Sunday 26th April 2026
Mass Intentions.
Tourlestrane church

Sunday 26th April: 10.30am: Patrick & Annie Meehan, deceased of Meehan family
Monday 27th April: No Mass
Tuesday 28th April: 9.30am
Wednesday 29th April 9.30am;
Thursday 30th April: No Mass
Friday 1st May: 8pm
Saturday 2nd May: No Mass
Sunday 3rd May 10.30am: Breedge & Joe Kennedy, deceased of Kennedy & Seery families

Kilmactigue church

Saturday 25th April: 7pm: Michael & Mary Haran
Sunday 26th April: No Mass
Monday 27th April: 9.30am Mary Teresa (Mai) O'Hara
Tuesday 28th April: No Mass
Wednesday 29th April; No Mass
Thursday 30th April: 9.30am
Friday 1st May: No Mass
Saturday 2nd May: 8pm:Paul Walsh
Sunday 3rd May: No Mass

Lough Talt church

Sunday 26th April: 9.20am: Jim & Sarah Walsh, Laragan
Sunday 3rd May: 9.20am:

First reading

Acts 2:14,36-41

'God has made him both Lord and Christ'

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.
or
Alleluia!

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.
or
Alleluia!

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.
or
Alleluia!

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.
or
Alleluia!

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.
or
Alleluia!

Second reading

1 Peter 2:20-25

You have come back to the shepherd of your souls

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Jn10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold

Jesus said:

'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Mass Times

Evening Mass times in the Parish will change from 7pm to 8pm, beginning on Friday 1st May.

Sick & Housebound.

Fr John will call on this Thursday and Friday at around the usual times.

Family Mass

The next family Mass is this Sunday 26th April at 10.30am in Tourlestrane church.

Family Fun Walk

Castlerock National School wish to thank sincerely everyone that participated, donated or helped in any way in our Family Fun Walk on Saturday 18th April in aid of the Cancer Support Unit in Tubbercurry. An amount of €1800 was raised for this worthy cause.

Community Games

Kilmactigue Community Games are on at 4.30pm on Sunday 26th April in Tourlestrane pitch

ACRES

ACRES West Connacht Local Clinic - An open-door local clinic for farmers in the ACRES Co Cooperation area will be held in An Croi Tubbercurry F91 X772 from 9am to 5pm on Thursday April 30th. For any queries call 085 268 3630.

Cloonacool Community Centre

Cloonacool Community Centre will hold a fundraising weekend, to assist with on-going running costs, over the the May Bank Holiday Weekend. Friday, May 1, will see Gerry Farrell perform his hugely popular one-man show, *I Had to go for Counselling*. The show is funny and moving in equal measure and is expected to draw a large audience. Saturday, May 2, welcomes the Coolaney Gospel Choir together with Fr. James McDonagh & Friends in a show hosted by Fr. Vincent Sherlock. Booking (text only), 0872 512030.

Apostolic Work

Elphin Apostolic Work is preparing for their display day which will be held on 7 June, in Roscommon. There a large number of requests from missionaries for sacred vessels, and religious items eg, rosary beads, statues, pictures, stamps, coins, etc. If anyone could sponsor or part sponsor an item it would be greatly

appreciated. There is a box in each church where items can be placed. For queries phone Mary 0874112172, or Mary 0877697297

Telling the Rosary

A Journey through the Joyful Mysteries.

1 The Annunciation (Ms Eileen King), 2 The Visitation(Fr John Carroll) 3 The Birth of Jesus (Ms Louise McGuinness) 4 The Presentation in the Temple (Mr Gerry Farrell) 5 The Finding in the Temple (Bishop Donal Roche)

Parish of Tubbercurry Cloonacool. May 11th –15th at 8pm

Problem-Solving for Life

A Creative and Playful Approach" A one-day workshop for adults, learning creative-thinking tools to approach knotty decisions with fresh perspective and discover new possibilities—in your own way. Saturday, May 9th, 10am - 4pm, Croi Nua, Galway. €70. Advance booking required on eventbrite.ie. Any questions? Contact Maria at 085-8357566, mariakingguidance@gmail.com .

Parish Website

The new website for the Parish will be https://www.kilmactigueparish.com/ .It is live now .

Indoor Fitness Classes

Women's indoor fitness classes with rowing as part of the excercise class continue Monday 20th at 7pm in Banada Abbey hall for 5 weeks. Mens indoor fitness classes with rowing as part of the excercise class starting on Monday 20th night at 8pm in Banada Abbey hall for 5 weeks..Cost of each class €30. Ring or text Mairead at 087 9615023 or email banadaabbeyhall1@gmail.com for more details.

Anam Cara

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tuesday 28th April at 7.30pm in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.

Date of First Communions

First Communion will be celebrated in Tourlestrane church for the children in second class from Banada NS and Drimina NS on Saturday 16th May at 11am

First Communion will be celebrated in Lough Talt church for the children in second class in Castlerock NS on Sunday 24th May at 11am.

Date of Confirmation.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated with Bishop Kevin Doran in Tourlestrane church on Friday 8th May at 4pm.

theway.ie

The Irish Bishop's Conference has launched a new on-line platform called theway.ie to help people to discover, live and pass on the Catholic faith. Please "like and subscribe" to their content on Facebook, Instagram, Spotify and You Tube and pass the word on.

St Vincent De Paul Collection

The phone number for the local conference is 087 3549586.

Parish Safeguarding Handbook.

The Parish Safeguarding handbook is available on http://achonrydiocese.org/safeguardinghandbook/

Dioceses Of Achonry And Elphin Pilgrimage To Lourdes – Assisted Pilgrim Section

The Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 28th August, 2026 to the 2nd September, 2026 inclusive, under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Doran. Pilgrimage Highlights includes Mass at the Grotto, Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament Processions, Anointing of the Sick, Water Ceremony. Flights ex Knock Airport. **All booking in relation to the Pilgrimage can be directed to Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) at 016852244 or email info@joewalshtours.ie**

The Pilgrimage includes the **Assisted Pilgrim Section**. Those who travel as part of the Assisted Pilgrim Section will stay in Accueil Notre Dame, which is situated near the Grotto and Sanctuary area. They will be cared for by the Diocesan Pilgrimage Care Team whilst in Lourdes. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon. (Telephone – 090 6661115). Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is 11th June 2026.

FRC

Baby Bonding: a six week course will take place in the FRC starting on the new date of May 5th for 6 weeks. Each session lasts one hour. Enjoy simple, gently, playful activities to help build a strong relationship with your little one. Suitable for expectant mums 28+weeks and babies up to 8 months. Cost €15pp. Booking essential to 0719186926.

Summer Garden Retreats this May 13th and June 3rd with Tubbercurry FRC. Nature retreats are a relaxing half day immersion highlighting our immediate environment and celebrating its beauty. Expect a wide range of activities and experiences such as gardening tips and sowing your own tray of microgreens , learning to forage and using spring herbs to create culinary treats and herbal teas , mindful exercises in nature, i.e. the art of journalling and dawdling , creative nature hands-on-activity, wellness through hydrotherapy (get those feet wet - optional). Bookings to 0719186926.

Free Guided Walks will take place with Tubbercurry FRC and Martina Kilian of Nature Inspires this April & May. Walks include a dark sky walk at Lough Talt April 22nd 8.00pm-10/10.30pm,meeting at Lough Talt Church car park at 7.50pm (moderate 5k). Knocknashee Hill walk will take place on May 6th , meeting

Knocknashee base at 10.20am (5k Moderate-Difficult). For more detailed information and booking contact the FRC on 0719186926

Encounter

ENCOUNTER WEEKEND DONEGAL, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. 6.00pm - 10.30pm Friday 5th June. 9.00am - 10.30pm. Saturday 6th June. Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service, and fellowship. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. Keynote Speakers: Patrick Reis: co-founder and Executive Director of Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau who serves with the U.S. Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio. Bookings at https://encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org.

Theology of the Arts. Does the Church Need Art?

This summer we are offering a repeat of the 2018 one-week online summer school motivated by a significant question posed by Pope John Paul II in his Letter to Artists: Does the Church Need Art? Six lectures will examine current theological debate on beauty and the arts, and consider some of the challenges posed by a contemporary culture of image and sound to the Church's traditional understanding of the function of sacred art.

Could you please mention the Priory Institute Online Summer School on your Parish website over the next few weeks and put in this link to find out more about the schedule and to register click here

https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2021-summer-school

Confessions

Confessions is available on Friday evenings in Tourlestrane church at 7pm to 7.30pm in the adoration room.

Family Carers Ireland

Could you take on 7,000 steps a day throughout April? Walk anywhere, anytime, and help support Family Carers Ireland while raising awareness for carers nationwide. Sign up at www.familycarers.ie/get-involved For more information, see www.familycarers.ie/stepup

Phoenix Players Celebrate 80 Years with Anniversary Exhibition

The Phoenix Players will celebrate 80 years of local theatre this April with a special anniversary exhibition in St. Brigid's Hall.

Running from 12–8pm on Saturday 25th April and 12–3pm on Sunday 26th April, the free event will showcase eight decades of productions through photographs, posters, costumes, props, and memorabilia. An audio-visual display and behind-the-scenes stories will also highlight the group's rich history.
A social evening will take place on Saturday 25th at 8pm in Cawley's Hotel, Tubbercurry. Tickets, priced at €15, are available from Gillespies and Doohans.
The weekend promises a celebration of community, creativity, and the lasting legacy of the Phoenix Players.

Accord Ballaghadereen

Accord Ballaghadereen offer a confidential counselling service where couples can explore family relationships. Accord counsellors can help if relationships are under stress. For online counselling please visit www.accord.ie. Alternatively, to book a face to face counselling session, please call Accord Ballaghadereen on 0879972503.

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Mother and Baby

The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme launched in March 2024 following the Government agreed actions arising from the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby homes and certain related matters. The Payment scheme provides financial payments, and health supports to eligible people who spent time in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in Ireland. Eligibility criteria can be found online, and applications can be made via an online portal (website below) or by post
Visit: www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/
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Spiritual Exercises:

5 Day Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men. Led by Benedictine monks from St. Joseph Abbey, in France. Starts Thursday 30th April (3pm). Benburb Priory, Co. Tyrone (1.5 hrs from Dublin). €450 (all meals & single room included). Daily Mass - Ordinary Form (Latin & ad orientem). Discover the strength that only comes when you stop running and let God speak. **Book at**: https://soutenir.clairval.com/retreat-benburb-priory

Family Carers Ireland

National Charity supporting 500,000+ Family Carers Nationwide - recruiting **Community Homecare Workers** to provide support to clients. Flexible work hours based on availability. Essential Requirements: Qualifications – QQI Care of The Older Person and Care Skills Modules completed, must have own car and Full Driving Licence. Please send CV to jobs@familycarers.ie or contact Carol on 049 8511031 or 086 4183949 for more information.

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Tusla, Meitheal.

Meitheal is a Tusla led process for children and families who may need support. Meitheal enables families to identify what is working well and not so well in their child or young person's life and work towards changes they would like to see happen for their child or young person. For more information on Meitheal please contact 0876562844 or email