

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

Saturday 19th September	Kiltoom 7pm	People of the Parish Alan Mitchell
Sunday 20th September	Curraghboy 10am	Edward Egan
Sunday 20th September	Kiltoom 11.30am	Joe Monaghan Gerard Walsh, Rosie & Michael Walsh Bernadette Walsh & Miriam Finn

Tuesday 22nd September—Friday 25th September No masses

Friday 25th September	Curraghboy 7pm	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 26th September	Kiltoom 7pm	People of the Parish Thomas & Bridie Shine
Sunday 27th September	Curraghboy 10am	Mollie Queenie
Sunday 27th September	Kiltoom 11.30am	Hubert & Lily Martin

FR MICHAEL IS ON ANNUAL LEAVE FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.

IF YOU NEED A PRIEST URGENTLY,

YOU CAN CONTACT FR. RAY MILTON ON 090 6661127

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION: Application link has been sent to all parents of the children who are due to make the Sacraments in 2027 from their school. If you have not received the link, please contact the parish office by email kiltoomoffice@gmail.com and state if your child is due to make their Communion or Confirmation and the link will be forwarded to you by return email.

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

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

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Kiltoom
Athlone
Co. Roscommon
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St. Brigid's Church
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**TWENTY FIFTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

20th September 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

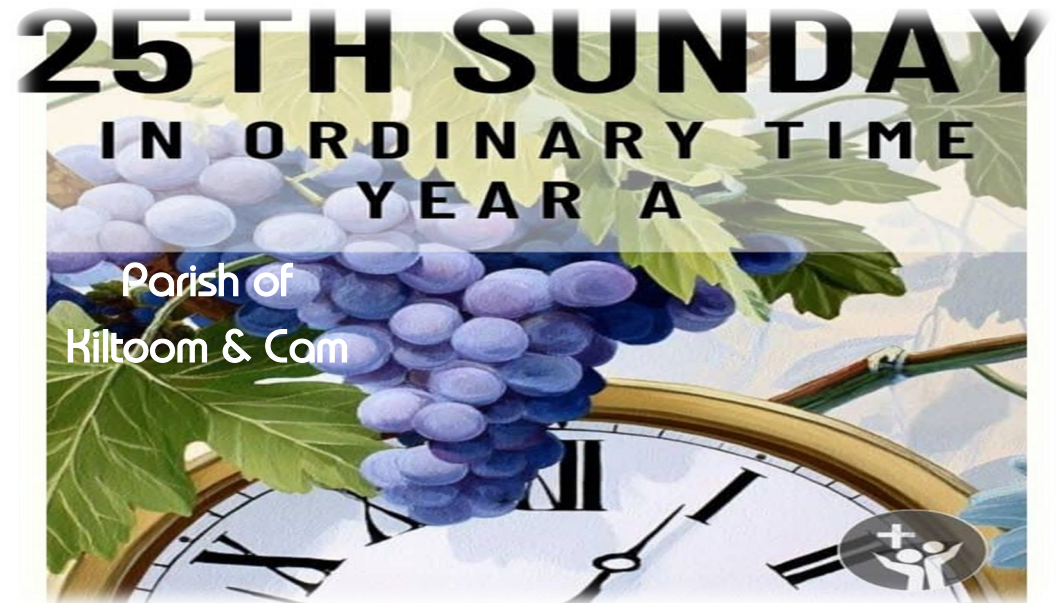
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Parish Safeguarding Liaison Officers

Kiltoom: Orlagh Tiernan (086) 8257831

Cam: Deacon Willie Gacquin (086) 1693902

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



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 WITH POPE LEO XIV: Are you interested in travelling on the diocesan youth pilgrimage to Korea for World Youth Day in 2027? The diocese is currently seeking expressions of interest from parishioners who will be aged 19 – 30 at the time of the event. Travel dates are 27 July – 12 August 2027, approx. To register your interest, email Sheena at info@achonryelphin.ie with your name, age, and parish.

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

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/>

DIOCESES OF ACHONRY & ELPHIN 2026/2027 SCRIPTURE INITIATIVE: New groups and facilitators being sought. Please consider. Enquiries welcome. More information @ www.achonryelphin.ie/scripture

FAITH & FUN CLUBS: Supporting Children (8 - 11 years) grow in faith and friendship: New and emerging Faith & Fun Clubs in the Achonry and Elphin Dioceses now enrolling for 2026/2027 school year. For more info please visit: <https://achonryelphin.ie/fafc/>

AFTERNOON OF PRAYER: Achonry and Elphin Dioceses' Apostolic Workers will hold an afternoon of prayer on Saturday, 10th October at Donamon Castle, Co. Roscommon, commencing at 2pm. Reflection, Holy Hour, Rosary, Mass, and veneration of the Relics of St. Therese and her parents Louis and Zelig Martin. Refreshments from 3.30pm to 4pm. Donation €10. Everyone welcome.

YOUTH 2000 EVENTS: Ulster Autumn Retreat 2026 - Lough Derg, 25th -27th September 2026. Youth 2000 style retreat. Leinster Autumn Retreat - Our Lady's College, Greenhills, Drogheda, 16th – 18th October 2026. Registration opens soon. For further information on these and all other Youth 2000 events, please visit: www.youth2000.ie

THE RETREAT VILLAGE AT KNOCK SHRINE: A space for rest, reflection and spiritual renewal. Through guided prayer, meaningful conversation and quiet time for personal contemplation, participants are invited to step away from the pace of everyday life. Further details: John Farrelly, Retreat Village Manager, tel: 086 010 8623/ email: retreatvillage@knockshrine.ie

VOLUNTEER BEFRIENDERS NEEDED: Western Alzheimers urgently need Volunteer Befrienders in your area. Do you have one to two hours per week to spare ? Contact Lucy at 094-9364900 or 087-3694477.

COFFEE MORNING FOR HOSPICE: Mayo Roscommon Hospice are looking for community groups, individuals, schools or workplace etc. to host a coffee morning/evening on National Coffee Morning for Hospice, Thursday 24th September or any date that suits. Coffee & posters will be provided. Contact 094 9388666 or email info@hospice.ie or register online at <https://www.hospice.ie/fundraising/coffee-morning/>

HLI IRELAND: Fr Lawrence Carney (USA), international speaker and popular author, Provincial Tour of Ireland. Join us for the Connacht event at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock Shrine, on 25 September at 6:45pm, with a First Class Relic of St Thérèse. Free admission.

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.

CARD GAME in Handball Complex, Curraghboy continues on Tuesdays @ 9 pm. New players always welcome

LINE DANCING CLASS in Handball Complex, Curraghboy resumes Monday 28th September. Beginners @ 7pm and regular Class @ 8 15 pm. All welcome

ST. BRIGID'S LOTTO: €11,200. Last Week's Results, Numbers Drawn: 13/15/16/29. No Jackpot Winner, One Match 3 Winner Receives €200. *Next draw takes place on Monday night 21/09/2026 in St. Brigid's Sports and Social Centre at 8.00pm. On-line Lotto closes Sunday evening @ 8pm*

TAUGHMACONNELL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER in aid of Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association on Saturday the 26th of September 2026. 5KM Run/Walk starting at Killeen's Togher at 4.30pm. Entry Fee 10 euros. Walk it, Run it, Support a great cause. Every step makes a difference. There will be prizes and raffles on the day. Great family and community day guaranteed.

ROSCOMMON GARDEN CLUB: The Roscommon Garden Club will resume on Monday 28th September 2026 at 8.00pm in Hannon's Hotel, Roscommon. Jules and Dave from Esker Farm will give a talk on bulbs. Membership for the year is 30 euro and 10 euro per night for non-members. All are welcome.

MS IRELAND is hosting a free Information Fair for people with MS and other Neurological Conditions and their Carers in the Abbey Hotel Roscommon on Thursday 24th Sept 10am -2pm with a wide variety of Statutory Community and Voluntary services in attendance. All welcome, for further info contact MS Irelands Community Worker Jackie Keogh on 087 2502031

CONWAY ACADEMY, IRISH DANCING: Classes continue on Mondays 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

LUAN ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE: Our classes are on Monday evenings 5:30-6:30 in St Brigid's GAA and all are welcome to come along for dancing fun, fitness and friendships. For more info contact Dairina on 0861942878.

THE OLD ATHLONE SOCIETY: After a summer break it is the time of year again that we prepare for the start of the The Old Athlone Society speaking season. On September 30th next we are delighted to welcome Dr Matthew Potter to start off the season speaking on "Local Government in Ireland: From the Normans to the Present". Scheduled for Wednesday September 30th at 8pm in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel. All welcome to attend.

GYNAECOLOGICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH: Gynaecological Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to learn more about the **5 gynaecological cancers** –womb (endometrial), ovarian, cervical, vulval and vaginal cancer. Our new flipbook provides information on risk factors, signs and symptoms, and **the importance of knowing what is normal for you**. Taking a few minutes to learn the signs and symptoms could make a huge difference. If you notice any unusual or persistent changes for you, speak to your GP. FLIPBOOK LINK: <https://publuu.com/flip-book/708759/2576100>