

Sunday 25th January 2026

Mass Intentions.

Tourlestrane church

Sunday 25th January 10.30am: Annie & Batty Kane, Gorterslin, their daughter Mary and her husband Joe Leonard

Monday 26th January: 12noon: Funeral Mass Annie Cawley

Tuesday 27th January: 9.30am

Wednesday 28th January 9.30am

Thursday 29th January: No Mass

Friday 30th January: 7pm

Saturday 31st January: No Mass

Sunday 1st February: 10.30am: Madge & Richard Kennedy, the Carr and Kennedy family

Kilmactigue church

Saturday 24th January: 7pm

Sunday 25th January: No Mass

Monday 26th January: No Mass

Tuesday 27th January: No Mass

Wednesday 28th January; No Mass

Thursday 29th January: 9.30am

Friday 30th January: No Mass

Saturday 31st January: 12noon: Agnes Ginty

Saturday 31st January: 7pm

Sunday 1st February No Mass

Lough Talt church

Sunday 25th January: 9.20am : Jim & Sarah Goldrick, sons Peter & Sean.

Sunday 1st February: 9.20am: Nellie & James Curley, Mary & Peter.

First reading

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor –
these you break as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 26(27):1,4,13-14

The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

The Lord is my light and my help.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.

The Lord is my light and my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my help.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf.Mt4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,

Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death

a light has dawned.'

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord

Offertory Collection

The Offertory Collection for 18th January was €992.66

Recent Death

Please pray for James Maye who died during the week in Chicago, and for his brother Padraig Maye whose anniversary occurs at this time. Pray for Annie Cawley, Cloonbarry, who died this week.

New Parish Website

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

First Confessions

The children in 2nd Class in Castlerock NS will make their First Confession in Castlerock NS on Wednesday 25th March at 3pm.

The children in 2nd Class in Banada NS and Drimina NS will make their First Confessions in Tourlestrane church on Thursday 19th March at 7pm.

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.

New Offertory Envelopes

The new Offertory Boxes are available now at the exit of the churches. Please collect.

Celebrating 50 years of Boards of Management of National Schools

This year we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of Boards of management for National Schools. We owe a debt of gratitude to all those who were members of boards down through the years.

LOUGH TALT -2026 CALENDAR

The last remaining calendars are now available at Kennedys shop Aclare. €10. A lovely gift for those at home & abroad!

A sincere thank you to Gerry Curley of Office Pro for his sponsorship of both Volume 1 & 2 of the Lough Talt calendars. His continued support is very much appreciated. All funds raised from the sale of the calendars go towards the upkeep of Lough Talt church.

Anam Cara

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 7.30pm in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Poor Clares

Poor Clares Galway, Half-Day Retreat for women 18-35 with Beth Davis of Blessed is She Ministries. An opportunity to encounter God's love and deepen your life of prayer and communion with God. The event will take place from **2pm to 6pm on Sunday the 1st of February**. For more information and to register: <https://cherisheddaughters.eventbrite.ie>

Catholic Schools Week

2026 celebrates the extraordinary call to holiness in the midst of ordinary life. Inspired by Pope Francis's reflection on St. Carlo Acutis - (3 May 1991 – 12 Oct. 2006) - an English-born Italian who died from leukemia in 2006 - who has been celebrated for his devotion to the Eucharist and his use of technology to promote the Catholic faith - this year's theme invited pupils, teachers, families, and parishes to explore the call to holiness as something both universal and accessible. Holiness is not just for a few, but for all; not reserved for religious professionals or mystics, but for every student, teacher, parent, (and grandparent!) living each day in friendship with Jesus Christ. Catholic schools exist to form individuals who know that their lives have a purpose and a calling. This year's theme, "Normal Lives, Called to Holiness," resonates with the central conviction that education is a path not only to knowledge and maturity but to sainthood.

Physical Activity Tasters

Physical Activity Tasters: join Tubbercurry FRC for some taster sessions in Jiving, yoga, strength training and line dancing. Suitable for all ages and abilities. For more information contact the centre on 0719186926.

Baby Bonding

Baby Bonding: a six week course will take place in the FRC starting April 14th 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.

Readers Missals 2026

The new Missals for 2026 for readers are now available from Fr John

Banada Abbey Bingo

Banada Abbey Bingo this Tuesday at 8.00pm. Play in the hall or on-line. New Jackpot GAME for €2,000 now on 44 calls or less. Game 5 Jackpot €1,000 in 40 calls or less. Prize Fund of €10,500 on offer. Lots of additional ways to win in the hall, including an extra Game. Don't miss out!!

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/>

Irish courses: Junior Cycle Exam Revision Course Saturday 31st January 10am-2pm. **Leaving Cert Irish Oral Course:** Saturday 7th March 10am-2.30pm. Venue: Banada. Call or text Siobhán on 0876151581 to enquire or to book a place.

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Enrolment at Castlerock N.S.

Enrolment is now open at Castlerock N.S. Enrolment forms are available on request by emailing castlerockns@gmail.com or by contacting the school on 071-9181234 or 086-6096439. Our Admission Policy is available on our website at www.castlerockns.ie where you can also view life at Castlerock NS!

Enrolment Now Open at Banada N.S.!

We are delighted to announce that enrolment is now open at **Banada National School** for the upcoming school year.

Physical Activity Tasters

Physical Activity Tasters: join Tubbercurry FRC for some taster sessions in Jiving, yoga, strength training, line dancing. Tasters suitable for all ages and abilities. For more information contact the centre on 0719186926.

Thriving Ahead

Thriving ahead: this four week personal development course will focus on building strong foundations for wellbeing, self-care, stress management,

developing healthy habits and moving forward with purpose. Starting Monday 9th February 10am-12pm in Tubbercurry FRC, cost €15. Bookings to 0719186926.

RADIO MARIA

Thank God and sincere thanks also to our many listeners and supporters as RADIO MARIA IRELAND continues to grow. As an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station we enjoy commercial free broadcasting - Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – do join our growing faith family! Here's how you can listen:

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Walking with Families

“**Walking with Families**” online program designed to provide high-quality theological and pastoral formation on marriage and family life. The program runs from mid-February to the end of May 2026. Classes will be held live on Zoom every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Rome time, for a total of 48 class hours. Classes will not be held during Holy Week and Easter Week. For more information see www.istitutogp2.it or email: pathways@istitutogp2.it. “Families are the cradle of the future of humanity” Pope Leo XIV.

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>

Camino

Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino de Santiago? Breakthrough Cancer Research are taking on the final 100KM of the 'French Way', Sarria to Santiago from the 13th - 20th of April 2026 and would love for you to join them. Many people choose to walk the Camino with Breakthrough Cancer Research for deeply personal reasons. Some take part to honour a loved one, others to fulfil a bucket-list dream, and many simply wish to share a meaningful experience with

a friend or partner - all while helping to raise vital, life-saving funds for cancer research. Starting in the charming town of Sarria, experience camaraderie and reflection as you walk toward Santiago de Compostela, creating lasting memories on this historic pilgrimage. For more information, please contact Edel, edel@breakcancer.ie or phone 021 422 66 55 for more details.

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.

Confessions

Confessions is available on Friday evenings in Tourlestrane church at 6pm to 6.30pm in the adoration room.

Baptised and Sent

Over the past four years the Irish Church and the Universal Church have been on a journey of renewal. Numerous gatherings have been held across every Irish diocese and various other groupings. These gatherings have been carried out in a prayerful way in an attempt to listen deeply to where the Holy Spirit is calling us, the people of God, as we try to respond to the call. The fruit of what emerged from this extended period of reflection and prayer can be found in the [Irish Synodal Pathway's document, Baptised and Sent.](#)

Baptised and Sent identifies recurring themes in our conversations. These include the wound of abuse and the demand for real healing and accountability; the call of women and men for leadership roles and a recognition of women's gifts in the life of the Church; the alienation of young people, many of whom find our liturgies wearisome and our witness unconvincing; the discomfort, and sometimes exclusion, felt by LGBTQ+ people; the fatigue of priests carrying too much on ageing shoulders; and the gnawing sense of a Church that has struggled to speak credibly into the public square and secular culture.

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.

Altar Servers.

Thanks to the boys and girls who have volunteered to be altar servers this year.

Children's Choir.

It was good to see the children's choir beginning rehearsals for the new year. Encourage your children to take an active part in the work of our parish community.

Achonry Pioneers

Achonry Pioneer Total Abstinence Association If anyone in the parish would like to receive their Silver, Gold or Diamond Pioneer pin or become a member, please email achonrypioneers@gmail.com or contact Thomas at 087-2344338

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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

Rite & Reason: True growth can be found in a Church faithful to the mission given to it by Jesus Christ

As someone who is serving as a bishop in today's [Ireland](#), I am painfully aware that many people no longer look to [the Church](#) as being significant in their lives in the way they once did. From my experience of pastoral ministry for over 28 years, I am also mindful of the existential questions deep within many hearts at this time of volatility in the world and our society.

In response to these realities, the Irish Catholic Bishops in 2021 invited people to reflect upon the question: "What is God asking of the Church in Ireland at this time?" It was envisaged that the Irish Church would explore this question and it would lead to an assembly or assemblies where the fruits of the reflection could be teased out together and guide us along the road of renewal.

Coincidentally, shortly after the Irish Bishops' announcement, the [late Pope Francis](#) called on the Universal Church to set out on the Synodal Pathway under the headings, "Communion, Participation and Mission".

The word "synodal" has been somewhat difficult to grapple with as it is unfamiliar language to many. In essence, it means "walking together". By calling on the Universal Church to "walk together" on this journey, Pope Francis invited us, as brothers and sisters in Christ, to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and discern how we can enter into deeper communion with one another and to encourage more participation in the life of the Church.

All of this was to be carried out in the context of the mission given to each one of us in Baptism. Even though many saw this as something new, in essence Pope Francis's dream of a synodal Church was not something novel, as it is firmly rooted in the vision of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). One of the major themes emerging out of the Council was the model of Church as the "people of God". "Synodality" is a living out of this model in the day-to-day reality of the Church's life and mission.

With this as a backdrop, over the past four years the Irish Church and the Universal Church have been on a journey of renewal. Numerous gatherings have been held across every Irish diocese and various other groupings. These gatherings have been carried out in a prayerful way in an attempt to listen deeply to where the Holy Spirit is calling us, the people of God, as we try to respond to the call of the Gospel today.

The fruit of what emerged from this extended period of reflection and prayer can be found in the Irish Synodal Pathway's document, *Baptised and Sent*. This was discussed by a gathering of 240 lay, religious and clerical delegates from the four corners of the country last weekend at a pre-Synodal assembly in [Kilkenny](#). It affirms the many challenges we face but also the great possibilities.

Baptised and Sent identifies recurring themes in our conversations. These include the wound of abuse and the demand for real healing and accountability; the call of women and men for leadership roles and a recognition of women's gifts in the life of the Church; the alienation of young people, many of whom find our liturgies wearisome and our witness unconvincing; the discomfort, and sometimes exclusion, felt by LGBTQ+ people; the fatigue of priests carrying too much on ageing shoulders; and the gnawing sense of a Church that has struggled to speak credibly into the public square and secular culture.

In response, some within the Church are calling for radical reform, while others prioritise caution and fidelity to more traditional ways. Between invitation and expectation, between renewal and continuity, the tension is real.

However, *Baptised and Sent* offers us hope. It proposes Baptism as the great unifying paradigm; the truth that every Christian, lay or ordained, is equally valued, called and sent on mission. Flowing from this, seven Spirit-led priorities have emerged from our four years of listening to and reflecting with people in our parishes. Namely, they are: belonging, co-responsibility and lay ministry, family, formation and catechesis, healing, women, and youth.

These priorities point to a Church that is faithful to the mission given to it by Jesus Christ. They point to a Church that welcomes, that listens, that challenges, that shares leadership, that

accompanies families, that forms disciples, that heals wounds, that cherishes and empowers women and men and engages with young people.

Our recent gathering in Kilkenny was another step on this journey together, challenging us to respond to these priorities with courage. It was a prelude to the first National Synodal Assembly which will take place in October, 2026.

Karl Rahner, the late German theologian, reminds us: “Any attempt to look into the future is difficult and inevitably comes up against what is obscure and vague; but such a look into the distance is necessary if we are not to be cowards, remaining comfortably stuck in the present and only passively awaiting the future. But this glance into the future can be one of faith and hope.”

As the Irish Catholic Church glances into the future, may it do so with courage, “without remaining comfortably stuck in the present”. We are called as a community of disciples to set out without fear, to rediscover the joy and the challenge of the Gospel.

May this continuing journey of renewal, despite its struggles, questions and sometimes frustrations, enable us to witness Christ’s message of love, hope and joy in the new reality of today. As we take this road together, may it open up new possibilities for mission and engagement with faith in a world where many are asking soul-searching questions in a fragmented age.

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