Sunday 18th October
Mass Intentions.
Tourlestrane church

Sunday 18th October: 10.30am : Annie O'Hara, son Jimmy, grandson John, deceased of O'Hara family. Family Mass
Monday 19th October: No Mass
Tuesday 20th October: 9.30am No Mass
Wednesday 21st October: 9.30am No Mass
Thursday 22nd October: No Mass
Friday 23rd October: 7pm No Mass
Saturday 24th October: No Mass
Sunday 25th October: 10.30am: No Mass

Kilmactigue church

Saturday 17rd October: 7pm : Beatrice Fleming
Sunday 18th October: No Mass
Monday 19th October : 9.30am
Tuesday 20th October: 9.30am Holy Souls
Wednesday 21st October : 9.30am The Carr Family
Thursday 22nd October: 9.30am:
Friday 23rd October : 7pm
Saturday 24th October: 7pm: Peggy, Hughie, and Kieran Leonard
Sunday 25th October: 10.30am Christina Walsh, Rita Walsh Kelly, and Mattie Walsh

Lough Talt church

Sunday 18th October: 9.20am: John Forde
Sunday 25th October: 9.20am: Mary Kate O'Dwd, Mountaffe, all members of O'Dowd family

First reading

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10

Give the Lord glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord glory and power.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens,

Give the Lord glory and power.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Give the Lord glory and power.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Give the Lord glory and power.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Offertory Collection

The Offertory Collection for weekend 11th October was €1,110.92

Enrolment Mass

The Enrolment Mass for "Growing in Love,". the preparation programme for children making their first Communion takes place this Sunday 18th October at

10.30am in Tourlestrane church. There will be a blessing for any religious articles that you bring to the Mass.

Irish National Synodal Assembly

The *Working Document* for the Irish National Synodal Assembly, taking place in Gormanston, Co Meath, on 17 October, brings together the fruits of five years of prayer, listening and discernment and will guide delegates as they consider and vote on suggested actions to be presented to the bishops of Ireland. While the Assembly marks an important moment in the journey, the Synodal Pathway is now moving towards a new phase of implementation. Everyone is invited to read, pray with, and reflect on the *Working Document* and the question: "What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?" Please pray for all those taking part in the Assembly and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and scan the QR code to access the Working Document and find out more, and see www.synod.ie

Mission Sunday is this Sunday

Confessions

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

The Rosary

The Rosary Continues to be prayed in the Lake church every Night for the month of October Monday-Saturday 8:30pm, Sunday 8pm! "All Are Welcome in this Place" in particular we invite parents to bring their children along to experience praying the Rosary! Fr. Peyton once said "the family that prays together. stays together.

Reciting the Rosary

As a result of the Special evening on last Thursday's celebration of Our Lady of Banada, a number of people plan to recite the Rosary before Sunday morning Masses in Tourlestrane church.

Tourlestrane church maintenance

Due to necessary repair work in Tourlestrane church, it will close on Monday 19th October until the work is complete. An extra Mass will be celebrated in Kilmactigue church on the weekend.

Banada Abbey Bingo

Banada Abbey Bingo this Tuesday at 8.00pm. Books can now be purchased online up to 6.00pm on Tuesday. New Jackpot Game for €2,000 now on 47 calls or less.Prize-fund of €10,500 on offer.

Bake Sale

TUBBERCURRY COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS are holding their Annual Fundraising Bake Sale on Saturday 24th October in the pop up shop on Main Street from 10am-1pm. Donations of baked goods are welcome. Funds raised helps the group to purchase essential equipment to respond to emergency

calls and to provide life-saving training within the community. Every donation makes a difference so please come along and support us on the day. Thank you.

Kilmactigue Parish Defibrillator Group

CPR / AED Training Autumn Schedule 2026. Training will take place in the Hillary Room, on: - Thursday 22nd Oct. 7pm - Sunday 1st Nov. 12 noon. Instructors will be in touch with those previously trained. If you have not trained before and would like to do so, please contact 087 473 4896.

Fundraising

We are currently replacing all the outdoor cabinets in which the Defibs are placed because of issues with dampness & temperature control. Because of this, like before, we will be reaching out to the parish community in the new year to form a fundraising committee & help with raising funds to continue this vital programme in our parish. An account of spending since the last fundraiser along with a list of all those trained in CPR AED in our parish will be available towards the end of year. Looking forward to seeing ye all at our training in the coming weeks.

FRC

A free Hearing Health Awareness talk will take place on Thursday 22nd in Tubbercurry FRC from 11am-12.30pm.Talk covers hearing health, hearing aids and technology, grants and financial support, questions and individual ear health checks. Book your place on 0719186926.

Baby bonding course with Tubbercurry **FRC** starting this November 3rd from 10am-11am. Suitable for parents, carers and babies from 28+ weeks of pregnancy to 8 months. €15 for the 6 week block. Contact 0719186926 for more information and bookings.

The Inner Confidence personal development course with a coaching and wellbeing specialist will take place this November in Tubbercurry **FRC**. Build greater self-trust, confidence and emotional resilience. This is a four week programme starting Monday 2nd November & costs €20. Places limited and bookings to 0719186926.

A Family Carers support group will meet in the **FRC** on the third Tuesday of each month starting Tuesday 20th October at 11am supported by Family Carers Ireland . No one should have to care alone. Join Alvina your local support manager at this group, get to know others who are caring, learn about the range of services and supports available from Family Carers Ireland. The sessions will be a safe and welcoming space to share and be heard. For inquiries or further information contact

St Vincent De Paul

The new phone number for the local conference is 0870014236.

Parish Safeguarding Handbook.

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

Banada Abbey Hall Autumn Activities

Monday 6pm Insight drama school.
7pm Ladies exercise with Mairead
8pm Men's exercise class
Hall monthly meeting at 9 pm on Hilary room new members welcome

Tuesday 7pm Yoga with Laura
8pm Bingo

Thursday 6pm Pilates and mindfulness for children with Sarah
7pm Pilates with Sarah
8pm Bowls

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Bereavement

The Bereavement Course presented by Monica Morley, Director of the Knock Shrine Family Centre and Broadcaster at Midwest Radio is due to commence Tuesday 3rd November at 8pm here at The Newman Institute. The cost of the course is €60 and will run for the 4 Tuesday nights in November. To book a place please phone 096 72066 or email reception@newman.ie
The Monthly Bereavement Support Group Meetings will commence on 15th October at 8pm and will meet every second Wednesday of each month from October 2026 to May 2027 inclusive.

Cloonacool Players

Watch this space as Cloonacool Players, our stars of comedy, are now in rehearsals and will soon announce their staging of two hilarious farces. Mighty surprises and laughs galore are on the horizon - and yes, before Christmas.

5 Step Support Service

Are you affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual ?
5 Step Support can help you; it is a free , non-judgemental, one - one service.
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Our policy regarding children in our parish churches?

If your kids are loud, please still come to church.

If you're running late because getting everyone out the door was a battle, please still come to church.

If your toddler won't sit still, please still come to church.

If your baby needs to eat, please still come to church.

If your child asks questions at the least convenient time, please still come to church.

If someone cries, drops a toy, needs a snack, or has to make their third trip to the bathroom, please still come to church.

If your child doesn't know all the words, all the prayers, or exactly when to sit and stand, please still come to church

If you feel like you spent the entire mass managing your children and heard approximately 12% of the sermon, please still come to church.

If Sunday morning feels messy instead of peaceful, please still come to church

If you're worried about, if you're worried your children are distracting the people around you, please still come to church.

Because children do not learn how to be part of the church by staying home until they can sit quietly.

They learn by being here.

They learn the singing by hearing us sing.

They learn the prayers by hearing us pray.

They learn to worship by watching us worship.

They learn that church is home because we make room for them here.

The wiggles, whispers, dropped crayons, crying babies, and little voices are not interruptions to the life of the church.

They are evidence that the church is alive.

So bring the babies, bring the toddlers, bring the big kids, come late, sit at the back, sit in the front, step out where you need to. and come right back in.

Just come.

Children are not simply the future of the church, they are part of the church right now. If we don't make room for the next generation in the church, we risk becoming a generation that leaves behind empty churches. The children in our pews today are the church leaders, worshippers, and servants of tomorrow.

And in our parish churches, there is a place for everyone.

Faith & Fun Clubs

Supporting Children (8 - 11 years) grow in faith and friendship: New and emerging Faith & Fun Clubs in the Achonry and Elphin Dioceses now enrolling for 2026/2027 school year. For more info please visit: https://achonryelphin.ie/fafc/

Words of Hymns

The lyrics of many of the hymns sung by the choirs in our churches are available on our website. Look under the "prayers" banner headline and do join in the singing. We are all meant to participate in the Mass. We should not be spectators..

New Diocesan Website

The new Diocesan website of Achonry and Elphin is now alive at www.achonryelphin.ie

Parish Website

The website for the Parish is https://www.kilmactigueparish.com/ .

Keeping Children Safe

The Diocese of Achonry is fully committed to keeping children safe. Information is available about diocesan child safeguarding on the website . Anyone with issues or concerns around the safety of children should telephone the confidential diocesan helpline . Designated Liaison persons Ms Anne Leonard 087 6474136 or Sr Pat Casey 086 7303076. Concerns and complaints may also be passed on directly to TUSLA (Child and Family Agency) and/or An Garda Siochana

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.

The Catholic Steps

Introducing **The Catholic Steps (www.catholicsteps.com)** — a free online fellowship for Catholics who are working through a twelve-step program rooted in the sacraments. The site offers a structured workspace where members work through all twelve steps with reflection questions drawn from Scripture and Catholic tradition. Each member is paired with a sponsor — a fellow Catholic who has completed the steps — who guides them privately through the process. Members can also connect with a daily prayer wall and access resources. It is open to any Catholic who recognises an attachment — whether to a substance, a behaviour, or a pattern of thought — that is keeping them from God. It offers a structured, sacramentally grounded path for parishioners who need more than a weekly meeting but are not yet ready for formal counselling.

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.

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/
Contact Helpline: 01 522 9922 (call to request application pack)
All applications are handled with care, dignity and full confidentiality.

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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