Sunday 17th May 2026
Mass Intentions.
Tourlestrane church

Sunday 17th May 10.30am: Kevin Kirrane, his parents John & Mary Kirrane
Monday 18th May: No Mass
Tuesday 19th May: 9.30am Mary Wipperman & Margaret Gallagher
Wednesday 20th May 9.30am;
Thursday 21st May: No Mass
Friday 22nd May: 8pm Fr Joe and Fr Paddy Murtagh
Saturday 23rd May: : 9.30am James & Winifred Kirrane, sons Johnny. Jimmy, and Bernie, daughter Mary Gardiner
11am Peter Leonard
Sunday 24th May: 9am:

Kilmactigue church

Saturday 16nd May: 8pm: James & Margaret Gavaghan
Sunday 17th May: No Mass
Monday 18th May: 9.30am
Tuesday 19th May: No Mass
Wednesday 20th May; No Mass
Thursday 21st May: 9.30am
Friday 22nd May: No Mass
Saturday 23rd May.
8pm Maura & Peader Gavaghan, deceased of Gavaghan family
Sunday 24th May: No Mass

Lough Talt church

Sunday 17th May: 9.20am:
Sunday 24th May: 11am: First Communion

First reading

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus was lifted up while they looked on

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who

has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'
The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
or
Alleluia!

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
or
Alleluia!

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
or
Alleluia!

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
or
Alleluia!

Second reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

God made him sit at his right hand in heaven

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 and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Mt28:19,20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go, make disciples of all the nations.
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

Go and make disciples of all nations

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord

First Communions

First Communion will be celebrated in Lough Talt church for the children in second class in Castlerock NS on Sunday 24th May at 11am. Mass in Tourlestrane will be at 9pm on this Sunday.

Offertory Collection

The Offertory Collection for weekend 10th May was €1,017.77

Local Chiropodist

Local chiropodist will be available on Monday 18th May in the Heritage Centre at Joe Dan's, to book an appointment please call Sean on 087 783 5159

Youth Leadership

The Knock Youth Leadership Programme (Knock Shrine) is for adults interested in setting up or developing youth ministry initiatives in their parish. Participants will gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to journey with young people, supporting them as they explore their faith in a safe and welcoming environment. Starting in September 2026 (application deadline **May 22nd**).
For more information, please contact: youthministry@knockshrine.ie

First Communion

Congrats to the boys and girls of Banada and Drmina schools. who made their first Holy Communion on Saturday

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 48 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!!

National Epilepsy Week

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek

Pray for Life Novena

The *Pray for Life* Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Kilmovee Parish Day pilgrimage

Kilmovee Parish Day pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Monday May 25th. Bus leaving from Kilmovee Church at 7am. Cost 60 euro. Please contact Fr Joseph at 086 160 5373.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Banada.

A pilgrimage has been organised to visit the statue of Our Lady of Banada in Tourlestrane church on Saturday 30th May. There are opening prayers and a talk on the history of Banda Abbey, given by the organiser of the pilgrimage, John Lacken, in Banada Abbey Community at 12noon. The pilgrims will break for lunch at 1.15pm. They will visit Banada cemetery at 2.30pm. At 3pm they will assemble to recite the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries of the rosaty in Tourlestrane church. The closing prayer will be at 4pm.

The prayer association of Our Lady of Banada was founded by John Lacken to rekindle devotion to our Lady under the title of Our Lady of Banada. They earnestly invoke our Lady to round up the "lost sheep" in our families and to bring them back to the Church.

Day of Friendship and Prayer

Lough Derg Day of Friendship and Prayer on **Wednesday 20th May** from **10am until 3pm** on Station Island**.** This special annual event promotes Christian unity. Archbishop Eamon Martin and Archbishop John McDowell, two close friends and partners in ministry, join Fr La Flynn, Prior of Lough Derg, for a day of spirituality, friendship and reflection. Admission fee of €25 includes boat fare, refreshments and lunch. Advance booking is essential. www.loughderg.org info@loughderg.org tel. (353) 071 9861518.

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

FRC

Summer Garden Retreats this 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.

3-Day Pilgrimage To Lough Derg

Achonry & Elphin 2026 3-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg: More details including bus options @ www.achonrydiocese.org/lough-derg . All welcome

Synod

What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time? Since 2021, people across Ireland have listened, prayed, and shared their hopes for the Church. From these voices seven priorities

emerged: Belonging. Healing, Shared Responsibility, Family, Faith Formation, the role of Women, and Young People.
These priorities come from YOU, the people of God in Ireland. Discover more in "Baptised and Sent". Discover more at www.synod.ie
Irish Synodal Pathway.

Parish Website

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

St Vincent De Paul

The phone number for the local conference is 087 3549586.

Parish Safeguarding Handbook.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
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.

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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