

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

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

Saturday 28th February	Kiltoom 7pm	David Goaley (sick)
Sunday 1st March	<b>Curraghboy 10am</b>	John Michael Timon Bernie Dea Brendan McDonnell Michael, Teresa & Frank Hand
Sunday 1st March	Kiltoom 11.30am	Madeline Quinn Declan Gavin (Months Mind) Ellen & Michael Staunton, Maura Mannion & Gail Kelly
Tuesday 3rd March	Kiltoom 9.30am	Mass Available
Tuesday 3rd March	<b>Curraghboy 7.30pm</b>	<b>First Confessions for the children from Brideswell National School</b>
Wednesday 4th March	Kiltoom 9.30am	Mass Available
Wednesday 4th March	Kiltoom 7.30pm	<b>First Confessions for the children from Ballybay Central National School</b>
Thursday 5th March	Kiltoom 7pm	Mass for the sick
Friday 6th March	Kiltoom 9.30am	People of the Parish
Friday 6th March	<b>Curraghboy 7pm</b>	Mary & Paddy Beades & Thomas Murray (Rackins)
	<b>Followed by</b>	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 7th March	Kiltoom 7pm	Nancy Cunningham
Sunday 8th March	<b>Curraghboy 10am</b>	Bridgetta Menton
Sunday 8th March	Kiltoom 11.30am	Baby Elsie May Henehan

**NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR SERVERS**

**Kiltoom:** Saturday 7th March, Group 4    **Curraghboy:** Sunday 8th March, Group 2

**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. There are two easy methods for signing up: Digital Sign-Up: Scan the dedicated QR Code  
Parish Office: 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.



**TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE IN BALLYBAY HALL ON THURSDAY 12TH MARCH & THURSDAY 26TH MARCH AT 7.30PM**

# 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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**1st March 2026**

## Parish Newsletter

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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 Tieman (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)*



**TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN:** “We share one cup, one plate, one saucepan.” This year’s Trócaire Box features Uwamahoro and her family in Rwanda. Supporting three generations, including her daughter Ineza (7), niece Vanessa (12) and her own mother Verediana (68), Uwamahoro works every day in the fields to earn the equivalent of just 60c a day. Your support of this year’s Trócaire Lenten Campaign could help this family and other families around the world build resilience and hope for the future. Further details: [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

**BAPTISED AND SENT IN LENT:** You are invited to journey through Lent with people across Ireland who are taking part in *Baptised and Sent in Lent*, a series of weekly prayer and reflection resources inspired by *Baptised and Sent*, the preparatory document for the Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Irish Synodal Pathway. Each week explores themes such as belonging, healing, renewal and mission, placing baptism at the heart of renewal in the Church in Ireland. Whether you are part of a parish group, school community, ministry team, or simply joining individually, you are warmly invited to take part in the livestreamed online sessions. To register for the sessions, log on to [www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie)

**SHORT-TERM PLEDGE FOR LENT:** Those who wish to take a short-term pledge for Lent are invited to visit [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie) or to speak to a member of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association in their parish.

**CAMP VERITAS PARISH SUBSIDY SCHEME:** Teenage parishioners (13-17 yrs) interested in participating in Camp Veritas, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, and their parents / guardians are encouraged to visit: [www.elphindiocese.ie/veritas](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/veritas) . Deadline: for applications: 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**WEST OF IRELAND BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND:** Residential weekend for men and women who are grieving the loss of their wife, husband, partner. Takes place from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo. Further details: Maureen 087 6646896.

**CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND IN KNOCK:** Marriage enrichment weekend from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 at St Mary’s Retreat Centre, Knock, Co. Mayo. Open to all couples married in the Catholic Church, regardless of how long they have been married. Further information and online application details: [www.marriageencounter](http://www.marriageencounter)

**EUCCHARISTIC HEALING RETREAT IN KNOCK SHRINE,** led by gifted Croatian Priest, Fr Rozo Palic Saturday March 7th & Sunday March 8th. Venue: St. John's Welcome Centre; Saturday 10:00 am - 6:30 pm & Sunday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. He will be supported by his Croatian Music Ministry team; no prior booking required; everyone is most welcome and please bring a packed lunch. For further enquires please contact, Patricia on 089 9466193 or Fiona on [fionatjennings@yahoo.com](mailto:fionatjennings@yahoo.com).

**COMMUNITY CONNECT DRIVE & DROP:** Help us gather much-needed new essential items for pregnant mothers and families with new babies – just pick up a few extra items in your weekly shop and drop them to us on Sat 7th! Every donation you make will go directly to a family in need. For more information see: [www.communityconnect.ie/driveanddrop/](http://www.communityconnect.ie/driveanddrop/) Sat 7th March 1pm-2pm – Coosan Church Car Park

**UPCOMING ROSCOMMON/KILTEEVA PARISH NOVENA:** A nine-day Lenten Novena in the Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon. Theme: “Take Heart, Take Courage”  
Dates: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 7 pm each evening.  
This nine-day Novena invites everyone to draw courage from Christ, who walks with us in every moment. Full details of speakers are on the Roscommon/Kilteeva Facebook page, the website [www.roscommonkilteevaparissh.ie](http://www.roscommonkilteevaparissh.ie) and in the porch of the Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon. Everyone is welcome.

**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.

**THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU MIGHT DO FOR LENT?** How about participating in our parish’s Lenten Scripture Group Initiative? Group will meet in Kiltoom Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings @ 7 pm during lent. More details @ [www.elphindiocese.ie/matthew](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/matthew). All welcome.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** We invite you to pray for all those in the dioceses of Elphin and of Achonry who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation in coming months. May they be filled with the Holy Spirit and become witnesses of God’s love in our world.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be recited after mass in Kiltoom every Friday during lent. Please see the newsletter weekly for mass times.

**TROCAIRE BOXES:** Are available from the Porches in both Churches this weekend.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS:** Reminder that your first confessions take place on Tuesday evening 3rd March in St. Brigid’s Church for the children of Brideswell National School. and on Wednesday 4th March in The Church of The Risen Christ at 7.30pm for the children of Ballybay National School

**KILTOOM COMMUNITY AED GROUP CLG** will hold their Annual general meeting in Ballybay Parish Hall, on Wednesday 4th March 2026 at 7pm. Everybody welcome.

**ST. BRIGID’S LOTTO: JACKPOT THIS WEEK: €5,400.** Last Week’s Results  
Numbers Drawn: 02/16/22/27. No Jackpot Winner, TWO MATCH THREE WINNERS  
Each receive €100.00. *Next draw takes place on Monday night 02/03/2026 in St. Brigid’s Sports and Social Centre at 8.00pm.*

**EPILEPSY AWARENESS:** In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie](http://www.epilepsy.ie). Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March.

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS IRL ROSCOMMON BRANCH A.G.M.** will take place Tuesday March 3rd in Durkin’s, The Square, Ballaghaderreen F45 RW84. Starting at 7pm with a Guest Speaker from MABS. Refreshments will be served on the night. All are welcome to attend.

**CONFERENCE ON HAPPINESS,** in Donegal and Galway, 7th & 8th March, with very special guest speaker: Fr Gregory Pine OP. For more details, please see [www.dominicans.ie](http://www.dominicans.ie) or email [op.evangelisation@gmail.com](mailto:op.evangelisation@gmail.com)

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** This year’s “World Day of Prayer” service takes place in the Methodist Church, Northgate St. Athlone on next Friday 6th April at 7.30pm. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

**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