

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

Saturday 18th April	Kiltoom 7pm	Ian & Michael Moroney & People of the Parish
Sunday 19th April	Curraghboy 10am	Paul O'Brien, Billy Fenlon (Milltown), Sr. Maeve O'Brien (Australia), Duncan McNiff (Greystones)
Sunday 19th April	Kiltoom 11.30am	William & Breda Hand 'Grow in Love' Mass for the First Holy Communion Children from Ballybay & Brideswell National School
Tuesday 21st April	Kiltoom 7pm	Peter & Matilda Cunnane & deceased family
Wednesday 22nd April	Kiltoom 9.30am	Myrl O'Carroll & her son Aidan
Thursday 23rd April	Kiltoom 9.30am	Private Intention
Friday 24th April	Kiltoom 7pm	Tommy Moran
Friday 24th April	Curraghboy 7pm	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 25th April	Kiltoom 7pm	Ethna Shine & People of the Parish
Sunday 26th April	Curraghboy 10am	Bridie Gacquin
Sunday 26th April	Kiltoom 11.30am	Olivia Kinsella & her Grandparents Mary & Paddy Martin and Margaret & Michael John Turley

ALTAR SERVERS

Kiltoom: Saturday 25th April, Group 4 **Curraghboy:** Sunday 26th April Group 2

RECENT DEATHS: *We pray for the soul of*

Della Greene, Rathbrennan, Roscommon. *Mother of Mary McDermott, Newpark*

Willie Dolan, Ballinasloe & late of Curry

Elizabeth (Lily) Shanley, Knockcroghery. *Aunt of Marion Lynch, Kilcar*

God grant them eternal rest & comfort, and console their bereaved family & friends



ENCOUNTER WEEKEND DONEGAL, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. 6.00pm - 10.30pm Friday 5th June. 9.00am - 10.30pm. Saturday 6th June. Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service, and fellowship. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. Keynote Speakers: Patrick Reis: co-founder and Executive Director of Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau who serves with the U.S. Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio. Bookings at <https://encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal> For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org.

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
N37 NY36

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Athlone
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**THIRD SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

19th April 2026

Parish Newsletter

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Our Parish on-line

www.kiltoomandcam.com

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Masses live streamed: churchservices.tv/kiltoom

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Parish Safeguarding Liaison Officers

Kiltoom: Orlagh Tieman (086) 8257831

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

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ACHONRY AND ELPHIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: The Achonry and Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 28th August to 2nd September 2026 inclusive, led by Bishop Kevin Doran.

Youth Section: Nominations for the Youth Section are being sought from parishes for young people aged between 17 and 20 years to participate in the Pilgrimage. Nominees must be 17 years or over on the 20th August 2026. Youth must be nominated through their Priest/Chaplain. Forms are available from the local parish office. Closing date for receipt of completed nominations: 24th May 2026.

Assisted Pilgrim Section: The Pilgrimage includes the Assisted Pilgrim Section. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon, phone 090 6661115. Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms: 11th June 2026.

Pilgrimage Enquiries: For all other enquiries in relation to the Pilgrimage, contact Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) at 01 6852244 or email info@joewalshstours.ie

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.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND RETREAT DAY: Catholic Mothers Ireland are holding a Connaught Retreat Day on Saturday, 9th May, from 10am–6pm at the Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass (F26 X884). A day of prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal with guest speakers Br Ronan Sharpley OFM, Children's Rosary Ireland, and Fr Valerian Castelino C.S.C. Lunch and refreshments provided. Cost: €50 (assistance available if needed). Booking: www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats All welcome.

LOOKING FOR A JOB OR THINKING ABOUT A CAREER CHANGE? Looking for a job or thinking about a career change? The Roscommon Career & Employment Expo is happening at Kilbride Community Centre, Fourmilehouse on Wednesday, April 22nd 2026, from 11am. Meet local employers, businesses, and education providers—all in one place! Whether you're job hunting, looking to upskill, or exploring new opportunities, this event is for you. Everyone's welcome! Free bus available – check Roscommon LEADER Partnership on Facebook or call Claire (086 6094262) for details.

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CAN YOU HELP THE SUNCHASERS AGAIN IN 2026? Following the fantastic success of the Sunchasers cycle in 2025—and the incredible backing from the Curraghboy community—we're delighted to be back in the saddle again this year. Once more, we're raising funds for our amazing charity partners, Pieta and Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association, and we'd love your support to help us go the distance. On 8–9 May 2026, the Sunchasers will take on the road from Dublin to Galway (via Athlone), and this year we're adding some exciting community events along the route to keep the momentum rolling. The "Extra Mile" – 8 May We're especially excited to introduce the "Extra Mile" cycle from Athlone to Curraghboy National School—with something for everyone to get involved in: 1. Main Cycle (Adults) From Athlone Springs Hotel to Curraghboy National School. Departing at 5pm - Approx. 11km A great chance for adults in the community to gear up and ride alongside us! 2. "Mini Extra Mile" (All Ages) - Derryglad Folk and Heritage Museum to Curraghboy National School. This short spin should take a little longer than "6–7" ("six" "seven") minutes. Perfect for families, kids, and anyone who wants to join the fun without going full Tour de Curraghboy! The support from the Curraghboy community last year was truly the wind at our backs, helping us raise an incredible €14,000 for these two very worthy causes. We're hoping to build on that success and make this year even bigger. Whether you're ready to take on the full "Extra Mile" or just want to roll along for a short stretch, we'd be wheelie grateful for your support. If you'd like to take part in either event, please get in touch by emailing us on curraghbovns@yahoo.co.uk or Sunchasersgalway@gmail.com.

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. I am also grateful for those who returned their Easter Offerings envelope. The Easter envelope is one of four collections taken up annually to help support the Priest's in the Parish.

MISSIONARY SISTERS: On the weekend of 25th & 26th April we will be joined by the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary where they will speak at all of our masses about the work they do. Please join me in welcoming them to the Parish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS: We welcome the children from Ballybay & Brideswell National Schools for their final 'Grow in Love' mass this Sunday.

SICK CALLS: Fr. Michael will make his house calls on Tues. 21st & Wednesday 22nd April. Those on the list will receive a call confirming which day Fr. Michael will call.

ROSCOMMON BRANCH OF MS IRELAND would like to express their sincere gratitude to all who contributed so generously to their recent Churchgate Collections. Amounts received were: Ballybay €372.06 and Curraghboy €208.93. Grateful thanks also to our collectors who kindly obliged to stand at the Church gates to accept the offerings.

ST BRIGID'S COMMUNITY CHOIR are hosting a Springtime Concert in St Brigid's Clubhouse hall on Saturday 18th April 2026 at 8pm. Together with the choir, the concert will also feature Ballybay Children's Choir and Ballinasloe Town Band. Contributions from the proceeds will be made to Athlone Sub-Aqua Club and Kiltoom and Cam AED Groups. Tickets are widely available and also on the door.

PRO LIFE CAMPAIGN are having their annual church gate collection at Kiltoom and Curraghboy churches this weekend 18th-19th April. Please support

BALLYBAY N.S.: Due to demand Ballybay Parents Association are bringing back their very successful Cash 4 Clobber and Uniform swap. Cash for Clobber - Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd of April, drop off each morning between 9 & 9.30 to the stage in the parish hall. Uniform Swap - same dates & times for drop off as Cash for Clobber. If you would like to come & "shop" for the uniforms, you can do so between 6-8 on Tuesday the 21st in the parish hall.

ATHLONE LITTLE THEATRE: Athlone Little Theatre presents 'Six Characters in Search of an Author' by Luigi Pirandello, directed by Ekiñe Azcárate, from April 15-22 next at 8pm nightly, with the exception of a matinee performance only on Sunday, April 19 at 3pm. First performed in 1921, this modern classic is a 'play within a play' and is not to be missed! An acting company's rehearsal is gatecrashed by six characters who insist their life story deserves to be told on stage. The result is a masterpiece of drama which is at times comic, haunting and ultimately thought-provoking. Book your tickets now via www.athlonelittletheatre.ie

LINE DANCING: Classes resumes in the handball complex Curraghboy on Monday evenings at 7pm for beginners and 8.15pm for advanced. All Welcome.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY will be in Monksland on Thursday, 7th of May, and again, on Thursday 21st of May from 13:00 to 15:30. We have a great selection of books, CDs, DVDs, e-books and audiobooks for all ages and library membership is **free**.

ART EXHIBITION: Avril Egan will launch her solo art exhibition for this year's RTE All Ireland Drama Festival on Wednesday the 29th of April at 7:15 pm in the Dean Crowe Theatre. All welcome

EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE ROSCOMMON: The EmployAbility Service is an Employment and Recruitment Service to assist people with a disability, health condition, illness or injury to pursue and maintain employment in the open labour market. Are you currently aged over 18 years? Do you have a disability, health condition, illness or injury? Would you consider working? If so, why not let Seetec Employability Service Roscommon support you to find that job in your local area. This is a confidential and free individualised service funded by the Department of Social Protection. For further information Call 0906647117 or email employabilityroscommon@seetec.ie