

PARISH OF KILTOOM & CAM

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

St. Brigid's Church **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Curraghboy
Athlone
Co. Roscommon
N37 KV62
20th DECEMBER 2020

Parish Newsletter

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Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 19th December	7.00pm Kiltoom	Martin Joe Hughes
Sunday 20th December	10.00am Curraghboy	Seamus McDonnell
	11.30am Kiltoom	Mary Carty
Tuesday 22nd December	Private Mass	Mary Murray
Wednesday 23rd December	Private Mass	O'Brien & Corley Family (Eskerbane)
Thursday 24th December	4.00pm Curraghboy	People of the Parish
	6.00pm Kiltoom	People of the Parish
	8.00pm Curraghboy	People of the Parish
	10.00pm Kiltoom	People of the Parish
Friday 25th December	10.00am Curraghboy	People of the Parish
	11.30am Kiltoom	People of the Parish
Saturday 26th December	7.00pm Kiltoom	Kitty & Neill Dillon
Sunday 27th December	10.00am Curraghboy	Patrick Burke (Pollalahar)
	11.30am Kiltoom	Patrick & Margaret Cunningham

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS IN SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH, ATHLONE Parish of Kiltoom & Cam, Parish of Ss. Peter & Pauls & Parish of Knockcroghery / St. Johns / Rahara

Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd after 9.30am mass
Tuesday evening 22nd from 7 to 8pm

A number of priests will be available to hear individual confessions.

It is essential that everyone observes social distancing, allows lots of space to allow for the privacy of those making their confession and that everyone wears a face mask.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES PARISH OF KILTOOM & CAM

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Curraghboy
6.00pm Kiltoom
8.00pm Curraghboy
10.00pm Kiltoom

Christmas Day

10.00am Curraghboy
11.30am Kiltoom

All masses will be offered up for the People of our Parish.
The Church will only be able to facilitate the maximum number of 50 people, therefore we have put on two extra masses, please come as a household to one mass.

We will have the Church separated into Pod's.

We invite households to arrive and sit together

We ask you to follow the guidance of the Stewards at all times.

Facemasks must be worn by all people attending mass (exception for those unable to wear for medical reasons and those under 12)

RECENT DEATHS

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Kathleen (Phil) Moylan, Newpark.

May God grant her eternal rest & comfort, and console her bereaved family & friends.

PARISH OFFICE DURING LEVEL3: The Parish office is closed to the public, contact can be made by telephone or e-mail only during office hours. (Mon—Fri 9.30am—1.30pm)

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 23rd December, reopening on Monday January 4th 2021. Wishing you all a lovely Christmas and New Year. Notices for newsletter for over Christmas & New Year must be in the office by 10am Tuesday 22nd December.

CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS: We have a very limited amount of Christmas mass cards available from the Parish Office. 3 mass cards for €10.00

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to all the children from the Parish who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend and last weekend.

AREA DISTRIBUTOR NEEDED: We are looking for a volunteer / volunteers to deliver our Parish envelopes and boxes to our Lower Berries area going forward. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office on 090 6489105. Envelopes get delivered four times throughout the year (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost & November) and the annual boxes are delivered once a year. Thank you.

CAM CEMETERY COMMITTEE: A draft plan of the plots in the Cam cemetery is on display there until March 1st 2021. A permanent plan will be erected later. If you are aware of any errors or omissions, please contact any member of the cemetery committee.

BRIDESWELL N.S would appreciate your support for their school fundraiser Christmas Draw. Tickets available from the school or Tavanagh's Shop in the village, €10 each or 3 for €20. There are many fantastic prizes including 250euro supervalu voucher, meal vouchers, large hampers and giftware.

AREA DISTRIBUTORS: December envelopes are available for collection.. Kiltoom distributors, please contact the Parish Office to arrange collection of your area, Cam distributors, please contact Deacon Willie Gacquin to arrange collection. Thank you once again for all your help.

SENSORY GARDEN & CARPARK: Kiltoom Community Development CLG are sincerely grateful to all who supported our recent draw. The monies raised amounted to c. €20,000 – which exceeded our expectation and was very generous. However there still remains a final outstanding target of c. €22,000 to be collected. As the final stages of fundraising can prove the most difficult - we urge that you PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE continue to support this worthy cause. Contributions may continue to be made to any of the Committee members Michael O'Brien, Pat Leonard, Paddy Kenny, Ciaran Toohey, Tom Shine & John Tiernan. The main construction contract is proceeding apace and we anticipate completion in early 2021.

PRAYERS AT HOME FOR ADVENT IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC: As the commercial world about us readies itself for the Christmas season, we are invited to take a step back and view the bigger picture. The Dioceses of Elphin and Clonfert have produced a booklet to help us pray at home during the season of Advent. Download the booklet from www.elphindiocese.ie

ONLINE ADVENT SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUPS meeting on Sundays of Advent 7.30-8.10 pm and Thursdays of Advent 11-11.40 am. More details www.elphindiocese.ie/advent All welcome.

SHORT DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS FOR BUSY PEOPLE by Fr. Niall Ahern available to listen & podcast @ www.elphindiocese.ie/advent-reflections/

“HOW LONG, O LORD”?:Join us for the final online Advent Reflection this Sunday 20th December at 6.30pm on www.elphindiocese.ie given by Bishop Paul Dempsey, Diocese of Achonry.

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE DURING CHRISTMAS: ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm by calling **0818 222 024**, and will remain open over the Christmas period.

GUIDELINES FOR THOSE ATTENDING CHRISTMAS MASSES IN OUR PARISH

As you are aware, the Christmas masses times are now available.

- * In our Churches, we will have three pod's.
- * Pod's 1 & 2 will accommodate at least 30 people in each pod. (right and left of the altar).
- * Pod 3 will be located in the main body of the Church and will accommodate 50 people.
- * The Church doors will open 20 minutes before each mass as we only have one hour to celebrate, and the hour begins as soon as the first person / people are seated.
- * We are requesting that your household only attend one mass and will be seated together. (No splitting of households)
- * It is important that people follow the instruction of the stewards regarding seating arrangements.
- * **If you or any member of your family or any members of the congregation are ill with symptoms of covid-19 or other infectious disease or if you have been in contact with a person with covid-19 in the past 14 days you must stay away from mass.**

ST. BRIGID'S LOTTO: Lotto Jackpot this weekend €11,000. Last weeks results: Numbers Drawn— 05 / 10 / 12 / 31 There was no jackpot winner, 2 match three winners €100. Draw takes place Sunday night 21/12/20 in St. Brigid's Clubhouse at 9pm.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS: “WELCOMING VACCINES FOR THE COMMON GOOD”

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference welcomes the encouraging news that a number of vaccines for COVID-19 are at an advanced stage of preparation and are likely to be available for use in the near future. The Catholic Church recognises that safe and effective vaccination is an essential aspect of the prevention of disease. We are encouraging Catholics to support a programme of vaccination, not only for their own good, but for the protection of life and the health of those who are vulnerable and for the common good of humanity. Read the message in full at www.elphindiocese.ie

GOD WITH US - A PRAYER GUIDE FOR THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS : This year, the restrictions in place because of the Coronavirus mean that we *may* not be in a position to gather *as usual* for our religious services throughout the Christmas Season. This situation challenges us to find new ways of reflecting on our faith and praying in our homes. It is hoped that this guide – from Christmas Eve to the Feast of the Epiphany - will assist you in doing just that. The guide is also designed to help deepen your participation in online broadcasts and to assist you in getting the most out of them spiritually. Download the booklet from www.elphindiocese.ie

GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE THIS CHRISTMAS? Useful links and points of contact available @ www.elphindiocese.ie/bereavement

ACCORD – RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING: Accord is open for relationship counselling in these difficult times. Professional Counsellors are available to help explore any difficulties you may have in your relationship in a safe and friendly atmospheres. Please contact Ann at 087-6765425 for more information. All HSE guidelines observed for Counselling.