the All-Ireland Club Semi Final in Cavan last weekend. We wish the best of luck on Sunday 18th January in Croake Park. **Good Luck Lads!!!**

**Important Notice:** The mass on the 18th January is at 8.45am, it will facilitate people who are travelling to Dublin for the All-Ireland Club final. Please note the 8.45am **mass is the only mass in Kiltoom**. For those who attend the 11.30am, please note there will be a 10am mass in Curraghboy on Sunday morning or alternatively the evening mass 7pm in Kiltoom on Saturday.



**A PRAYER FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING.:** Lord, grant me the strength to face the challenges of illness and the grace to find healing. Renew my spirit, empower me with courage and restore my health according to your will. “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.” Isaiah 40:31

### **HELPLINES**

Emergency Service-112 or 999

Alone 0818 222 024

Childline 1800 666 666

Focus Ireland 01 881 5900

HSE Drug & Alcohol Helpline 1800 459 459

National Freephone Careline 1800 240 724

Pieta House 1800 247 247

Samaritans 116 123 or text HELP to 51444

Teen line 1800 833 634

Al-Anon Group Helpline 01 873 2699

Aware Support Line 1800 804 848

Farm & Rural Stress Helpline 1800 742 645

GROW mental Health 0818 474 474

LGBT Ireland 1890 929 539

National Male Advice Line 1800 816 588

Rape Crisis Centre 1800 778 888

Senior Line 1800 804 591

Women's Aid 1800 341 900

**Come & Sing with Cór Comáin** — Join us for a relaxed Come & Sing workshop to experience harmony singing, our rehearsal style, and welcoming community on Thursday 15 January, 7.30–9.00pm, Roscommon Arts Centre; email [corcomain@gmail.com](mailto:corcomain@gmail.com) to book.

**Ballybay Central National School:** Enrolment for new junior infants is now open. Interested parents are invited to complete the expression of interest form at <https://ballybaycns.ie/expression-of-interest-form/> or contact the school office directly at (090) 648 9220.

**Brideswell NS** are holding an Information/Enrolment evening on Tuesday January 27th @7pm for parents wishing to enrol their child for September 2026. Please contact the school by email [brideswellns@gmail.com](mailto:brideswellns@gmail.com) if you wish to get an enrolment form or need further information.

**Property Manager:** The Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin wish to appoint an experienced Property Manager (part-time) to manage the legal, administrative and maintenance processes relating to the properties owned by the respective Trusts of the two dioceses. Detailed job description is available at [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie) Closing date is 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026.

**Living Well Programme:** Free HSE programme of workshops for people with long-term health conditions, such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. Commences Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 10.30am in the Cube Building Roscommon Town. Further details: 098 419 50.

**A Call to Sacred Service: Ministers of Holy Communion:** We invite members of our Parish community who feel called to deepen their dedication to the Church by becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Minister). This is a vital and deeply special ministry. As a Eucharistic Minister, you will join our dedicated existing team to assist in distributing the Body of Christ to the faithful during Mass. Furthermore, this calling extends beyond the sanctuary. Ministers have the profound opportunity to bring Holy Communion to our homebound, elderly, or sick parishioners, ensuring the comfort and grace of the Sacrament reaches all members of our community. If you discern a call to commit to this rewarding ministry, please register your interest.

**To sign up:** Contact the Parish Office directly during regular business hours. All new applicants will participate in a mandatory, short training and formation course. This preparation ensures that all ministers are properly instructed in the reverence and procedure required for distributing the Eucharist. We look forward to welcoming you to this truly fulfilling and special ministry.

**THANK YOU:** Sincere thank you to all who continue to return weekly envelopes. I am most grateful for your generosity, support and help towards the upkeep of both of our Churches and Church grounds.

**PARISH OFFICE:** Lorraine will be out of the office on leave until the end of January. The phone will be manned Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 10am-12noon. Fr Michael will be in the office Mondays, Thursdays & Friday's during the office opening hours. Please email any mass bookings or queries as your first point of contact. Thank you.

**ST. BRIGID'S LOTTO:** Lotto Jackpot this weekend €7,000. Last weeks results: Numbers Drawn 03/ 19 / 020/ 27. There was no winner. 3 match three winners, €70. Draw takes place 11/01/26 at 9pm in the Club House.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Are you willing to provide companionship or make calls to older people once a week for 1 hour? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. If interested: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For further information: [Helena.madden@alone.ie](mailto:Helena.madden@alone.ie) / 086 014 5829 / [Collette.Ferguson@alone.ie](mailto:Collette.Ferguson@alone.ie) / 086 192 1505.

**The Old Athlone Society** is delighted to welcome Dr Pádraig Lenihan for the first lecture of 2026. Pádraig will speak on '*Sieges without Guns, Athlone and the Midlands December 1641 - February 1643*'. All Welcome. Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Wednesday January 14th at 8pm.

**Support for Parents after Bereavement:** Anam Cara, which supports parents after bereavement, is hosting an Online Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 22nd January at 7pm. Dr. Róisín Finnegan will be our guest speaker this month. Dr. Finnegan is a Chartered Clinical Psychologist currently working in Cancer Care West with individuals affected by cancer and loss. [anamcara.ie/our-supports/](http://anamcara.ie/our-supports/)

**Reflection on the Baptism of the Lord:** The Baptism of the Lord, celebrated each year at the conclusion of the Christmas season, invites profound reflection on the humility, identity, and mission of Jesus Christ. Though sinless, Jesus willingly was baptism from John the Baptist in the Jordan River, not for His own purification, but to sanctify the waters and to identify fully with humanity in its need for repentance and renewal. This pivotal moment marks the beginning of His public ministry and reveals the Holy Trinity—God the Father's voice from heaven declares, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” while the Holy Spirit descends like a dove. Jesus' baptism underscores the importance of humility and obedience, as the divine Son enters into solidarity with the human journey. For believers, this feast is a call to renew their own baptismal promises, to remember their dignity as beloved children of God, and to live out their faith with purpose and compassion in the world.