

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

We welcome our Parishioners back to the celebration of public masses in both Churches, every weekend (subject to restrictions)

Sunday 16th May	Curraghboy 10.00am Kiltoom 11.30am	Val & Margaret Lynch (Kilcar) Special Intention
Tuesday 18th May		No Mass
Wednesday 19th May	Livestreamed at 9.30am	Holy Souls
Thursday 20th May	Livestreamed at 9.30am	Thanksgiving Intention
Friday 21st May	Livestreamed at 9.30am	Patrick & Eileen Walsh & deceased Family members.
Saturday 22nd May	Kiltoom 7.00pm	Birthday Remembrance mass for Teddy Irwin
Sunday 23rd May	Curraghboy 10.00am Kiltoom 11.30am	Úna, James & Bridie Mee Kieran & Maura Gavin & deceased Family members

MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED FROM THE PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE
www.facebook.com/KiltoomParish

TAX REBATE SCHEME: Under the Charitable Status, any registered charity that receives in excess of €250 from a PAYE / Self Employed person may recoup a refund from the Revenue Commissioners. It is a great incentive for generating funds for the benefit of the Parish of Kiltoom & Cam. Should those of you, who have not availed of this in the past, wish to avail of it, please email your name and envelope number to the Parish Office and the form can be distributed to you with the annual Pentecost envelope. This has been availed of in other Parishes throughout Ireland and has had a very successful response from Parishioners.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS AS THEY EXERCISE THEIR MINISTRY DURING THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Eternal God, Be with our priests this day as they seek to minister to your people.
May you be a guiding and protective presence with them as they bring the consolation and hope of Your word and the grace and nourishment of Eucharist to those entrusted into their care.
Grant them the strength of mind and body, keep them safe to do your will,
And give them the courage and peace to face each day with trust and confidence in You.
Into your hands O God, we commend them; fill them with your grace and healing.
Amen.



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.



CONFIRMATION 2021

Bishop Kevin has announced the Confirmation Dates. The Parish of Kiltoom and Cam will welcome Bishop Kevin on Tuesday & Wednesday 24th & 25th August in The Church of The Risen Christ, to confirm our Confirmation Candidates.

TUESDAY 24TH AUGUST

11.00am—Curraghboy N.S. & Lismoil N.S.
2.00pm—Brideswell N.S.

WEDNESDAY 25TH AUGUST

11.00am—Ballybay N.S. Group 1
2.00pm—Ballybay N.S. Group 2

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

**THE ASCENSION OF
THE LORD.**

**WORLD
COMMUNICATIONS
DAY**

Parish Newsletter

16th May
2021

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THANK YOU: Sincere thank you to all who continue to return weekly envelopes. I am most grateful for your generosity, support and help. If you wish to donate financially to the Parish, we have a number of ways that you can do so.

*Weekly envelopes can be posted through the door of the Parochial House in Kiltoom

*You can set up a standing order (please contact the Parish Office for bank details/form)

*You can go to the Elphin Diocesan website and select our parish

LIGHT A CANDLE FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION: If you would like a candle lit for a special intention, we can now facilitate your request. We have 3 day burning candles at a cost of €5 per candle. As the parish office is closed to the public, you can place your name, mobile number and your intention on a sheet of paper and place it, in an envelope with the €5 for the candle. These can be then put through the letterbox of the Parochial House, Kiltoom. The Candles will be lit and placed in the Church of the Risen Christ for the duration of the lit candles.

AREA DISTRIBUTORS: The Pentecost envelopes are available from this weekend. Please see Fr. Michael after weekend masses to collect, alternatively Kiltoom distributors can contact the Parish Office to arrange collection and Cam distributors can contact Deacon Willie Gacquin to arrange collection.

VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for volunteer stewards, cleaners and people to livestream masses. Should you wish to help, please contact the Parish office on 090 6489105. Remember, we cannot have masses unless we have enough volunteers to help. Thank you to those who continue to help out at mass times and throughout the days.

ST. BRIGID'S LOTTO: Lotto Jackpot this weekend €15,200. Last weeks results: Numbers Drawn— 01 / 02 / 20 / 30. There was no jackpot winner, 2 match three winners €100. Draw takes place Sunday night 16/05/21 in St. Brigid's Clubhouse at 9pm.

THE SOUTH WESTMEATH HOSPICE COMMITTEE would like to take this opportunity to thank Nancy and all of the church sanitation committee for their incredible fundraising efforts in partaking in the Jerusalem challenge. Their wonderful efforts raised €1,100 which was split between the South Westmeath Hospice and Mayo/Roscommon Hospice. We also would like to thank people for their support, as we continue to challenge the HSE to protect our wonderful Hospice facilities in Athlone. We are extremely grateful.

MAYO ROSCOMMON HOSPICE FOUNDATION would like to acknowledge and thank you for your recent fundraising donation from the Jerusalem dance by members of the church sanitising group. "We are most grateful to you and all who give so generously to the cause of hospice. Rest assured this vital palliative care service would not exist without them and people like you who support our hospice teams in the work they do for patients and families in their time of need. On behalf of all who will be helped as a direct result of your support, we thank you sincerely and look forward to your continued support."

IRISH HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT LINE: Many people have experienced the death of someone they love during the COVID-19 pandemic. It may have been a COVID-related death or a death from other causes. In the face of such loss, our Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line, in partnership with the HSE, is there to provide connection, comfort and support for anyone grieving in these exceptional times. It is a national freephone service 1800 80 70 77, available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday.

WORLDWIDE ROSARY IN THE MONTH OF MAY: Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to praying for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. The initiative involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world, including Knock Shrine. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5). Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 5pm Irish time from the various Shines taking part in the initiative. The Pope will also close the initiative on 31st May with another specially-broadcast Rosary. www.vaticannews.va/en

The government have announced that we can return to Public Mass from 10th May 2021. While this announcement is very welcome, there are similar restrictions in place to what we had last time we were allowed to hold public Masses.

Weekend masses will now take place in both Churches.

Weekday masses will continue to be said in private & livestreamed to the parish facebook page.

As it will not be physically possible to accommodate everyone at weekend masses, the obligation to attend on Saturday/Sunday remains suspended for the moment

>WEEKEND MASSES (from the weekend Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th May)

The Church of The Risen Christ, Saturday evening at 7.00pm & Sunday morning at 11.30am.

St. Brigid's Church, Sunday morning at 10.00am.

Both Churches will be open 30minutes before mass. We ask you to follow the instructions of the Stewards. Churches will close after all masses for sanitising.

Churches are restricted to a Maximum of 90 people once socially distanced or in defined Pods, **household of 3 of more will sit in the side pews, individuals or couples will sit in the body of the Church.**

Face masks **MUST** be worn (with the exception for medical reasons)

Seats cannot be reserved, and entry will be on a first come basis.

Please do not be offended if the doors are closed, this means we have reached our maximum quota safely allowed in the Church.

>STEWARDS AND CLEANERS - The same requirements as before regarding stewards & cleaners for all Masses are still in place. I take this opportunity to thank our existing volunteers for the great work and commitment they have given.

NO MASS CAN GO AHEAD WITHOUT THE HELP OF STEWARDS & CLEANERS

>FUNERALS & WEDDINGS - Are currently restricted to 50 people.

>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Postponed (Parents will be notified if and when we have any updates)

>CONFIRMATION - Parents and Children will be notified as soon as we have dates.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

We ask you do not attend mass if you are feeling unwell or have any symptoms of or confirmed COVID-19, if you have been a close contacts of a person who has a confirmed or suspected case of the virus, if you are awaiting a result of a covid—19 test, it is suggested that those in the vulnerable category might also stay at home for the moment until vaccinated.

*The number allowed to participate in the mass is **90 people**, which includes the priest and deacon.

*Entrance is through the main door only and all doors will be used to exit the church.

*Please follow the direction of the stewards at all times

*All members of the congregation **are encouraged** to wash and sanitise their hands before leaving home and on entering and exiting the church. If you wish you can bring your own pocket hand-sanitiser with you. People are encouraged not to bring unnecessary items into the church for mass.

*The reception of Holy Communion is in the hand and not on the tongue in line with Government health regulations.

*If you wish to donate financially to the parish, a basket will be placed on a table as you enter the church and you can place your offering/contribution in the basket, and then you will be escorted to your seat. Alternatively, you can post your envelope through the door of the Parochial House, Kiltoom.

To conform with Government Policy & for the protection of health it is mandatory to wear a facemask when attending Mass (under 12's and those who cannot wear due to medical reasons are exempt).

We ask families not to congregate outside the Churches before or after Masses and to restrict social gatherings afterwards in accordance with public health guidelines.

***It is important and crucial that we take personal measures to keep ourselves and those we love safe and well.**

***Please look out for one another, take care of yourself and please follow the Government guidelines.**

***The Parish Office remains closed to the public. To contact the Parish Office, please call 090 64 89105 or e-mail kiltoomoffice@gmail.com**

***Fr. Michael will always remain on duty and will respond to any sick or pastoral calls while observing the recommendations laid down for the safety of himself and those he is ministering to. Fr. Michael can be contacted on 090 64 89105 / 087 1366320**