

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

Saturday 16th May	Kiltoom 7pm	Pat & Florie Jordan
Sunday 17th May	Curraghboy 10am	Thomas John Mulhern, Annie Mary Mulhern, Tony Mulhern, Kathleen Mulhern & Annie Mulhern
Sunday 17th May	Kiltoom 11.30am	Tommy & Maureen Kenny
Tuesday 19th May	Curraghboy 7pm	Mrs Mary McDonnell & deceased family members (Curnalee)
Wednesday 20th May	Kiltoom 9.30am	Myrl O'Carroll & her son Aidan
Thursday 21st May	Kiltoom 9.30am	Kevin Daly
Friday 22nd May	Kiltoom 9.30am	Teddy Irwin (Birthday Remembrance)
Friday 22nd May	Curraghboy 7pm	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 23rd May	Curraghboy 11am	First Holy Communion for the children from Brideswell National School
Saturday 23th May	Kiltoom 7pm	Mr & Mrs Kieran & Mary Gallagher People of the Parish
Sunday 24th May	Curraghboy 10am	Pauline Byrne
Sunday 24th May	Kiltoom 11.30am	Malachy & Margaret Grehan

ALTAR SERVERS

Kiltoom: Saturday 23rd May, Group 1 **Curraghboy:** Sunday 24th May, Group 3

RECENT DEATHS: *We pray for the soul of*

Fr. Michael Donnelly, Rahara

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



**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)

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

PARISH OF KILTOOM & CAM

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Ballybay
Kiltoom
Athlone
Co. Roscommon
N37 NY36

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Athlone
Co. Roscommon
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**THE ASCENSION OF
THE LORD**

17th May 2026

Parish Newsletter

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Our Parish on-line

www.kiltoomandcam.com

www.facebook.com/KiltoomParish

Twitter: @KiltoomChurch

Masses live streamed: 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*

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PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA: The *Pray for Life* Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

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.

CHURCH MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL: Booking is open for the Irish Church Music Association annual summer school from 30th June - 2nd July at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. This year's theme: "*We Are Wonderfully Made*". Timetable, workshop details and online and postal booking options are available on website: www.icmamusic.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 All welcome.

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

PARENT SUPPORT EVENING: Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tuesday 26th May at 7.30pm in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. Free event, open to all bereaved parents. You do not need to register in advance. Online support group meeting also available. Further details: 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

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 for more details, the schedule, and for a list of 50+ buses going from around Ireland.

BUS TO KNOCK FOR THE ALL-IRELAND ROSARY RALLY: leaves Athlone at 7.45am, on Saturday 6th June. Booking essential Contact Caroline 0861960256.

ALL-IRELAND RALLY FOR LIFE: Takes place in Belfast on Saturday 4th July 2026. Further details: info@preciouslife.com / info@thelifeinstitute.net / 01 8730465.

THE KNOCK YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME (Knock Shrine) is for adults interested in setting up or developing youth ministry initiatives in their parish. Participants will gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to journey with young people, supporting them as they explore their faith in a safe and welcoming environment. Starting in September 2026 (application deadline **May 22nd**). For more information, please contact: youthministry@knockshrine.ie

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.

AREA DISTRIBUTORS: The Pentecost envelopes are now ready for distribution. They can be collected from the Sacristy after weekend masses. Thank you all once again for generously giving up your time to deliver these to our Parishioners.

ESKER HOUSE: PURPLE HAND CAMPAIGN Those wishing to put their names forward for the training can contact the Parish Office during opening hours or send an email to kiltoomoffice@gmail.com

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, this weekend Sat/Sun 16th & 17th May .

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 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) We hope you will join us for an evening full of music and song.

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 or contact Teresa Keegan on 0877061183 for more information.

DRAMA PRODUCTION FOR CHARITIES: Moore & Clonfad Drama Society (back by popular demand), will present the hilarious 3 act comedy 'Widows Paradise', by Sam Cree, on **Saturday, 23rd May at 8.00pm in Moore Community Hall (N37HT68)**. Lots of laughs guaranteed. All proceeds in aid of the *Irish Children's Pilgrimage Trust and local community groups*.

ROSCOMMON SOLSTICE CHOIR presents SONGS THAT BUILT A NATION in Roscommon Arts Centre on 4th 5th and 6th of June at 8pm. Journey through Ireland's story, from ancient struggles in the 1916 Rising. Come and enjoy the music, stories and spirit that helped a Nation. Tickets available from Roscommon Arts Centre.

RESIDENTIAL RETREATS: Take place at De La Salle Retreat Centre, Castletown, Co. Laois, R32 N6D8, led by Fr. Prince Clarence SJ. 3-Day Retreats: July 7th – 9th and July 14th – 16th. 5-Day Ignatian Retreat: July 20th – 24th. Further details: www.ruachcatholicministry.org / Oonagh 086 1736181 or Phyllis 085 7733037.