Sunday 20th September
Mass Intentions.
Tourlestrane church

Sunday 20th September: 10.30am :
Monday 21st September: No Mass
Tuesday 22nd September: 9.30am Holy Souls
Wednesday 23rd September: 9.30am
Thursday 24th September: No Mass
Friday 25th September: 8pm
Saturday 26th September:
Sunday 27th September: 10.30am: Fr Barry McAllister and Paddy McAllister

Kilmactigue church

Saturday 19th September: 1pm Eileen Ginty (Months Mind)
8pm : Brendan O'Hara
Sunday 20th September: No Mass
Monday 21st September : 9.30am Carmel Ginty
Tuesday 22nd September: No Mass
Wednesday 23rd September : No Mass
Thursday 24th September: 9.30am:
Friday 25th September : No Mass
Saturday 26th September: 8pm: Christy Quinn
Sunday 27th September: No Mass

Lough Talt church

Sunday 20thVeronica & Martin Maye, Marie & Colin Buckland.
September: 9.20am
Sunday 27th September: 9.20am:

First reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.
The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

The Lord is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is close to all who call him.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is close to all who call him.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second reading

Philippians 1:20-24,27

Life to me is Christ; but death would bring me more

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf.Lk19:38,2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Why be envious because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Offertory Collection

The Offertory Collection for weekend 13th September was €977.05

Mass Time Change

The evening masses in the parish will be at 7pm, beginning on the Friday 2nd October.

Blessing of Animals

The blessing of animals will take place on the weekend of 3rd/4th October at times to be decided.Please help us pass on this invitation from the parish by word of mouth or on social media to your neighbours, friends and family. We look forward to seeing all creatures great and small- we just ask that owners take care to keep their pets and others safe and secure on the day!

Family Mass

The next family mass will be on Sunday 4th of October at 10.30am in Tourlestrane church

Nonspeaking Awareness Day

Wednesday 30 September 2026, is Nonspeaking Awareness Day.

Adoration in Kilmactigue church

Following a meeting on Wednesday evening it was decided to try to encourage more people to spend some time in adoration before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. To come to know Jesus, we do need to spend time with him.

Banada 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 43 calls or less.

1. **CONNACHT P.T.A.A.** MINI-VIGIL IN THE PARISH CHURCH, KNOCK on 25th September from 8:30pm - 12 midnight. Everyone welcome. All Pioneer centres are asked to be represented on the night.

2. **PADRE PIO HEALING MASS** Friday, 9 October 7pm, St. Cuan's Church, Ahascragh, Co. Galway.

Introduction to Journalling- 4 Week Programme commencing the 28th September. A blank page, a quiet moment, and your thoughts. Start your journaling journey with a pen and paper with some helpful guidance and techniques. Journal and pen provided. Cost €15. Inquiries/Bookings to 0719186926

Tubbercurry FRC will run a **four-week arts and crafts programme** for children aged 8-12 years based on stories, books, characters and imaginary worlds; starts Tuesday 22nd September 4-5.30pm. Places are limited and booking essential to 0719186926.

Saturday Crafts for 5-7 year olds with Tubbercurry FRC and Tubbercurry Community Library for the month of October. Classes will include crafts, clay work and more. Further details and booking to the Library on 0719111705.

Scripture Initiative

Dioceses of Achonry & Elphin 2026/2027 Scripture Initiative: New groups and facilitators being sought. Please consider. Enquiries welcome. More information @ www.achonryelphin.ie/scripture

Parish Pastoral Council

The PPC resumed last Monday after the Summer break. The meeting focused on the revitalisation of the Parish, transitioning from a "consumer" model of church attendance to a disciple model of active ministry. For those who go to Mass each week, it would involve a deepening of their spiritual life as committed disciples with a greater active involvement with their parish. Every encounter with the Lord results in some action by the person. For those who don't come to Mass (and that is about two thirds of our Catholic population) we would make a greater effort to reach them . Less would be expected of those who are not committed disciples. Greater joy results in their presence at Mass. The discussion will continue at our next meeting

The Feast of Our Lady of Banada takes place on the 8th of Oct. There will be a special ceremony in Tourlestrane church that evening at 7pm. The story of Mrs Jones praying for her son Freddie to mend his ways is something that every family experiences from time to time. As a Parish we too pray for all who miss out on the spiritual supports needed to get through troubled times. It was suggested that all families may like to bring their petitions to the ceremony and place them before the statue of Our Lady of Banada.

Found

A small sum of money found at the gate of Kilmactigue church a fortnight ago. Ask Fr John

Festival Weekend.

This weekend, all roads will lead to Cloonacool, when people from far and wide will arrive to enjoy the 2026 Sheep Festival. Opening night is this Thursday with Kieran Quinn and the fun continues right up to Sunday evening. Songo Bingo is on Friday night, Gavin Gribben plays the festival dance on Saturday night and the Sheep and Dog shows are big attractions on Sunday. All timer and ticket details on festival social media. Tickets are also available on the door for all nightly events.

Visit of First-Class Relic of St Carlo Acutis to St Nathy's Cathedral

We are privileged to welcome a **First-Class Relic of St Carlo Acutis** to St Nathys Cathedral from **Friday 25th to Sunday 27th September**.

The relic will be available for **veneration after the 10am Mass** on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and also **after the 6pm Mass on Saturday evening**.

There will also be two opportunities for special times of prayer in the Cathedral:

- **Friday 25th September at 8pm**
- **Saturday 26th September at 3pm**

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer and to seek the intercession of St Carlo Acutis, a young saint whose deep love for the Eucharist continues to inspire people throughout the world.

All are very welcome.

. **Saint Faustina Weekend**

Saint Faustina Weekend on 3 and 4 October in St Mary's Church, Convoy, Co Donegal F93FX66. Prayer and reflection on Divine Mercy Devotions. All welcome to come to all or part of the weekend. For details, phone 087 9077985 or email raphoeparish@gmail.com.

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 28th September and gain simple tips and techniques to get you started. No experience needed, weekly prompts will help you think about what you want to Journal and what that feel like. Cost €15. Inquiries/Bookings to 0719186926.

Arts and Crafts

Arts and Crafts Classes in the FRC this Autumn include a once off Card Making Workshop on Wednesday 23rd September 10am-12pm and a three week Needle Felting Course starting Wednesday 30th September. For further details and booking contact us on 0719186926.

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The FRC Café

The FRC Café is open on Thursday 17th September 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.

Banada Hall Schedule of Activities

Mondays at 6pm infinity stage school , 7pm ladies exercise, 8pm men's classes , All the above classes starting 14th of September
Tuesday Yoga classes at 7 pm continue places still available . 8pm Bingo
Thursdays: 6pm Kids Pilates and mindfulness classes , 7pm Pilates, These are starting 17th of September

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/

Honda, Tractor & Vintage Car Run

St Brigid's Hall is thrilled to host a Honda, Tractor & Vintage Car Run on Sunday 27th Sept at 1pm with registration from 11. Whether you're driving or viewing come along and enjoy the run — all while supporting St. Brigid's Hall & remembering Sean Johnston.
Sean spent endless hours in St Brigid's Hall through drama and more so what better place to honour him. Raffle and refreshments in the hall on the day. Thank you for your support.

Theology Online

Study Theology Online, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register now to begin on 19 September. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com Click here to see a 2 minute introductory film

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/

Moylough Heritage Centre

There will be an Afternoon tea being held at 3pm on 4th October in the Moylough heritage centre. Tickets are €10 and the overall winner of the Moylough heritage centre raffle draw and winner €1,500 in cash or centre parcs voucher will be announced at this event. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Raffle tickets can be purchased prior in local businesses or on the day of the event.

Jubilee of Marriages

Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond, Platinum or other wedding anniversaries are invited to attend one of two Jubilee Masses, along with their families and friends, on either Sunday 4th October at 2.30pm in Ballaghaderreen Cathedral or Sunday 11th October at 2.30pm in Kiltoom Church. Bishop Kevin will celebrate both Masses. Light refreshments will be served afterwards for all in attendance. As each couple celebrating an

Anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Kevin, they are asked to register their details at https://achonryelphin.ie/jubilee-of-marriages/

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

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Synod

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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.

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