

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

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
Tuesday 10th March	<b>Curraghboy 7pm</b>	Jimmy & Teresa Butler & deceased family members
Wednesday 11th March	Kiltoom 9.30am	Moira & Patrick Naughton
Thursday 12th March		No Mass
Friday 13th March	Kiltoom 9.30am <b>Followed by</b>	People of the Parish <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Friday 13th March	<b>Curraghboy 7pm</b> <b>Followed by</b>	Ultan Burke Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 14th March	Kiltoom 10am	Maureen Kenny (Months Mind)
Saturday 14th March	Kiltoom 7pm	Patrick & May Lenehan & deceased family members
Sunday 15th March	<b>Curraghboy 10am</b>	Julia Gately, Willie Gately & Mary Kelly
Sunday 15th March	Kiltoom 11.30am	Martin Naughton

### NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR SERVERS

<b>Kiltoom:</b> Saturday 14th March, Group 5	<b>Curraghboy:</b> Sunday 15th March, Group 2
<b>Kiltoom:</b> Monday 16th March, Group 6	<b>Curraghboy:</b> Tuesday 17th March, Group 3



### RECENT BAPTISM

We welcome to the Christian Community  
**Zoey Violet Schneider**

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



### RECENT DEATHS: *We pray for the souls of*

**Victoria (Vicky) Pettit**, Comans Park, *Niece of Bernie Mulvey*  
**Joe Lennon**, Glasson, *Brother of Ann Henehan & Brother in Law of Sheila Lennon*  
*God grant them eternal rest & comfort, and console their bereaved family & friends*



### A CALL TO SACRED SERVICE: TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE IN BALLYBAY HALL ON THURSDAY 12TH MARCH & THURSDAY 26TH MARCH AT 7.30PM

**There is still time to sign up to become a Eucharistic Minister in our Parish.** You can scan the attached QR code and complete the form or contact the Parish Office during regular opening hours.

*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.*

We look forward to welcoming you to this truly fulfilling and special ministry.



# 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

**THIRD SUNDAY  
OF LENT**

**8th March 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 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)*

# 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A



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**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.

**ACCORD NEEDS YOU!** 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 and interactive and very popular with couples. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, 29th May 2026. Contact Ann at Accord Sligo at 071-9145641 or [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)

**ACCORD – COUPLE COUNSELLOR/ THERAPIST:** Accord are recruiting experienced Practitioners to train in the Specialism of Couple Counselling/Therapy. Successful applicants will follow a 20-day (10 week-ends, 160 hours class contact) in-person Certificate programme - equivalent to Graduate Standard Certificate. Application forms are available on [accord.ie/join-accord/](http://accord.ie/join-accord/) or Contact Ann at Accord Sligo at 071-9145641. Closing date for applications is April 30<sup>th</sup> 2026.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>. 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).

**THE OLD ATHLONE SOCIETY IS** delighted to welcome Vincent Delany to give our March lecture. Vincent will speak on The Tailteann Games, Athlone, 1928 / An Aonach Tailteann, Ath Luain, 1928. The lecture will take place on Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> next at 8pm in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel. All welcome.

**WORKERS' RIGHTS ALLIANCE,** in partnership with Holohan lane LLP Solicitors are hosting a FREE EMPLOYMENT LAW CLINIC. Venue: St Kierans Community Centre, Tormey Villas, Athlone Date: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Time: 12 noon – 2pm Issues Covered: include work contracts, working hours, unfair dismissal, wage disputes (unpaid wages), discrimination, harassment, redundancy, and bullying. Personal injury. For more information or to pre-book Whatsapp 085 707 2977 Walk-ins 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.

**SICK CALLS:** Fr. Michael will visit those on his list on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS:** Congratulations to the children of Brideswell and Ballybay National Schools who celebrated the Sacrament of First Confession in our Parish during the week. We thank their teachers for all their help preparing the children. Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.

**LISMOIL N.S.** a small two teacher school in the parish is now enrolling. Information and enrolment evening will take place on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March from 7pm to 8pm at the school EIRCODE N37W291. We can also be contacted on 09066 23373 to arrange a tour. Check out what we have to offer on [lismoilns.scoilnet.ie/blog/](http://lismoilns.scoilnet.ie/blog/) or find us on Facebook as Lismoil National School.

**THE KILTOOM AED GROUP** are holding their re-scheduled Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 in Ballybay Parish Hall at 7pm. All members of the public welcome

**KILTOOM DRAMA GROUP** are delighted to present John B. Keane's Sive. Running from Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in Ballybay Parish Hall at 8pm. Tickets are available at the door. Adults €15 Seniors €10. CASH ONLY

**KILTOOM BADMINTON CLUB AND ROSCOMMON SPORTS PARTNERSHIP** have organised a four week taster event for Women in St Brigids GAA Club. New and existing players welcome. Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 8.30 - 9.30 pm. Rackets and shuttles are provided on the night. Contact 0858825911 for details to register.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> March.

**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

AI-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