

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 WITH POPE LEO XIV: The diocese is now accepting applications from parishioners aged 19-30 (at the time of the event) for the youth pilgrimage to Korea for World Youth Day in 2027. Travel dates are 27 July – 13 August 2027. For information and to apply, email Sheena at info@achonryelphin.ie with your name, age, and parish.

IN-SERVICE MEETINGS - NEW AND EXISTING MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

Elphin Diocesan In-Service Meetings for New and Existing Ministers of the Word (those who proclaim the readings at Mass) continue in Summerhill College Sligo, F91 D5YF, 7.30pm - 8.45 pm on Tuesday 27th October; Abbey Community College Boyle, F52 HK46, 7.30pm - 8.45 pm on Wednesday 28th October, and Former Cuisle Building, Donamon Castle, Donamon, F42 V250, 7.30pm - 9.00 pm on Thursday 29th October. All welcome.

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

EXPLORING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: The Parish of Saints Peter and Paul's, Athlone, invites you to participate in a series of structured discussions exploring our Catholic Faith. The first four sessions will be held each Wednesday in October from 7.30pm – 9pm in the Liturgical Centre, Castle Street. To book email parishoffice@athloneparish.ie or 090 6492171.

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/>

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, 086 010 8623/ retreatvillage@knockshrine.ie

PILGRIMAGE TO SAN GIOVANNI: Escorted Pilgrimage to San Giovanni for Franciscan Holy Year 2026 from Dublin with Marian Pilgrimages from 5th to 9th November. Includes visits to San Giovanni, Pietrelcina, Lanciano, Mont Sant d'Angelo and St Philomena with full spiritual programme under the spiritual direction of Fr. Tomas Surlis. Return flights from Dublin and half board accommodation. €899pps. Contact 01 8788159 for more information and booking.

VOLUNTEER BEFRIENDERS NEEDED: Western Alzheimer's 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.

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

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.

NEW NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY will continue Tuesdays in Kiltoom Church. The novena will be held either at the 9.30am or 7pm mass. All are welcome.

ROSARY IN CAM CEMETERY on Sunday November 1st. at 11am

ROSARY IN KILTOOM CEMETERY after Sunday mass every Sunday in November

AREA DISTRIBUTORS: The November envelopes and Annual Boxes are ready for distribution. They can be collected from the Sacristy after the weekend masses. Thank you all so much for giving your time to the Parish and delivering these. It is greatly appreciated.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Darren Murray who was selected as part of the Ireland Rugby team in their upcoming matches.

ST. BRIGID'S G.A.A. LOTTO JACKPOT THIS WEEK €5,200. Last Week's Results, Numbers Drawn: 09/18/27/28. No Jackpot Winner, one Match 3 Winner Receives €200. *Next draw takes place on Monday night 26/10/2026 in St. Brigid's Sports and Social Centre at 8.00pm. On-line Lotto closes Sunday evening @ 8pm*

ROTARY CLUB: upcoming concert with the Combined Bands of the Defence Forced and Guest Artists. Our primary Cause is The South Westmeath Hospice, with a contribution to Rotary Charities and the Amy Benevolent Fund. Tickets are €25.00 each. they are available from John Gonley, Curramore, Tel: 086 7707404, or any other Rotary Member. Poster & details also on the Parish Facebook page.

FREE DIGITAL SUPPORT FOR OLDER PEOPLE: The Click and Connect project offers free, friendly support to older people in our community who would like help with technology. Learn how to make video calls, send emails, use online services, stay safe online, and keep in touch with family and friends. This project aims to help reduce isolation, increase confidence, and support older people to stay connected and independent in today's digital world. For more information or to register your interest, please contact: Linda on 090 6630252 or 086 7807438

HALLOWEEN MIDTERM BREAK workshops at Luan Gallery and Abbey Road Artists' Studios suitable for ages 6-12. Curious Forms: Halloween Sculpture Workshops on Wednesday 28th and Friday 30th October and Monster Makers: Halloween Upcycling Workshops on Thursday 29th October. Booking is essential for our workshops and visit our website: luangallery.ie to book and for more information.

FAIR DEAL AND STATE PENSIONS INFORMATION SESSIONS: Are you planning for the future or looking for information on entitlements in later life? These free community education sessions are being organised to address your information and advice needs in your local area. Venue: Kilbride Community Centre, Four Mile House, Roscommon, F42 N277 Upcoming Events: Wills and Inheritance – Wednesday, 28 October, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The free information events are open to all members of the public. For more information, please contact Roscommon Citizens Information Centre: 0818 07 6360 fiona.kilmartin@citinfo.ie

JOIN THE OLD ATHLONE SOCIETY on Wednesday, 28 October 2026, at 8.00 pm in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone, for a lecture by Dr Gareth Prendergast, serving Colonel in the Irish Defence Forces and author of *CLEAR HOLD BUILD: How the Free State Won the Irish Civil War*. The lecture will challenge conventional explanations for the Free State's victory and offer a fresh perspective on the strategies that shaped the outcome of the bitter conflict. All welcome to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK.

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

Saturday 24 th October	Kiltoom 7pm	William McCarthy People of the Parish
Sunday 25 th October	Curraghboy 10am	Mary, Seamus & Joseph O'Donnell & Helen Lewis
Sunday 25 th October	Kiltoom 11.30am	Pat, Moira & deceased members of the Naughton family.
Tuesday 27 th October	Kiltoom 7pm	Kay & Seán Coyle St Anthony Novena
Wednesday 28 th October	Kiltoom 9.30am	Special Intention
Wednesday 28 th October	Kiltoom 8pm	HOLY HOUR
Thursday 29 th October	Kiltoom 9.30am	Kitty Dunning & Tom Dunning
Friday 30 th October	Kiltoom 7pm	Maureen, Tom & Aidan Browne
Friday 30 th October	Curraghboy 7pm	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 31 st October	Kiltoom 7pm	Kathleen & Peter Martin & deceased family members Joe Lynch Ann Duignan
Sunday 1 st November	Curraghboy 10am	John & Bridgid Finnerty & deceased family Members (Pollalahar) Gerry O'Malley & deceased family members John & Mary Finnegan Seán & Kathleen Kelly (Grange) John Curley (Curnalee) Johnny & Una Dolan
Sunday 1 st November	Kiltoom 11.30am	Mary Cunningham Deceased members of the Moroney Family Brendan & Mary Brosnan Marie Killion (Curramore) Bridget & Patrick Ennis William & Roseanne Mannion & deceased family members

RECENT DEATHS.

Your prayers are requested for the souls of

Rose Killion, Kiltoom

Robbie Walsh, Roscommon, son-in-law of Michael and Frances Dolan, Cornalee

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

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 26th October to Monday 2nd November inclusive, reopening at 9.30am on Tuesday 3rd November

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

**Thirtieth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

25th October 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*

30TH SUNDAY

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