

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

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 and Declan Gavin .</b>
Tuesday 20th January	Kiltoom 9.30am	Special Intention
Wednesday 21st January	Kiltoom 9.30am	Myrl O'Carroll & her son Aidan
Thursday 22nd January	Curraghboy 9.30am	John Joe Cunningham & his Parents, Michael & Margaret
Friday 23rd January	Kiltoom 9.30am	Mass available
Friday 23rd January	Curraghboy	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 24th January	Kiltoom 10am	Month's Mind Martin Connolly
Saturday 24th January	Kiltoom 7pm	Bernard Duffy People of the Parish
Sunday 25th January	Curraghboy 10am	Annie Connor
Sunday 25th January	Kiltoom 11:30am	Matt Fagan & deceased members of family

### NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR SERVERS

**Kiltoom:** Saturday 24th January, Group 5      **Curraghboy:** Sunday 25th January, Group 2

### Recent Deaths:

Your prayers are requested for the souls of: Declan Gavin, Curramore.  
Jay Lennon, Athlone and formerly Curramore, Kiltoom. Father of John (Barrymore) and brother  
of Ann Henehan, (Hill of Berries). May God grant them eternal rest and console their bereaved  
families and friends.

### A Reflection on John 1:29-34: The Lamb of God and the Power of Recognition

In John 1:29-34, John the Baptist delivers a pivotal testimony, declaring Jesus as the *"Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."* This moment marks a turning point in the Gospel of John, where the Baptist's role as a forerunner transitions to a profound acknowledgment of Jesus' divine identity. John's exclamation is rooted in both prophecy and revelation. By invoking the image of the lamb, he evokes the Old Testament sacrifices, particularly the Passover lamb, whose death spared Israel from bondage. In Christ, this symbolism reaches its fulfilment: Jesus becomes the ultimate, once-for-all sacrifice, embodying God's redemptive love for all humanity.

# PARISH OF KILTOOM & CAM

Church of the Risen Christ,  
Ballybay  
Kiltoom  
Athlone  
Co. Roscommon  
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St. Brigid's Church  
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**SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**18th January 2026**

## Parish Newsletter

### Contact Details

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**OFFICE HOURS: Mon—Fri, 9.30am—1.30pm**

### 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

**Kiltoom:** Orlagh Tiernan (086) 8257831

**Cam:** Deacon Willie Gacquin (086) 1693902

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



**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	Al-Anon Group Helpline 01 873 2699
Alone 0818 222 024	Aware Support Line 1800 804 848
Childline 1800 666 666	Farm & Rural Stress Helpline 1800 742 645
Focus Ireland 01 881 5900	GROW mental Health 0818 474 474
HSE Drug & Alcohol Helpline 1800 459 459	LGBT Ireland 1890 929 539
National Freephone Careline 1800 240 724	National Male Advice Line 1800 816 588
Pieta House 1800 247 247	Rape Crisis Centre 1800 778 888
Samaritans 116 123 or text HELP to 51444	Senior Line 1800 804 591
Teen line 1800 833 634	Women's Aid 1800 341 900

**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 €7,200. Last weeks results: Numbers Drawn 10 / 12 / 18 / 26. There was no winner. 3 match three winners, €70. Draw takes place Monday night 19/01/26 in St. Brigid's Sports and Social Centre at 8:00pm.

**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.

**SHORT BREAKS SCHEME;** Would you be interested in providing home from home short breaks for children and adults who have an intellectual disability? Brothers of Charity Services Ireland, Homeshare Roscommon are recruiting host carers. Training and support provided. Tax exempt Allowances paid. For further information email [Homeshareroscommon@bocsi.ie](mailto:Homeshareroscommon@bocsi.ie) or phone Catherine on 090 6628500 / 087 2126607.

**ATHLONE CHORAL SOCIETY:** Attention Singing Lovers! Athlone Choral Society choir are back practicing every Monday at 7:15pm—9:30pm in St. Peter's NS Hall in preparation for our summer concert in May.

If you love to sing and would like to join us, please come along. Everyone is very welcoming and friendly. Email: [athlonechoralsocietypro@gmail.com](mailto:athlonechoralsocietypro@gmail.com) Facebook: Athlone Choral Society Instagram: [@athlonechoralsociety](https://www.instagram.com/athlonechoralsociety)

**SPIRITUAL EXERCISES:** Men's 5 Day Silent Ignation Retreat Led by Benedictine monks from France. April 30th. Benburb Priory, Tyrone. Cost €450 further information: <https://soutenir.clairval.com/retreat-benburb-priory>

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Huge congratulations to the Donnellan family on their fantastic win in the Roscommon GAA “Win a Home” draw last weekend.

**BEST WISHES:** Best of luck to the St. Brigid's Men's Senior team as they take on Dingle in the All-Ireland Senior Club final on Sunday 18th January at 3:40pm in Croke Park. May courage, teamwork, and belief guide every step on the field. May God bless and protect the players, management, and all supporters, and may everyone travelling to and from the match do so safely.

**Whatever the result, you have already done your parish proud!**

**Thank you:** Thank you to Bernie and Oliver Mulvey for giving us the use of some flowers and plants to put around the Christmas Crib in front of the altar in the church in Kiltoom. Their kind gesture is much appreciated.

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