

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

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
Tuesday 28th April	Curraghboy 7pm	Patrick & Catherine McDonnell
Wednesday 29th April	Kiltoom 7pm	Sick Intention
Thursday 30th April	Kiltoom 9.30am	Private Intention
Friday 1st May	Kiltoom 7pm	Maureen Kenny (requested by Kiltoom PTAA)
Friday 1st May	Curraghboy 7pm	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 2nd May	Kiltoom 7pm	Nancy & Teresa O'Connor & deceased family members People of the Parish
Sunday 3rd May	Curraghboy 10am	Fr Hugh Lee & Fr Terry Lee Patrick (Sonny) & Mary McDonnell & deceased family members (Coolegarry) Val, Margaret & James Lynch (Kilcar) John Dolan, his sister Mary McSweeney & deceased members of the Dolan & Gately Families Agnes Grehan
Sunday 3rd May	Kiltoom 11.30am	Mass Available

ALTAR SERVERS

Kiltoom: Saturday 2nd May, Group 5 **Curraghboy:** Sunday 3rd May, Group 3

RECENT BAPTISM

We welcome to the Christian Community
Mia Jane Coffey & Nathan Thomas Moylan

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



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 curraghboyns@yahoo.co.uk or Sunchasersgalway@gmail.com.

PARISH OF KILTOOM & CAM

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

26th 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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Further safeguarding details can be found on the

Diocesan website www.elphindiocese.ie

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Parish of
Kiltoom & Cam



WARM WISHES EXTENDED TO ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS: Warm wishes are extended to Archbishop Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam, who will be installed as Bishop of Killala this Sunday, April 26th, uniting the Archdiocese of Tuam with the Diocese of Killala in the person of the bishop. We pray God's blessings on Archbishop Francis on this new appointment.

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

THEWAY.IE: TheWay.ie is a new digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops Conference dedicated to sharing the 'Good News' and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith.

MARCH FOR LIFE DUBLIN 2026: Annual March for Life takes place on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May starting at 2pm in Dublin City Centre. The route is from Newman University Church, St Stephen's Green, to Leinster House. The march is peaceful and family friendly, with a welcoming atmosphere for people of all ages.

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.

PARENT SUPPORT EVENING: Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tuesday 28th April at 7.30pm in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

SAVE THE DATE - NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE: The National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 20th June at Knock Shrine. This national pilgrimage celebrates the gift of life and prays for the protection of all human life.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 21–28 OCT 2026 | From Knock €915 (Single Supplement €170) Limited availability – book early to avoid disappointment and experience a truly life-changing pilgrimage. Spiritual Director: Fr. John Keane. Includes flights, accommodation, meals & programme. Contact: Christina 086 154 6099 Carol 087 958 1495 Marian Pilgrimages: 01 878 8159

ST. BRIGID'S G.A.A. LOTTO JACKPOT THIS WEEK €7,000. Last Week's Results Numbers Drawn: 08/10/18/20. No Jackpot Winner. **FOUR MATCH THREE WINNERS** Receive €50.00
Next draw takes place on Monday night 27/04/2026 in St. Brigid's Sports and Social Centre at 8.00pm

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.

MISSIONARY SISTERS: We welcome the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary who are joining us at our masses this weekend. They will speak at all of our masses about the work they do. Please join me in welcoming them to the Parish.

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

ROSCOMMON GARDEN CLUB: The next meeting of the Roscommon Garden Club will be held in Hannon's Hotel Roscommon on Monday 27th April 2026 at 8.00pm. The topic is House Plants and the speaker is Brendan Dean. Non members 10 euro and all are welcome.

THANK YOU to everyone who generously supported the annual Church Gate Collection for Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland. A fantastic amount of €1000.40 was raised over the weekend.

CURRAGHBOY N.S. – Moo-lah: Moo-lah for Curraghboy. Cow Bingo for Curraghboy N.S. & Tidy Towns takes place on Saturday May 16th at 2.00 p.m. Buy a square (line) for €10.00. How it works - the field is divided into numbered squares, and Moo Donna will be let loose to roam. Wherever she makes her deposit determines the winning square. Prize is €300.00 for the winner. All funds raised will go towards school equipment and the upkeep of the village through Tidy Towns. To purchase a line, please contact either the school or a member of Curraghboy Tidy Towns. There will also be a raffle on the day for all lines purchased with some great extra prizes.

LUAN GALLERY'S new exhibition **DIVERGENT LINES** opens to the public on 22nd April. Official launch at **3 pm on Saturday, the 25th of April**, with special guest speaker **Sarah Searson**.

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