

**Sunday 15th February 2026**

**Mass Intentions.**

**Tourlestrane church**

**Sunday 15th February: 10.30am: Damie Cawley, deceased of Cawley family**

**Monday 16th February: No Mass**

**Tuesday 17th February: 9.30am**

**Wednesday 18th February 9.30am**

**Thursday 19th February: No Mass**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February: 7pm John Walsh, Carrane, deceased of Walsh family**

**Saturday 21st February: 11am Annie Cawley (Months Mind)**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 10.30am: Thomas, Sarah Ann, and Bridie Walsh**

**Kilmactigue church**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February: 7pm**

**Sunday 15th February No Mass**

**Monday 16th February: 9.30am**

**Tuesday 17th February: No Mass**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February; 7pm Ash Wednesday**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February: 9.30am**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February: No Mass**

**Saturday 21st February: 7pm Paddy & Mary Henry, Kincullew**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: No Mass**

**Lough Talt church**

**Sunday 15th February: 9.20am:**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: 9.20am : Mary O'Dowd, Husband Paddy, and grandchild Darren Gaughan**

## First reading

Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21

### God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,  
to behave faithfully is within your power.  
He has set fire and water before you;  
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.  
Man has life and death before him;  
whichever a man likes better will be given him.  
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is almighty and all-seeing.  
His eyes are on those who fear him,  
he notes every action of man.  
He never commanded anyone to be godless,  
he has given no one permission to sin.  
**The Word of the lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(119):1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

*They are happy who follow God's law!*

They are happy whose life is blameless,  
who follow God's law!  
They are happy who do his will,  
seeking him with all their hearts.

*They are happy who follow God's law!*

You have laid down your precepts  
to be obeyed with care.  
May my footsteps be firm  
to obey your statutes.

*They are happy who follow God's law!*

Bless your servant and I shall live  
and obey your word.  
Open my eyes that I may see  
the wonders of your law.

*They are happy who follow God's law!*

Teach me the demands of your statutes  
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,  
to keep it with my heart.

*They are happy who follow God's law!*

## **Second reading**

**1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

### **God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began**

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: *the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.*

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**1S3:9,Jn6:68**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

**Matthew 5:17-37**

### **You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not kill*; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you:

anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother “Fool” he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him “Renegade” he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

‘You have learnt how it was said: *You must not commit adultery*. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

‘It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal*. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord*. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God’s throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’

### **Offertory Collection**

The Offertory Collection for 8th February was €1,382.66

### **Lent**

Ash Wednesday, the beginning is on this Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

### **First Friday of Lent**

As has been the practice for the past number of years, the First Friday of Lent is marked as a Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse. This should be observed at all Masses in the Dioceses on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February, (*with the exception of funerals and weddings*), irrespective of any other previously arranged intention for which the Mass may also be offered.

### **Altar Societies**

Please note that during Lent, no flowers in the churches!

### **Day of Fast and Abstinence**

Ash Wednesday is to be observed as a day of penance in the whole Church, one of both fast and abstinence.

#### **A walk down Memory Lane with the Phoenix Players**

A spectacular exhibition of memorabilia will be on display April 25th in St Brigids Hall, offering a unique look at the groups history.

For now if you have any old memorabilia — photographs, props, programmes, clippings or any other items — we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch so these treasured pieces (which will be returned post exhibition) can once again become part of our shared history. Please contact Caitriona on 087-6783819. Thank you.

#### **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 47 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!!

#### **Weekday Mass.**

The faithful should try to attend weekday Masses, and where this is not possible they should be encouraged to read the lessons, either with their family or in private. We will celebrate an extra Mass in Kilmactigue church on Wednesdays during Lent at 7pm.

#### **Ashes**

On Wednesday, the faithful, thus entering into the time established for the purification of their souls, this sign of penance, a traditionally biblical one, has been preserved among the Church's customs until the present day. It signifies the human condition of the sinner, who seeks to express his/her guilt before the Lord in an exterior manner, and in so doing, express his/her interior conversion, led by the confident hope that the Lord will be merciful.

The blessing and imposition of ashes will take place from 7pm in Tourlestrane church with Mass at 9.30am. Blessing and imposition of ashes in Kilmactigue church at 7pm.

#### **Penance**

The role of the Church in penitential practices is not to be neglected. Encouragement is to be given to pray for sinners. The faithful are to be reminded that both according to law and tradition, they should approach the sacrament of penance during this season, so that with purified heart they may participate in the paschal mysteries. It is appropriate that during lent the sacrament of penance be celebrated according to the rite for the reconciliation of several penitents with individual confession and absolution, as given in the Roman Ritual. WE will have a reconciliation service on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm in Tourlestrane church

#### **Stations of the Cross;**

The Stations of the Cross harmonise with the Lenten season. They will be prayed this year in the Lake church on all Thursdays during Lent, beginning next Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. All are welcome to come.

### **Baptised and Sent**

This Lent, parishes, schools and groups across Ireland are invited to journey together through a set of reflective resources inspired by [\*Baptised and Sent\*](#) (the preparatory document for the 2025 Assembly in Kilkenny). Grounded in the conviction that baptism is the foundation of our identity, dignity and mission, these resources help us return to the heart of Christian life, that through Baptism we are reborn in Christ and sent out by the Spirit in service of the Gospel.

Each week offers a simple structure for prayer, Gospel reflection and conversations that are linked to key insights from [\*Baptised and Sent\*](#). The themes for each week, such as belonging, healing, renewal, and mission, flow from *Baptised and Sent*'s call to see baptism as the “entry point to a life of faith, a gateway to mission, and the root and foundation on which to build a Christian life” as well as a unifying paradigm for the renewal of the Church in Ireland.

Through these Lenten reflections, each person – lay, religious and ordained – are encouraged to rediscover who we are as God’s people, to listen to the Holy Spirit and to take concrete steps, individually and collectively towards living our baptismal calling more deeply. Our hope is that this season of Lent will open our collective hearts to new life in Christ and prepare us for the continuing synodal journey toward the National Assembly in 2026.

### **Lenten Reflections on “Baptised and Sent.”**

On the Thursdays of Lent beginning on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February there is an opportunity on-line to join a group to reflect on the document “Baptised and Sent”. Please let Fr John know if you wish to get a copy of the link. On the following Tuesday in Fr John’s house at 8pm we will gather to explore and reflect on what it means for us as a parish.

### **Trocaire**

Trócaire is the overseas development agency of the Irish Catholic Church. We work in partnership with local development and humanitarian actors, to support people and communities to tackle the root causes of poverty, injustice and violence and to use their own power to create positive and lasting change. Trócaire is rooted in the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, the social teaching of the Church, which inspires us to live out the Gospel message of inclusion, love, justice and dignity for all. It is inspired by Scripture, the wisdom of Church leaders, and the lived experience of grassroots movements. In the words of Trócaire’s founding document, in which the bishops of Ireland gave the organisation a strong and clear mandate, ‘We know that we cannot claim to love God if we do not love our fellow men and women.’ Trócaire has worked through local partner organisations since its foundation. Partnership is at the heart of how Trócaire works. We work with local faith and non-faith-based organisations who share our values and who are working on any or all of our core programme areas

of women's empowerment, resource rights and humanitarian preparedness and response. These organisations understand the needs of their communities and are best placed to work with communities to deliver sustainable long-term change. The theme of the 2026 Trócaire Lenten campaign centres on the story of a multi-generational, female-led household in rural Rwanda. At just 28 years old, Uwamahoro is carrying the weight of three generations on her shoulders. She supports her mother, Verediana, 68, who lives with a disability, her daughter Ineza, 7 and her niece Vanessa, 12. Earning just 60 cent per day working on the land, Uwamahoro is doing the best she can to feed her family and keep the children in school, but it's never enough. The next storm could destroy everything Uwamahoro has built. Their house is crumbling, the roof is leaking, they live in darkness with no electricity, and with each storm, they fear for their safety. This is not unusual for women across Rwanda, where severe storms are striking faster and more often, before families can recover from the last. We are asking the people of Ireland to help Uwamahoro rebuild her family's lives and restore their hopes for the future. We wish to thank Bishop Kevin Doran and Pariah Pastoral Worker Mary Kirk for their help in writing this resource.

Trocaire/ Social Justice.

### **Temperance Sunday**

This Sunday immediately before Lent is a day of prayer and reflection on Temperance. The psalm texts "they are happy who do his will" and "may my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes" resonate in the hearts of all have learned to recalibrate their lives according to the Twelve Step Programme, AA meetings and the Serenity Prayer. People in recovery discover and are thrilled by the beautiful truth which Jesus radiates in the Gospels and the Sacraments. This truth is summarised by Sr Consilio in Cuan Mhuire in her simple message to all residents: "God made me good." Accepting this truth, they have found peace and daily happiness in "all that God has prepared for those who love him." The high standards which people in recovery set for themselves bring joy and peace back into homes which had lived under a dark shadow of addiction. Gone are the days of "an eye for an eye." With the kind support of family, solid guidance of a Sponsor, and fellowship of the AA community, they are able to maintain their journey one step at a time, one day at a time.

### **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/](http://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/)

Contact Helpline: 01 522 9922 (call to request application pack)

All applications are handled with care, dignity and full confidentiality.

### **Come, Follow Me.**

Do you wish to see children between the ages of seven and eleven (First Holy Communion and Confirmation) come to an abiding, loving, personal relationship with God? Do Jesus' words 'Let the children come to me' resonate with you? Are you open to helping your child or other peoples' children appreciate being part of the Church, and its mission? Achonry & Elphin Dioceses Information and training at Summerhill College, circular Rd, Sligo F91D5YF 6.30pm to 9.30pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February and 9.30am to 5pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February. All welcome. Pre-booking essential as places (50) are limited [www.achonrydiocese.org/cfm](http://www.achonrydiocese.org/cfm),

### **Bowls at Banada Abbey**

Why not try out this new game at Banada Abbey hall each Thursday at 8.00pm? New players always welcome !!

### **Cloonacool Players'**

Comedy & drama, miracle & mayhem, tears & laughter all combine in Cloonacool Players production of the hilarious 'Daughter from Over the Water' by MJ Molloy. At Cloonacool Community Centre: Thurs 19, Sat 21 & Sun 23 March @ 8pm. Among the cast are Tom Towey, Pat Feehily, John McIntyre, Emma Davitt & MaryKathleen Johnston, and directed by Brid Calvey. Be sure to note the dates, you won't want to miss this brilliant comedy.

### **Local chiropodist**

Local chiropodist will be available on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February in the Heritage Centre at Joe Dan's, to book an appointment please call Sean on 087 783 5159

### **Family Mass**

The next Family Mass will be this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 10.30pm in Tourlestrane church.

### **The FRC Café**

The FRC Café is open on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February from 10am-12pm. This Café is free and open to all in the area to pop in for a cuppa and a chat, why not arrange to meet a friend and see what it is all about.

### **International Women's Day**

Celebrate international women's day with a free event in the FRC on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 10am-12.30pm. We will be joined by the possibility illuminators for a morning of hope, strength and courage. At the end of the event you can expect

to have a renewed sense of you own hope, strength and courage. You will leave feeling up lifted and more confident in your ability to deal with the challenges in your life. Free event, booking essential to 0719186926.

### **Wednesday Walks**

Wednesday Walks are back with the FRC meeting at various locations for a 5-6km walk followed by a cuppa. Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February Doomore Ball Alley loop meeting on Mass hill road at 10.20am. For more detailed information on all upcoming walks contact the centre on 0719186926.

### **Rite of Reception**

There is a long-standing tradition of welcoming the body of a deceased parishioner into the Parish Church on the evening before the Funeral Mass. This begins with a short selection of prayers and readings called the “Rite of Reception”, following which those present have the opportunity to offer their condolences to the family of the deceased. This is different in many ways from bringing the body of the deceased to a funeral home.

When the coffin comes to the Church, from the family home or from the funeral home, it remains closed throughout the time in the Church. The focus is on bringing the deceased into the presence of God, in the place where he or she prayed and celebrated the Sacraments, as a member of the parish community. The tradition is that the deceased remains overnight, not alone (as people sometimes say), but in the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Funeral Directors and Priests work very closely together in the service of the bereaved, but their roles are different. The policy of the Dioceses is that the appropriate distinction between the Funeral Home and the Parish Church would be recognised. We are aware that, on occasion, that distinction has been unintentionally overlooked.

### **First Confessions**

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

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

### **Recent Death**

Please pray for Maureen Ginty who died in England this week. She was wife of the late Eugene Ginty, sister in law of Ben Ginty, Claddagh and Clare Cunney, Kilmactigue

### **New Parish Website**

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

### **Guided Prayer Afternoon**

Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass, Guided Prayer Afternoon: Thursday, Feb 12 2pm - 4.30pm. The afternoon includes rosary, meditation, silent time and Mass. For information contact: Fina 096 45374 / 087 681 6821

### **Scripture**

Lenten Scripture Initiative – The Gospel of Matthew: for all dates and venues, see <https://achonrydiocese.org/matthew>.

### **Pioneer Dinner Dance**

The annual Achonry Pioneer dinner dance will be held on Friday 20th March at 8pm sharp at The Yeats County Inn, Curry. Three course meal with tea/coffee and raffle on the night. Music by The Duets. Tickets are €40 per person. Please contact Thomas at 087-2344338 for more information and to book your tickets.

### **Introduction to Journalling- 4 Week Programme**

Journaling is a simple, private, and free tool for mental and emotional wellbeing. By writing down your thoughts and feelings, you can clear your mind, reduce stress, and better understand yourself. Benefits include reduced stress and anxiety, boosts mood and positivity, increased self-awareness, increased creativity, and problem solving. Want to give it a go? Then join Tubbercurry FRC for this programme starting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March and gain simple tips and techniques to get you started. No experience needed, Cost €15. Inquiries/Bookings to 0719186926.

### **Peace and Justice.**

Would anyone like to take part in the Trocaire Lenten Campaign? The boxes have arrived. As a parish, we should really make more of the Trocaire Campaign to raise our awareness of the various injustices and disasters around the world that are happening and how we can help. The Trocaire Campaign runs all during Lent.

### **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 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Thank-You**

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.

### **They Looked on Him Whom they had Pierced.'**

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 10am to 4pm At Holy Hill Hermitage, Skreen, Sligo. F91 CA24 **Programme** 10am Arrival and Coffee 10.30 Welcome and introduction - Sr Pat 10.45 **'Now my Every Act is Love.'** Gillian 11.45 Adoration – silence 12.15 Mass 1pm Lunch (Please bring packed lunch) 2.30pm **'The Pierced Christ: A Journey Through Poetry.'** Mary 3.10pm Sharing in small groups 3.45pm Closing Prayer To book email [friendsofcarmelhh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcarmelhh@gmail.com) donations appreciated! **All Welcome!**

### **Anam Cara**

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

### **Baptised in Christ (Intercom)**

The mass has been central to the Irish Catholic identity and experience. Every small village has a chapel; mass rocks dot the country from Penal times. Devotion to and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was central to our cultural and religious self-understanding. Vocations to priesthood abounded to ensure the celebration of this sacred mystery and of the other sacraments. Baptism has never formed the Irish Catholic imagination in the same way. Unlike many other European countries, no ancient baptismal sites had been found in our land. The contemporary emphasis on baptism as the foundation of Christian life and mission does not sit easily with Irish Catholicism.

The Second Vatican Council intended to put an end to the pyramidal vision of the Church and to assert that all members of the church are equal by reason of their baptism, prior to any subsequent differentiation. The term “the people” has often been used to denote “the laity” or “the faithful” besides the Pope, bishops, priests, and religious. Vatican II intended the term “People of God” to refer to all the baptized “from the bishops to the last of the faithful lay people. (Liam Bergin: Baptised in Christ: Reborn for Mission)

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

### **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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### **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](http://www.istitutogp2.it) or email: [pathways@istitutogp2.it](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> May at 11am  
First Communion will be celebrated in Lough Talt church for the children in second class in Castlerock NS on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 11am.

### **Date of Confirmation.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated with Bishop Kevin Doran in Tourlestrane church on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Dementia Support Worker**

**Join Our Caring Team! Dementia Support Worker (Care in the Community)** Looking for meaningful, flexible work? We're seeking compassionate, honest, reliable people to support individuals living with dementia in their own homes in Co. Mayo

**Locations:** All throughout Co. Mayo

**What You'll Do:** Offer companionship and social connection. Assist with daily living activities. Support meaningful activities. Give primary carers a well-deserved break.

**Flexible hours** – work around *your* schedule! Make a real difference, one visit at a time.

**Essentials:** QQI Level 5 modules in **Care Skills & Care of the Older Person**

**Desirable:** Previous experience in caring / QQI Level 5 in Health Care

**Interested? Get in touch today!** 094 93 64900 or email [careers@westernalzheimers.ie](mailto:careers@westernalzheimers.ie)

**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