

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

Saturday 21st February	Kiltoom 7pm	Frank Lennon
Sunday 22nd February	Curraghboy 10am	Ted, Mary & Malachy Byrne & deceased members of the Byrne Family
Sunday 22nd February	Kiltoom 11.30am	Michael & Elizabeth Keenan
Tuesday 24th February	Curraghboy 7pm	William Dolan (Cam Lodge) requested by members of Cam Cemetery Committee
Wednesday 25th February	Kiltoom 9.30am	Mass Available
Thursday 26th February	Kiltoom 9.30am	Mass Available
Friday 27th February	Curraghboy 9.30am	People of the Parish
Friday 27th February	Kiltoom 7pm	John Fallon (2nd Anniversary)
	Followed by	Stations of the Cross
Friday 27th February	Curraghboy 7pm	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 28th February	Kiltoom 10am	Phyllis Killion (Months Mind)
Saturday 28th February	Kiltoom 7pm	Mass Available
Sunday 1st March	Curraghboy 10am	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

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR SERVERS

Kiltoom: Saturday 28th February, Group 3 **Curraghboy:** Sunday 1st March, Group 1

RECENT DEATHS: *We pray for the soul of*

Attracta Sammon, Hill of Berries, Kiltoom

God grant her eternal rest & comfort, and console her bereaved families & friends

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.



PARISH OF KILTOOM & CAM

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Ballybay
Kiltoom
Athlone
Co. Roscommon
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Curraghboy
Athlone
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**FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT**

22nd February 2026

Parish Newsletter

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Our Parish on-line

www.kiltoomandcam.com

www.facebook.com/KiltoomParish

Twitter: @KiltoomChurch

Masses live streamed: 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

1ST SUNDAY

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TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN: Last year, Trócaire worked with over 40,000 people in at-risk communities across Rwanda, helping vulnerable families build resilience against climate change by supporting over 2,500 women to receive training in sustainable resource management; providing over 20,000 families with fuel-efficient cookstoves to reduce firewood use, and planting over 320,000 trees across the country. You are invited to support this year's Trócaire Lenten Campaign. Further details: www.trocaire.org

ONLINE LENTEN JOURNEY: This Lent, people across Ireland are invited to journey together through *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

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

FAITH & FUN CLUB: Achonry & Elphin dioceses' 'Come, Follow Me' Faith & Fun Club Info. & Training Gathering will take place in Summerhill College Sligo on eve of Fri. 27th and during day of Sat. 28th Feb. All interested in faith development of children 7 – 11 years are encouraged to read more @ www.elphindiocese.ie/cfm. Places limited. Early booking advised.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND IN KNOCK: Marriage enrichment weekend from 20th to 22nd 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

PILGRIMAGE TO MARIAN SHRINES OF NORTHERN ITALY: Travel with Marian Pilgrimages to the Marian shrines of Northern Italy from 19th to 26th May 2026, with return flights from Knock to Bergamo/Milan airport. Further details: Christine Horkan 087 9723641. Full itinerary: www.marian.ie

GRADUATES: DON'T LOSE YOUR SEANAD VOTE: Irish citizens with degrees from designated 3rd level colleges are eligible to vote in the 'Higher Education' constituency which replaces the NUI and Trinity panels in Seanad Éireann. To secure your vote: go to www.seanadvoter.ie before February 26th.

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.

COMMUNITY CONNECT DRIVE & DROP: DONATE TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED! Saturday 7th March 1pm-3pm – Coosan Church Car Park. Welcoming a new baby is a very special time in any family's life, but can be a challenging time for those who are struggling financially. Help us to 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/. **ITEMS THAT CAN BE ACCEPTED (NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE)** Nappies – size 1 to 6, baby wipes, nappy sacks-Baby wash/shampoo, nappy cream, baby sponges, baby cotton wool-Packs of sleepsuits and vests (newborn to 6 months)-Packs of baby hooded towels, baby blankets, packs of baby bibs, baby bottles-Hospital bag items such as maternity nightdresses, slippers, toiletry bags.-Unopened gift items for mothers: hand cream, lip balm, body lotion, body wash, fluffy socks/slippers, etc. (no candles or glass items please)

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. All welcome.

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 The Church of The Risen Christ at 7.30pm for the children of Ballybay National School and on Wednesday 4th March in St. Brigid's Church for the children of Brideswell 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 €5,200. Last Week's Results Numbers Drawn: 09/18/25/31 No Jackpot Winner TWO MATCH THREE WINNERS Each receive €100.00 *Next draw: Monday night 23/02/2026 in St. Brigid's Sports and Social Centre at 8.00pm*

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Afterschool Assistant – Curraghboy N.S. Clonark Childcare is delighted to announce this opportunity for an Afterschool Assistant at Curraghboy N.S. This is a fantastic chance to play a key role in launching and developing a new afterschool service within a well-established childcare organisation. To apply, send your C.V. to Clonark@hotmail.com or call Helen Glynn 087 3134012. Closing date 04/03/2026.

TABLE QUIZ: Athlone Golf Club is hosting an annual table quiz on Thursday 26th February at 8pm in the Clubhouse. Team of 4 - 40 euro. There will also be a raffle on the night.

ATHLONE LITTLE THEATRE presents 'A Murder Has Been Renounced' by Lee Mueller, directed by Joe MacCarrick, from Friday, February 20 to Friday, February 27 at 8pm. Matinée only on Sunday, February 22 at 3pm. This murder mystery comedy play is not to be missed! Booking via www.athlonelittletheatre.ie.

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

ROSCOMMON GARDEN CLUB: The next meeting of the Roscommon Garden Club will be held in Hannon's Hotel, Roscommon on Monday 23rd February, 2026 at 8.00pm Speaker from Ballinasloe Garden Centre. Non members €10. All are welcome

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 or email op.evangelisation@gmail.com

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