Sunday 4th January 2026

Mass Intentions.

Tourlestrane church

Sunday 4th January: 10.30am: Paddy McVeigh

Monday 5th January: No Mass

Tuesday 6th December: 10.30am

Wednesday 7th January 9.30am

Thursday 8th January: No Mass

Friday 9th January: 7pm Private Intention

Saturday 10th January: No Mass

Sunday 11th January 10.30am: Anne Gallagher, Gallagher & Killoran families

Kilmactigue church

Saturday 3rd January: 7pm Sophie O'Hara Flatley

Sunday 4th January: No Mass

Monday 5th January: 7pm

Tuesday 6th January: No Mass

Wednesday 7th January; No Mass

Thursday 8th January: 9.30am

Friday 9th January: No Mass

Saturday 10th January: 7pm Anne & Morgan Connolly

Sunday 11th January: No Mass

Lough Talt church

Sunday 4th January: 9.20am: For the living

Sunday 11th January: 9.20am : For the Living

First reading

Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12

From eternity, in the beginning, God created wisdom

Wisdom speaks her own praises,
in the midst of her people she glories in herself.
She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High,
she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One;

'Then the creator of all things instructed me,
and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.
He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob,
make Israel your inheritance."
From eternity, in the beginning, he created me,
and for eternity I shall remain.
I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle,
and thus was I established on Zion.
In the beloved city he has given me rest,
and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.
I have taken root in a privileged people,
in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.
or
Alleluia!

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates
he has blessed the children within you.

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.
or
Alleluia!

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.
or
Alleluia!

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;

he has not taught them his decrees.

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.
or
Alleluia!

Second reading

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18

Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.
Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,
to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,
determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ
for his own kind purposes,
to make us praise the glory of his grace,
his free gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

John 1:1-18

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,

as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims:
'This is the one of whom I said:
He who comes after me ranks before me
because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –
yes, grace in return for grace,
since, though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God;
it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord

Offertory Collection

The Offertory Collection for 28th[t] December was €1,214.50

New Parish Website

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

New Offertory Envelopes

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

Readers Missals 2026

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

Family Mass

The next Family Mass will be next Sunday11th January at 10.30am in Tourlestrane church.

Online JP2 Pastoral Formation Program.

Walking with Families. Pathways in Pastoral Accompaniment. Classes live on Zoom in English, Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Rome time, beginning mid-February to the end of May 2026. No classes during Holy Week and Easter Week. For info: pathways@istitutogp2.it

Banada Abbey Bingo

Happy New Year from Banada Abbey Bingo. Play in the hall or on-line this Tuesday at 8.00pm. New Jackpot GAME for €2,000 now on 41 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/

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!

Drimina NS

Enrolments will close on January 16th 2026. Enrolment forms are available on request by emailing driminans3@gmail.com or by contacting the school 0719186046. A copy of the school's Admission Policy is available at: www.driminans.ie

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.

Lough Talt -2026 Calendars

The very sought after 2026 Lough Talt Calendars are now available. This year, the calendar contains many images of Lough Talt which showcases the ever changing beauty of the area throughout the four seasons. Calendars cost €10 and

can be purchased at Kennedys shop Aclare, or contact Cian on (087) 9853442 or Theresia on (087) 9872229. A nice present for those at home!!

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.

Exodus 90 is a 90-day spiritual program designed for Christian men who wish to deepen their faith through prayer, fraternity, and self-denial alongside other men. Participants read the Book of Exodus, listen to reflections, practice self-denial, and meet weekly. The programme starts 5th of January and runs for 90 days to Easter Saturday. If you are interested, please call or text Damien at 0861729064 for more information about a local group, or visit www.exodus90.com (https://www.exodus90.com).

1. Creative Writing. Want to write your memoir? Create poems or stories? Craft plays or films? Or see your writing on screen or stage?

World class teaching on your doorstep this January 2026. Weds 8-10 from 14 Jan. Booking - €219.99 / Concessions. 0876007100 www.martinkeaveney.com

2. Give Hope This Christmas with Double the Love: Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3 million children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and better opportunities for the future. It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Thanks to the Tom Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled until 12th January 2026 or until the match funding limit has been reached. Together, through Double the Love, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. To donate, go to www.marysmeals.ie or phone 01 853 5163. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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

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

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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