

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

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| Saturday 21st March | Kiltoom 7pm | John & Kate Flatley & deceased family members |
| Sunday 22nd March | Curraghboy 10am | Padraig Fallon |
| Sunday 22nd March | Kiltoom 11.30am | Tommy Morris |
| Tuesday 24th March | Kiltoom 9.30am | Bill & Kathleen Cavanagh & deceased family members |
| Wednesday 25th March | Kiltoom 9.30am | Gladys Gorman |
| Thursday 26th March | Curraghboy 9.30am | John Joe Cunningham & his parents Michael & Margaret |
| Friday 27th March | Kiltoom 9.30am Followed by | People of the Parish Stations of the Cross |
| Friday 27th March | Curraghboy 7pm Followed by | Owen, Peggy, Michael Martin & Deirmuid O'Riordan Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Saturday 28th March | Kiltoom 10am | Attracta Sammon (Months Mind) |
| Saturday 28th March | Kiltoom 7pm | Theresa Rushe |
| Sunday 29th March | Curraghboy 10am | Brigid & Mike Carroll |
| Sunday 29th March | Kiltoom 11.30am | Mass Available |

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR SERVERS

Kiltoom: Saturday 28th March, Group 1 **Curraghboy:** Sunday 29th March, Group 2



RECENT BAPTISM

We welcome to the Christian Community
Odhrán Máirtín Cunniffe

Who was Baptised in our Parish recently
We congratulate his parents and we wish them all God's blessing



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

PARISH OF KILTOOM & CAM

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Ballybay
Kiltoom
Athlone
Co. Roscommon
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**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**

22nd March 2026

Parish Newsletter

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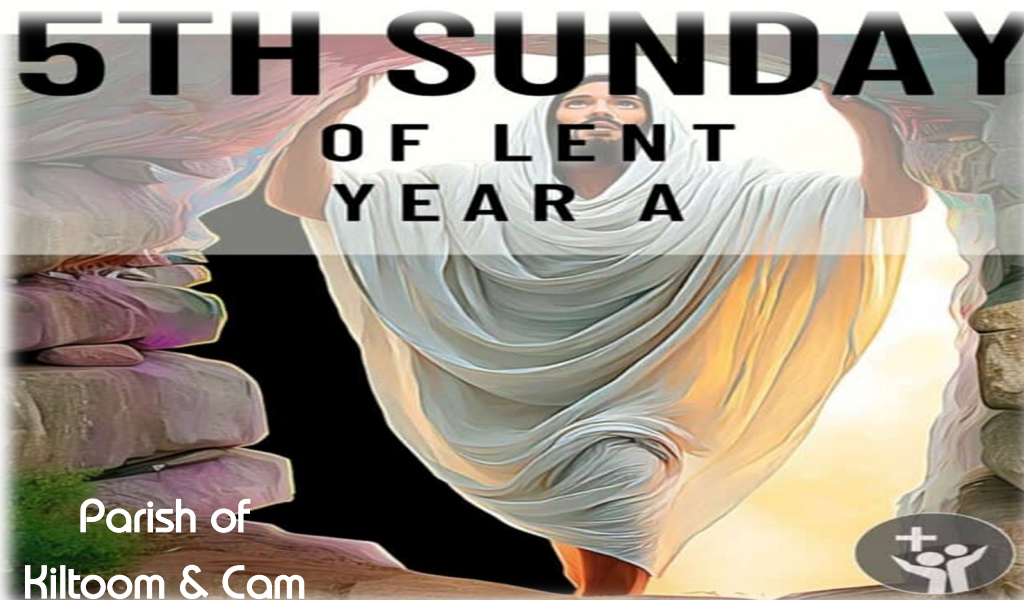
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Parish Safeguarding Liaison Officers

Kiltoom: Orlagh Tieman (086) 8257831

Cam: Deacon Willie Gacquin (086) 1693902

Further safeguarding details can be found on the Diocesan website www.elphindiocese.ie



MASS OF CHRISM: Bishop Kevin invites you to attend the Mass of Chrism on Monday 30th March at 7.00pm in Ballaghaderreen Cathedral or Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm in Sligo Cathedral. During these Masses, Bishop Kevin will bless and consecrate the oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Sick and the priests of both dioceses will renew their commitment to their priestly ministry. Refreshments follow for all in St Nathy's College and the Gillooly Hall respectively. All are very welcome.

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN: This year's Trócaire Box features Uwamahoro and her family in Rwanda. 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

ACCORD NEEDS YOU! – Information night in the Sligo Park Hotel, 26th March at 7pm ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The marriage preparation programmes are fun, interactive, and very popular with couples. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, 29th May 2026. Contact Ann at Accord Sligo at 087-6765425 or marriagepreparation@accord.ie

ACCORD – COUPLE COUNSELLOR/ THERAPIST - Information night in the Sligo Park Hotel, 26th March at 7pm Accord are recruiting experienced Practitioners to train in the Specialism of Couple Counselling/Therapy. Successful applicants will follow a 20-day (10 weekends, 160 hours class contact) in-person Certificate programme - equivalent to Graduate Standard Certificate. Application forms are available on accord.ie/join-accord/ or Contact Ann at Accord Sligo at 087-6765425. Closing date for applications is April 30th 2026.

YOUTH 2000 DAY RETREAT: Takes place on April 25th at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo. Youth 2000 provides an opportunity for young people (16-35) to develop their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith and meet other young people. Talks, testimonies and donation only. Check out Youth2000.ie to register or contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information.

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 27th to Sunday 29th March at Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo. Further details: Maureen 087 6646896.

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.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY will be in Monksland on Thursday, 2nd of April, and again, on Thursday 16th of April from 13:00 to 15:30.

KILTOOM BADMINTON CLUB AND ROSCOMMON SPORTS PARTNERSHIP have organised a taster event for Women in St Brigids GAA Club. New and existing players welcome. Thursday 26th March and 2nd April from 8.30 - 9.30 pm. Rackets and shuttles are provided on the night. Contact 0858825911 for details to register.

LUAN GALLERY is delighted to announce our upcoming events on Saturday 28th of March 2026. Emotion in Action – Children's Sculpture Workshops to take place in Abbey Road Artists' Studios on Saturday 28th of March 2026. Location: Abbey Road Artists' Studios. Facilitator: Helen Duncan, Resident Artist, Abbey Road Studios. Dates: Saturday 28th of March. Times: 11:00 – 12:30 for children aged 6-10, 14:00 – 16:00 for children aged 11-14. Price: €10 for per child. Booking in advance is essential

ST. BRIGID'S LADIES ANNUAL CAKE SALE will take place in Ballybay hall before and after 11am mass on Easter Sunday, April 5th. All support greatly appreciated.

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.

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: You are invited to show your solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land by contributing to the Good Friday Collection that supports Christians and the Holy Places of the Holy Land.

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.

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.

We congratulate the children from Ballybay, Brideswell and Curraghboy National Schools who were confirmed by Bishop Kevin on Thursday last in The Church of The Risen Christ.

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

HOLY HOUR: Join Fr. Michael for Holy Hour in The Church of The Risen Christ on Tuesday 31st March at 8pm

FOOD / CLOTHES APPEAL: THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL are running a food / clothes drive for Athlone Family Support Centre & Esker House. Items can be sent into the schools with your child / children or left in either Churches over the next two weekend's (up to Palm Sunday 29th March). Items like Clothes, Non Perishable Food Items, Personal Hygiene Items, or even Vouchers for the Cinema or Glendeer Pet Farm. Thank You.

TRAINING for New Ministers of the Eucharist will continue on Thursday 26th March at 7.30pm in Ballybay Hall.

MS IRELAND CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS: Annual Church gate Collection Co. Roscommon Branch of Multiple Sclerosis Ireland on the weekend of 28th/29th March. All donations gratefully accepted.

KILTOOM DRAMA GROUP are delighted to present John B. Keane's Sive. Running until Sunday 22nd March in Ballybay Parish Hall at 8pm. Tickets are available at the door. Adults €15 Seniors €10. CASH ONLY

SAVE THE DATE: The annual Ballybay Parents Association Table Quiz will take place on FRIDAY 27th MARCH. We hope you can join us for a night of trivia, fun and healthy competition in Hodson Bay Hotel, kicking off at 8pm. Gather your family and friends to form tables of 4 with a €10 fee per person.

ST. BRIGID'S GAA CLUB U8 girls football training is starting again on Wednesday 25th March from 6:45pm to 7:45pm. We are inviting girls born in 2018 or 2019 to come along and join the fun. New players are very welcome. For more information, please contact Dermot (086 3454 982) or Sarah (089 613 5028).

AGE FRIENDLY EASTER EVENT – Kilbride Community Centre: Join us for an Age Friendly Easter Event in Kilbride Community Centre (F42 N277) on Wednesday, 8th April, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On the day: Dr. Martin Daly TD, music, storyteller, chair yoga, and the launch of the Roscommon Age Friendly Directory. Hot food and refreshments will also be provided. A fun-filled day of music, stories, and community connection awaits! This event is free and open to everyone, so come along and enjoy a great day out. For any queries, please contact Linda on 086 780 7438 or lindadavine@ride.ie. Organised by Roscommon LEADER Partnership, Roscommon Age Friendly, and Roscommon County Council — working together to celebrate community and connection.