

Sunday 22nd February 2026

Mass Intentions.

Tourlestrane church

Sunday 22nd February 10.30am: Thomas, Sarah Ann, and Bridie Walsh

Monday 23rd February: Funeral Mass Kathleen Marren

Tuesday 24th February: 9.30am

Wednesday 25th February 9.30am

Thursday 26th February: No Mass

Friday 27th February: 7pm

Saturday 28th February: No Mass

Sunday 1st March: 10.30am: Mary Reilly

Kilmactigue church

Saturday 21st February: 7pm Paddy & Mary Henry, Kincullew

Sunday 22nd February: No Mass

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Tuesday 24th February: No Mass

Wednesday 25th February; 7pm

Thursday 26th February: 9.30am

Friday 27th February: No Mass

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

Sunday 1st March No Mass

Lough Talt church

Sunday 22nd February: 9.20am : Mary O'Dowd, Husband Paddy, and grandchild Darren Gaughan

Sunday 1st March: 9.20am:

First reading

The Creation, and the sin of our first parents

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

**The Word of the Lord
Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 50(51):3-6,12-14,17

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

My offences truly I know them;

my sin is always before me

Against you, you alone, have I sinned;

what is evil in your sight I have done.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

A pure heart create for me, O God,

put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,

nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second reading

Romans 5:12-19

**However great the number of sins committed, grace was
even greater**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt4:4

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

The temptation in the wilderness

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the

tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

*Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

*He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'*

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

*You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'*

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Altar Societies

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

Recent Deaths

Please pray for Mary Cawley, Cloonbarry, Martina O'Hara, Lisheen, Eileen Kildunne, Tullymoy and Kathleen Marren, Tubberoddy who died this week.

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.

Family Mass

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

Parish Reconciliation Service

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

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 26th February at 7pm. All are welcome to come.

Lenten Reflections on “Baptised and Sent.”

On the Tuesdays of Lent, starting this Tuesday 24th February, in Fr John’s house at 8pm we will gather to explore and reflect on what “Baptised and Sent” means for us as a parish.

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

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!!

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 25th February Kilmactigue loop meeting on Aclare Village 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.

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.

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.

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

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Tusla, Meitheal.

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