COME AWAY TO A QUIET PLACE . . . Four-day residential Advent retreat at the Retreat Village, Knock Shrine from 7th to 11th December offers space to step away from the busyness of our preparations for Christmas and spend time in peaceful surroundings. Further information: John Farrelly (086) 010 8623 / email retreatvillage@knockshrine.ie

CHILDREN'S ROSARY WITH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION on Friday 4th December at 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm in the Apparition Chapel, Knock Shrine. For children and teens of all ages. Everyone is welcome to come and join in prayer. Under 18's must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For queries, please contact: 087 2299 623.
Website: www.ChildrensRosary.org

HOSPICE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & MEMORIAL WALK: Mayo Roscommon Hospice tree lighting ceremony for Let Love Shine a Light Christmas appeal will take place at Knock Shrine at 5pm on Sunday 6th December following the annual memorial walk which commences at 4pm. Further details: phone 094 9388666.

BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING: Anam Cara Online Bereavement Information Evening takes place on Wednesday 9th December with guest speaker Bryan Nolan, a training and facilitation consultant working to support families navigating bereavement and loss. The event is open to all parents whose child or children have died. To register: https://bit.ly/4j9pLvp For further information: email info@anamcara.ie or call 085 288 8888.

CONCERT IN AID OF THE LOURDES ASSISTED PILGRIM FUND: A concert in aid of the Lourdes Assisted Pilgrim Fund will take place on **Friday, 4th December**, in the Mattie McDonagh Centre, Ballygar, Co Galway. F42V211 at 8 pm. Tickets (including raffle) are €20 and are available from committee members, on Eventbrite, on the door or by contacting 087 4922919

ATHLONE SAMARITANS CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The 36th Annual Samaritan Christmas Concert takes place on Thursday 10th December in the Church of Ss Peter and Paul, Athlone at 8pm. It features the Army Band of 2 Brigade, Baritone Karl Mc Guckin. Athlone Pipe Band and Coláiste Chiárain Senior Choir. Tickets: €20 Mulligans Roscommon Rd and Whyte's Pharmacy. **The Samaritans are available 24hrs on free call 116 123 for anyone who is lonely, troubled or just needs to talk to someone in confidence.**

ROSCOMMON GARDEN CLUB are holding their Christmas Gala Night on Thursday 3rd December 2026 at 8.00 in the Abbey Hotel Roscommon. Christopher White, RHS Chelsea Flower Show medal winner will give a flower demonstration. Proceeds in aid of Roscommon Alzheimer's Day Care Building fund. Tickets €25 each and are available from the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon and McGuinness Pharmacy, Roscommon Finger food served on the night.

ROSCOMMON AGE-FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS EVENT 2026. Join us for a festive day of information, entertainment, and community spirit at the Roscommon Age-Friendly Christmas Event. Wednesday, 2 December 2026 10.00am - 2.00pm Kilbride Community Centre, Four Mile House. This special event offers a wonderful opportunity to meet friends old and new, access useful information, and celebrate community wellbeing during the festive season. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

ATHLONE CHORAL SOCIETY: It's that time of year when we all need some good will, cheer and beautiful singing!! Fear not, as Athlone Choral Society will be having their annual Christmas concert on Sunday 6th December, in St Mary's Church of Ireland, Athlone. The doors will be open at 6.30pm, and the performance begins at 7pm. They are delighted to have Andrew Gavin (Tenor) - @andrew_tenor, and Daren Lane (Pianist) as special guest performers. Book your tickets early as it is a very popular night out!! Tickets are €15 and there is a link to buy tickets online available on: Facebook (Athlone Choral Society) Instagram (@athlonechoralsociety) Email (athlonechoralsocietypro@gmail.com) They look forward to welcoming you for a festive evening of music and song.

CHRISTMAS INDOOR MARKET: Monksland Community Centre, N37 WK25. Saturday 5th December from 11am-4pm. Something for everyone. Complimentary tea/coffee/scones. All welcome.

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.

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.

HOLY HOUR: Thank you to all who attended our Holy Hour in Curraghboy last week.

SCRIPTURE INITIATIVE continues each Wednesday Ballybay Hall at 7pm. All Welcome.

TRIDUUM OF MASSES: Cards are now available and can be purchased after masses or from the Parish Office during opening times. The cards are €3 each or 4 for €10

FOOD COLLECTION / APPEAL: **The Communion Classes** are organising a **food & toiletries** appeal to support Esker House & Athlone Community Service. Items for donation can be left in both churches **this weekend & next weekend** 5th & 6th December. Thank you

COMMUNION CLASS: A reminder that you first 'Grow in Love' mass takes place next Sunday. It is important that all communion class children and their families attend.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS: Will take place after all masses on Saturday **12th & Sunday 13th December.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Annual Church Gate Collection takes place next weekend 5th & 6th December. Please support.

BRIDESWELL XMAS MARKET FRI 11TH DEC. with Lights on @6pm followed by N.S. Choir & St. Brigids Choir. Plenty of street entertainment & maybe even a Surprise Guest! Refreshments are available too so please come and join us for a festive evening.

KILTOOM DRAMA AUTUMN PRODUCTION Out of Order farce by Ray Cooney opens on Fri 30th Nov and runs for 4 nights until Mon 30th at 8pm. Suitable for +15yo. no advance booking required.

ST. BRIGID'S G.A.A. LOTTO. LOTTO JACKPOT THIS WEEK €6,200. Last Week's Results Numbers Drawn: 9/21/22/27. No Jackpot Winner. Two Match 3 Winners, each receives €100. *Next draw takes place on Monday night 30/11/2026 in St. Brigid's Sports and Social Centre at 8.00pm. On-line Lotto closes Sunday evening @ 8pm*

MONKSLAND TOWN TEAM. Christmas Concert and Tree Lighting Ceremony. Free family event and lovely evening. Friday December 4th between 6.15pm to 8.15pm. We will have local talent and Mrs Claus before turning on our Tree Lights. It's a nice way to build excitement before the Late Late Toy Show. All Welcome.

WESTERN ALZHEIMERS FESTIVE FUNDRAISERS – ROSCOMMON DAY CENTRE BUILD. Please support three upcoming community events in aid of the new Roscommon Alzheimer's Day Centre: **Annual Coffee Morning & St. Stephen's Day Walk Launch:** Friday, 27th November, 10:00am – 1:00pm in Roscommon Golf Club. Launched by Paddy Joe Burke. Christmas cards on sale. **Roscommon Garden Club Christmas Gala:** Thursday, 3rd December at 8:00pm in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon. Demonstration by RHS Chelsea medal winner Christopher White. Admission €25. **"Music for Christmas" Concert:** Sunday, 13th December at 7:00pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Strokestown (F42 Y422). Featuring Cór Comáin (Roscommon Women's Choir) and Scoil Mhuire Secondary School Choir. Tickets €15. For more information, contact Melissa at Western Alzheimer's on **094 93 64900** or **fundraising@westernalzheimers.ie**. Thank you so much for your time, generosity, and ongoing support for families living with Alzheimer's in our community.

ARE YOU CARING FOR A LOVED ONE AT HOME WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS? A spouse, partner, child, close relative, or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 624,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK.

Kiltoom masses live streamed on

Saturday 28th November	Kiltoom 7pm	Deceased members of the Muldoon Family People of the Parish
Sunday 29th November	Curraghboy 10am	Ellen, John & Neil Mannion (Ballyline)
Sunday 29th November	Kiltoom 11.30am	Paul Treacy Seán McGorisk
Tuesday 1st December	Kiltoom 9.30am	Jack Irwin Novena to St. Anthony
Wednesday 2nd December	Kiltoom 9.30am	Moira & Patrick Naughton
Thursday 3rd December	Kiltoom 9.30am	Special Intention
Friday 4th December	Kiltoom 9.30am	Margaret McCarthy
Friday 4th December	Curraghboy 7pm	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 5th December	Kiltoom 10am	Maura Leavy (Months Mind) & Michael Leavy
Saturday 5th December	Kiltoom 7pm	Martin Hughes & Paul Hughes Elenor Kiely Mary Nugent Melissa Tiernan Antoinette Hannon
Sunday 6th December	Curraghboy 10am	Eamon & Peggy Finnerty, Fr. Paddy Finnerty, Sr. Jacinta Finnerty & Mary Finnerty Kathleen Kenny, her husband Johnny & deceased family members Pat & Nan Butler (Lysterfield) Seán & Peggy McDonnell & deceased family members Pauline Gately (1st Anniversary) her husband Paddy, son Joseph & granddaughter Jessica Shannon Carolyn Ann Town 'Grow in Love' Mass for the First Holy Communion Class children from Brideswell & Curraghboy National Schools
Sunday 6th December	Kiltoom 11.30am	Joe Higgins (Barrybeg) Deceased members of the Henehan Family John & Marie Gormely & Baby Laura Gormely & deceased family members Angela Ramsey 'Grow in Love' Mass for the First Holy Communion Class children from Ballybay Central National School

ROSARY IN KILTOOM CEMETERY after Sunday mass every Sunday in November

RECENT DEATHS. Your prayers are requested for the soul of

Dolores McGrath, Athlone. Mother of John McGrath, Kiltoom
Chris Kenny (Née Moloney), Portland, Oregan. Sister of Mildred Henehan, Kiltoom

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29th November 2026

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