

Sunday 1st March 2026

Mass Intentions.

Tourlestrane church

Sunday 1st March: 10.30am: Mary Reilly

Monday 2nd March: No Mass

Tuesday 3rd March: 9.30am Doreen & Michael Nealon, their great grandson baby Realt Marren, deceased of the Langsbury and Nealon families

Wednesday 4th March 9.30am

Thursday 5th March: No Mass

Friday 6th March: 7pm

Saturday 7th March: 11am Austin & Katie Walsh, daughter Margaret, son Seamus and Mary Kate, deceased of Walsh & Murphy families

Sunday 8th March 10.30am: Ann Seery & deceased of family members.

Kilmactigue church

Saturday 28th February: 7pm: Martin Cunnie, his parents Mark & Nora, deceased of Cunnie Family

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Monday 2nd March: 9.30am

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Wednesday 4th March; 7pm

Thursday 5th March: 9.30am

Friday 6th March: No Mass

Saturday 7th March: 7pm Josephine Higgins (nee Neary)

Sunday 8th March: No Mass

Lough Talt church

Sunday 1st March: 9.20am:

Sunday 8th March: 9.20am : Pake and Mary Ellen O'Connor, deceased of O'Connor family

First reading

Genesis 12:1-4

All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10

God calls and enlightens us

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but

it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Mt17:5

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Altar Societies

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

Parish Reconciliation Service

We will have a reconciliation service on Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm in Tourlestrane church

Sick & Housebound

Fr John will visit the sick & Housebound on Thursday and Friday of this week at around the usual times

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.

Trocaire

The next storm could destroy everything this family has built. You can help Uwamahoro, the mother on our Trócaire box, to repair and rebuild her family's future.

Tourlestrane GAA

The next Tourlestrane Club meeting will take place on Monday 2nd March at 8pm in the Hilary Room.

Family Quiz Night on Friday April 3rd at 6.30pm in Banada Abbey Hall. All welcome!.

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, including next Thursday 5th March at 7pm. All are welcome to come.

Recent Deaths

Please pray for Johnny Kirrane, Barratogher who died this week. Pray also for Gary Thomas, Kincullew who died this week. Pray for Helen Devaney, London, sister of Patricia Gilmartin.

St Patrick's Day Parade.

Time to start planning your float for our parish parade. Everybody is invited to take part on the day.

In order to help cover expenses of the parade a Boston Tea Party will be held in Kilmactigue community centre on Saturday night March 14th, there are a few tables available. Anybody interested in hosting a table and bring your neighbours and friends please contact any member of ADC clg. This promises to be a very enjoyable night.

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.

Banada Abbey Bingo

Special Anniversary Bingo at Banada Abbey this Tuesday at 8.00pm.

Play in the hall or on-line.

New Jackpot GAME for €2,000 now on 49 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!!

Poor Clares Galway, Monastic Experience Day for women 18-35.

An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality from **10am to 5pm on Saturday, the 7th of March.**

To register: poorclaresgalway.eventbrite.ie

For more information: poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days

Family Mass

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

Ox Mountain Development Company

The Ox Mountain Development Company are seeking volunteers to operate the Ox Mountain Cafe at the weekends. 10.30 to 2.30 Saturday and Sunday. May suit retired persons. Enquiries to 0876304219.

Cloonacool Players

Who'd have thought greed and romance go hand in hand, or a miracle and mayhem. But it's all in 'Daughter from Over the Water ' Cloonacool Players staging of this hilarious comedy: Thurs 19, Sat 21 & Sun 22 March @ 8pm in Cloonacool Community Centre. Laugh the night away watching Pat Feehily, Eileen Davey and your many favourites including Michael Henry, Dennis Ross and Eimir Murphy. Definitely not to be missed.

Trocaire

Last year, Trócaire worked with over 40,000 people in at-risk communities across Rwanda,

helping vulnerable families build resilience against climate change by:

- Supporting over 2,500 women to receive training in sustainable resource management
- Providing over 20,000 families with fuel-efficient cookstoves to reduce firewood use
- Planting over 320,000 trees across the country

Women's Indoor Fitness Classes

Women's indoor fitness classes with rowing as part of the exercise class starting Monday night at 7pm in Banada Abbey hall for 5 weeks. Mens indoor fitness classes with rowing as part of the exercise class starting on Monday 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.

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.

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 3rd March at 7pm in Tourlestrane church

FRC

Celebrate international women's day with a free event in the FRC on Friday 6th 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 your 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 are back with the FRC meeting at various locations for a 5-6km walk followed by a cuppa. Wednesday 4th March Moylough Loop meeting at Moylough Church car park at 10.20am. For more detailed information on all upcoming walks contact the centre on 0719186926.

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 for 6 week block is €15. Booking essential to 0719186926.

You are cordially invited to join a preparation session via Zoom. Three Lay Catechists from our diocese will present a 30 minute informal session on ways to help your child as they prepare for First Holy Communion



Thursday 5th MARCH 2026 at

8.00pm MEETING ID: 867

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PASSCODE: 147913

Or click here for Zoom Link (note that registration is not required)

We look forward to seeing you!

An initiative of the “Partners in the Gospel” Catechists – Diocese of Elphin

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.

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.

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 27th February and 9.30am to 5pm on Saturday 28th February. All welcome. Pre-booking essential as places (50) are limited 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 !!

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.

New Parish Website

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

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 9th 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 YouTube 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.

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.

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.

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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 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.

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.

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

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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