

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

Saturday 9th May	Kiltoom 7pm	Ned & Margaret Leonard
Sunday 10th May	<b>Curraghboy 10am</b>	Mary Healy
Sunday 10th May	Kiltoom 11.30am	Kevin Daly (Months Mind)
Tuesday 12th May	Kiltoom 9.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 13th May	Kiltoom 9.30am	Private Intention
Thursday 14th May	<b>Curraghboy 9.30am</b>	John Joe Cunningham & his parents Michael & Margaret
Friday 15th May	Kiltoom 7pm	Rose Cunningham & deceased members of the Cunningham & Reilly Family
Friday 15th May	<b>Curraghboy 7pm</b>	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 16th May	<b>Kiltoom 11am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion for the children from Ballybay Central National School</b>
Saturday 16th May	Kiltoom 7pm	Pat & Florie Jordan
Sunday 17th May	<b>Curraghboy 10am</b>	Thomas John Mulhern, Annie Mary Mulhern, Tony Mulhern, Kathleen Mulhern & Annie Mulhern
Sunday 17th May	Kiltoom 11.30am	Tommy Kenny

### ALTAR SERVERS

**Kiltoom:** Saturday 16th May, Group 7      **Curraghboy:** Sunday 17th May, Group 2

### RECENT BAPTISM

We welcome to the Christian Community  
**Cormac Anthony Sherlock**

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

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

**Gerry Mullins**, Listowel & late of Bastion Street. *Brother of Carmel Nally, Ballybay*

*God grant him eternal rest & comfort, and console his bereaved family & friends*

**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.

**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](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

**ACHONRY AND ELPHIN PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG:** Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin three-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th June. More details, including bus options: [www.elphindiocese.ie/lough-derg](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/lough-derg) All welcome.

# PARISH OF KILTOOM & CAM

Church of the Risen Christ,  
Ballybay  
Kiltoom  
Athlone  
Co. Roscommon  
N37 NY36

St. Brigid's Church  
Curraghboy  
Athlone  
Co. Roscommon  
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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

**10th May 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)*

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Parish of  
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**KNOCK PILGRIMAGE TO PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND:** People from all over Ireland are invited to Knock Shrine on Saturday May 16th for a special pilgrimage to pray for peace in the Holy Land. The pilgrimage – organised by the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need – will be led by Bishop William Shomali from Bethlehem. More information at [www.acnireland.org](http://www.acnireland.org)

**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

**ONLINE FAITH CAFÉ WITH JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT:** Catholic musician and spiritual writer John Michael Talbot will present a reflection on “*Ancient Monastic Eldership and Modern Grandparents*” at the online Grandparents Faith Café on May 12th at 7.30pm. All welcome, registration is free. Further details: [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org)

**41ST ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY:** Annual rally takes place at Knock Shrine on June 6th, inspired by the example of Venerable Patrick Peyton. See [allirelandrosaryrally.com](http://allirelandrosaryrally.com) for more details, the schedule, and for a list of 50+ buses going from around Ireland.

**DEMENTIA ALLIANCE** hosts a monthly café in Lough Key Forest Park, Boyle Co. Roscommon to help support people affected by dementia, their families and carers. This month's café takes place on Wednesday the 20th of May to 2.00pm to 4pm and will include music, song, advice and a chat. please note change of venue. . If you would like to attend please visit [www.roscommondementia.ie](http://www.roscommondementia.ie) or contact Teresa Keegan on 0877061183 for more information.

**ST. BRIGID'S G.A.A. LOTTO** €7,400. Last Week's Results Numbers Drawn: 10/19/30/32. No Jackpot Winner. FOUR MATCH THREE WINNERS Receive €50.00. *Next draw takes place on Monday night 11/05/2026 in St. Brigid's Sports and Social Centre at 8.00pm*

**Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 28th August 2026 to the 2nd September 2026 inclusive.**

**Nominations for the Youth Section are being sought from parishes for young people to participate in the Pilgrimage.**

**Nominees aged between 17 and 20 are welcome to participate. Nominees must be 17 years or over on the 20th August 2026.**

**Youth must be nominated through their Priest/Chaplain. All nominees will be representing their parish and expected to participate fully in the Pilgrimage Itinerary.**

**Those who would like to be nominated are asked to email the Parish Office ([kiltoomoffice@gmail.com](mailto:kiltoomoffice@gmail.com))**

**Closing date for expression of interest is Wednesday 20th May 2026**

Please note the following:

- Places are limited to 30 this year, so it is important that if you are interested that you email the Parish Office expressing your interest.
- There will be two induction/get together sessions over the summer which is compulsory for all nominees to attend and their parent(s) must attend at least one of the meetings too. The Bishop will be meeting with the nominees on at least one of these days before the pilgrimage.
- The youth and their parents will be advised of Safeguarding arrangements for the Pilgrimage also.
- It will be an opportunity for the nominees to meet with other youth and the Youth Leaders.
- It will also explain the practicalities of the pilgrimage and introduce the youth to their role whilst in Lourdes.
- The nominee will be expected to participate fully in the Pilgrimage.

In accepting their place on the Pilgrimage all nominated youth will be given a copy of the Safeguarding Agreement and must sign up to same prior to travelling on the pilgrimage.

**The cost this year is €940 and we find what works best is that the nominated person pays half, and the parish contributes the balance.**

**Application forms will be forwarded to the successful applicants after 20th May**

**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.

**SICK CALLS:** Fr Michael will make his house calls on Tuesday & Wednesday 12th & 13th May. Those on the list will receive a call beforehand confirming which day Fr Michael will call.

**ESKER HOUSE:** Will be speaking at masses this weekend about their Purple Hand Campaign Training in Kiltoom & Cam Parish. The Campaign is a free, short training session designed to empower workplaces & community spaces to become supportive, informed environments for individuals experiencing domestic abuse. The aim is simple: build a network of awareness and support within the community by training people to **Recognise, Respond, and Refer.**

**CARPARK - ONGOING MAINTENANCE – COLLECTION 16th & 17th MAY:** The committee responsible for the new Carpark and Sensory Garden wish to give advance notice that it is intended to hold a Church Gate collection to assist in defraying the cost of ongoing maintenance including insurance and gardening on the development which amounts to circa €2,500 per annum. This collection will take place at Mass times at Ballybay, on the weekend of Sat/Sun 16th and 17th May 2026.

**THANK YOU:** St Brigids Community Choir would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with their recent fundraiser. €1,000 was given to each; Athlone Sub Aqua, Kiltoom AED Group & Cam AED group.

**PUBLIC MEETING** on proposed wind turbines in Rahara, Curraghboy, Four Roads and surrounding areas. A public meeting will take place on Monday 11th May @ 7pm in Rahara school to discuss the planning application for Carrowkeel windfarm. The proposed windfarm will have turbines set to be among the highest in Ireland. All are welcome to attend.

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

**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. Teen line 1800 833 634 Women's Aid 1800 341 900

**THE MOBILE LIBRARY** will be in Monksland 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.**

**ATHLONE CHORAL SOCIETY** are delighted to share details of this year's annual Summer concert. Date: Sunday 17th May 2026. Time: Doors open 7pm | Concert starts 7.30pm. Place: St. Mary's Catholic Church, Athlone. With Special Guests: Athlone A Cappella, Comhaltas Áth Luain, Daren Lane. Tickets: €15. Link to buy tickets online available on: Facebook (Athlone Choral Society) Instagram (@athlonechoralsociety) Email ([athlonechoralsocietypro@gmail.com](mailto:athlonechoralsocietypro@gmail.com)) We hope you will join us for an evening full of music and song.

**SOROPTIMIST ATHLONE COFFEE MORNING :** Join us for tea/coffee baked treats, & chat in the Knights Hall beside St Mary's Church. 15th May 10-12.30. Supporting local project for Women & girls.

**CELEBRATE NATIONAL DRAWING DAY** at Luan Gallery on Saturday 16th May with a range of free activities, from self-guided drawing for all ages to artist-led sessions and live demonstrations. Visit [luangallery.ie](http://luangallery.ie) for more information.

**FAMILY CARERS IRELAND:** Open Recruitment Event in the Sligo Park Hotel on Tuesday 12th May from 10am – 7pm. Further information: phone 049 8511031.