

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

Saturday 2nd May	Kiltoom 7pm	Nancy & Teresa O'Connor & deceased family members
Sunday 3rd May	<b>Curraghboy 10am</b>	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	Cyril & Bridie Downey (70th Wedding Anniversary) People of the Parish
Tuesday 5th May	Kiltoom 9.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 6th May	Kiltoom 9.30am	Moira & Patrick Naughton
Thursday 7th May		No Mass
Friday 8th May	<b>Curraghboy 7pm</b> <b>followed by</b>	Michael & Peg Waldron Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 9th May	Kiltoom 10am	Della Daly Killion (Months Mind)
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)

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

**Kiltoom:** Saturday 9th May, Group 6      **Curraghboy:** Sunday 10th May, Group 1

**Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 28<sup>th</sup> August 2026 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

# 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

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

**3rd 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)*



**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.

**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. E-mail [kiltoomoffice@gmail.com](mailto:kiltoomoffice@gmail.com) to express your interest.**

**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)

**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.

**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)

**SHORT BREAKS SCHEME;** Would you be interested in providing home from home short breaks for children and adults who have an intellectual disability? Corlann West, Homeshare Roscommon are recruiting host carers. Training and support provided. Tax exempt Allowances paid. For further information email [Homeshareroscommon@corlann.ie](mailto:Homeshareroscommon@corlann.ie) or phone Catherine on 090 6628500 / 087 2126607.

**MOORE & CLONFAD DRAMA SOCIETY** will present a hilarious 3 act comedy 'Widows Paradise' by Sam Cree, on **Thurs 7th, Fri 8th, Sat 9th May at 8.00pm in Moore Community Hall (N37 HT68).** Lots of laughs guaranteed. Tickets at door €12.

**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**.

**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](mailto:curraghboyns@yahoo.co.uk) or [Sunchasersgalway@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**PARISH OFFICE:** Will be closed Bank Holiday Monday and Wednesday & Thursday 6th & 7th May. Please have newsletter notices in by 12noon on Tuesday 5th May.

**ESKER HOUSE: Will be speaking at our masses next weekend about their Purple Hand Training.** Kiltoom Parish has long been known for its strong sense of community, and there is now an opportunity to build on that spirit in a practical and positive way. Parishioners are invited to support Esker House Domestic Abuse Support Service, a vital local service providing safety, refuge, and support to women and children subjected to domestic abuse within their homes.

**As part of this initiative, Purple Hand Training is being introduced in the parish. This short training aims to raise awareness and provide practical information on how we can help build a safer, more informed community. It focuses on recognising the importance of safety and knowing how to respond and refer safety, when support may be needed.**

**Kiltoom Parish is proud to be the first parish to take part in this initiative, highlighting the community's ongoing commitment to care, dignity, and protection for all. Parishioners are warmly encouraged to take part and support this positive effort.**

Anyone who may need support can contact Esker House Domestic Abuse Support Service, free of charge at 1800 662 288. Every step taken together helps to strengthen our community and ensure it remains a safe and caring place for everyone.

For more information : [www.eskerhouse.ie](http://www.eskerhouse.ie) / [eskerproject@eskerhouse.ie](mailto:eskerproject@eskerhouse.ie)

**MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE HOLY ROSARY:** Would like to thank the people of Kiltoom and Cam for their welcome and response to the appeal. The amount given to me in envelopes came to €789 for which we are most grateful.

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

**ST. BRIGID'S G.A.A. LOTTO JACKPOT THIS WEEK €7,200.** Last Week's Results Numbers Drawn: 05/20/28/29 No Jackpot Winner. THREE MATCH THREE WINNERS Receive €70.00. *Next draw takes place on Monday night 04/05/2026 in St. Brigid's Sports and Social Centre at 8.00pm. On-line Lotto closes Sunday evening @ 8pm*

**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

**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.



### RECENT BAPTISM

We welcome to the Christian Community  
**Rhys Patrick Samuels**

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

