

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

Saturday 22nd August	Kiltoom 7pm	Mary & Hubert Keenan, John Gallagher & Patrick Sullivan (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 23rd August	Curraghboy 10am	Myra & Pete McDermott
Sunday 23rd August	Kiltoom 11.30am	Patrick & Mary Jane Mannion
Tuesday 25th August	Kiltoom 9.30am	Special Intention
Wednesday 26th August	Curraghboy 9.30am	People of the Parish
Thursday 27th August	Kiltoom 7pm	James, Mary & Thomas Gallagher
Friday 28th August		No Mass
Friday 28th August	Curraghboy 7pm	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 29th August	Kiltoom 7pm	Ann Devaney, Catherine Keane, Kevin Keane, Ronald (Ronnie) Keane & Amy Rushe
Sunday 30th August	Curraghboy 10am	Sr Celia Harrington & her sisters Mary & Breda & deceased family members
Sunday 30th August	Kiltoom 11.30am	Mass Available

FR. MICHAEL WILL BE TRAVELLING WITH THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES FROM FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST, THEREFORE THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES FROM FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST TO FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER INCLUSIVE.

RECENT DEATHS: *We pray for the souls of*

Breege Clarke, Mayo, *Sister of Nell Mannion, Ardmullan*
Aidan Lee snr., Mount Temple, *Brother of the late Fr. Hugh Lee M.H.M.*

May God grant them eternal rest and console their bereaved family and friends



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

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

St. Brigid's Church
Curraghboy
Athlone
Co. Roscommon
N37 KV62

**TWENTY FIRST
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

23rd August 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 Tiernan (086) 8257831

Cam: Deacon Willie Gacquin (086) 1693902

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



OCIA: Adults who wish to become Catholics, or to complete their Christian Initiation (Confirmation and Holy Communion), are invited to make contact with Irene Feeney, who co-ordinates the OCIA Programme in the Diocese, before the end of September. For further information, including contacts, see <https://achonryelphin.ie/the-journey-to-becoming-catholic/>

JUBILEE OF MARRIAGES: Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond, Platinum or other wedding anniversaries are invited to attend one of two Jubilee Masses, along with their families and friends on either Sunday 4th October at 2.30pm in Ballaghaderreen Cathedral or Sunday 11th October at 2.30pm in Kiltoom Church. Bishop Kevin will celebrate both Masses. Light refreshments will be served afterwards for all in attendance. As each couple celebrating an Anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Kevin, they are asked to register their details at www.achonryelphin.ie

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY – APPLICATIONS INVITED: The Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin invite applications from young people aged 18 to 30 years who wish to live at St. Joseph's Young Adult Community, an intentional faith community in Sligo town, while going about their regular work or study in Sligo. To apply: email youth@achonryelphin.ie For further information: www.achonryelphin.ie

TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY: Achonry & Elphin Dioceses' 2026/2027 True Devotion to Mary initiative will be hosted by Boyle parish. For more info see www.achonryelphin.ie/tdm, including details of a 'come and see' info meeting on 9th Sept. Everyone welcome.

RETREATS AND PILGRIMAGES AT LOUGH DERG, CO. DONEGAL: There are a variety of pilgrimages and retreats taking place in August and September at Lough Derg with accommodation now available the night before beginning a retreat or pilgrimage. There are one day retreats, including some special themed retreats – advance booking essential. For further details regarding these and other events taking place at Lough Derg: www.loughderg.org/ email: info@loughderg.org tel. 071 9861518.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND – FAMILY DAY: Catholic Mothers Ireland will hold its Annual National Mass on Sunday, 6th September at Termonbacca Retreat Centre, Derry City. The day will begin with Mass at 2pm, celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, followed by refreshments, children's activities, and a talk for parents. Further information and booking details: info@catholicmothers.ie All are welcome.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential weekend at the Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October 2026. Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage. Couples are invited to register online at: www.marriageencounter.ie

ST JOSEPH MEN'S CAMINO: *Every Camino changes us in ways we don't expect, every man needs one.* Join men from across Ireland on **Saturday 12th September** for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, fraternity, lunch and dinner, with after-dinner speaker **Fr. Mark Quinn**. Open to men aged 18+. Cost: €65 (student € 55). Registration, accommodation and details: www.dominicans.ie/events. Enquiries: op.evangelisation@gmail.com

ABIDE IN HIS LOVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Takes place at the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, from 20th – 22nd November 2026. Join women from across Ireland for a faith-filled weekend with inspiring speakers including Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Fr Mark Wharton, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Oisín Martin, the Dominican Sisters of Nashville, Bishop Fintan Gavin, and more. A conference not to be missed! Register now: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com>

LOUGH DERG; A day trip to Lough Derg, will take place on Saturday 12th September 2026.

2027 PARISH MASS DIARY: The new mass diary for 2027 **IS NOW OPEN**. You can book your 2027 mass intentions by calling the Parish Office on 090 64 89105 or e-mailing kiltoomoffice@gmail.com. **For families who will be seeking the 1st anniversary mass of their loved one in 2027 please make sure you contact the parish office as soon as the diary is open.**

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 on Wednesday 26th August.

THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE would like to thank the people who contributed to the recent collection for the upkeep of the Cemetery. The amount collected was €2625

LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS: Congratulations to all our local students who received their Leaving Certificate results on Friday last. We wish them every success and happiness as they take the next step on their journey, whether continuing their studies, beginning an apprenticeship, entering employment or pursuing other opportunities. We hope they can be very proud of their achievements.

PART-TIME SCHOOL SECRETARY REQUIRED: CURRAGHBOY NATIONAL SCHOOL invites applications for the position of part-time School Secretary. Hours: Two days per week, 9:15 a.m.– 3:15 p.m. The successful candidate should have excellent organisational, communication and digital skills. Duties will include: General day-to-day school administration, Inputting staff leave and substitute information on OLCS, Assisting with FSSU financial requirements and record-keeping, Managing correspondence, telephone calls and school records, Booking buses and other school transport, Processing invoices, payments and filing, Supporting the Principal, staff and BOM as required. Experience in a school office and familiarity with OLCS, FSSU procedures and GDPR would be an advantage. Please submit a CV and cover letter to curraghboyns@yahoo.co.uk by 28 August 2026. Curraghboy National School is an equal opportunities employer.

ST. BRIGID'S LOTTO: JACKPOT THIS WEEK €10,400. Last Week's Results Numbers Drawn: 01/07/18/31. No Jackpot Winner, Five Match 3 Winners, Each receive €40. *Next draw takes place on Monday night 24/08/2026 in St. Brigid's Sports and Social Centre at 8.00pm. On-line Lotto closes Sunday evening @ 8pm*

ATHLONE AND MIDLAND SAMARITANS INFORMATION MEETINGS: Athlone and Midland Samaritans Information Meetings take place on Sunday 30th August at 11am & Tuesday 1st September at 7pm in their centre at 3, Court Devenish, Athlone. If you think you might be interested in becoming a volunteer or if you would like to hear about the work of the Samaritans, please come along to one of our meetings or call or text John 087 7176168 or email athlone.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org. Samaritans provide 24hr emotional support on Freecall 116123.

CONWAY ACADEMY, IRISH DANCING: Classes resume on Monday 7th September in Ballybay Parish Hall. Come along and join our Regional, All Ireland, International and World Champions. Fun, Fitness, Friendship and much more. Contact Edel for further details on 089 6121257

ARCH WELLNESS: Over 60s Strength/Balance and Coordination Exercise Class. Join a community of like-minded people looking to move their bodies, keep their bones healthy and stay functional for years to come! **Free Trial Class on 25th of August at 10am** in ARCH Wellness, Hodson Bay, Athlone N37A5Y6. Book your space by contacting Alana on 0831100306. Men and Women welcome. **ARCH WELLNESS** also offers a range of Reformer Pilates classes, 1-1 sessions, Cardiac Rehabilitation and compression boot services. More information can be found at www.archwellness.ie or call 0831100306.