

Sunday 22nd March 2026

Mass Intentions.

Tourlestrane church

Sunday 22nd March 10.30am: Batty & Annie Kane, and Mary & Joe Leonard

Monday 23rd March: No Mass

Tuesday 24th March: 9.30am

Wednesday 25th March 9.30am;

Thursday 26th March: No Mass

Friday 27th March: 7pm Patrick Flynn (1st Ann) and his sister Teresa Brady (Months Mind)

Saturday 28th March: 11am ;Tom Normanly.

12noon: Johnny Kirrane (Months Mind)

Sunday 29th March: 10.30am: Joanne Westwood.

Kilmactigue church

Saturday 21th March: 7pm Seamus Ginty

Sunday 22nd March: No Mass

Monday 23rd March: 9.30am

Tuesday 24th March: No Mass

Wednesday 25th March; 7pm

Thursday 26th March: 9.30am

Friday 27thMarch: No Mass

Saturday 28th March: 7pm Johnnie & Maureen Durkin, Culleen

Sunday 29th March: No Mass

Lough Talt church

Sunday 22nd March: 9.20am : John & Michael O'Dowd, Mount Taaffe

Sunday 29th March: 9.20am:

First reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 129(130)

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.)

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second reading

Romans 8:8-11

**The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living
in you**

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

**The Word of the Lord
Gospel Acclamation**

Jn11:25, 26

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day?
A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling
because he has the light of this world to see by;
but if he walks at night he stumbles,
because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.'

Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, ‘Let us go too, and die with him.’

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, ‘If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.’ ‘Your brother’ said Jesus to her ‘will rise again.’ Martha said, ‘I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said:

‘I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?’

‘Yes, Lord,’ she said ‘I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.’

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, ‘The Master is here and wants to see you.’ Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, ‘Where have you put him?’ They said, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus wept; and the Jews said, ‘See how much he loved him!’ But there were some who remarked, ‘He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man’s death?’ Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, ‘Take the stone away.’ Martha said to him, ‘Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.’ Jesus replied, ‘Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

‘Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.’

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, here! Come out!’ The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, let him go free.’

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Offertory Collection

The Offertory Collection of weekend 15th March was €837.89

Parish Cluster Penance Service

There will be a gathering for all parishioners from Tubbercurry, Curry, Achonry and Tourlestrane Parishes for a joint Penance Service on Palm Sunday 29th March at 7pm in Tubbercurry church.

Altar Societies

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

Down Syndrome

There will be a church gate collection this weekend, the 21st & 22nd March in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland.

Chrism Mass

Chrism Mass takes place on Monday March 30th in Ballaghaderreen Cathedral at 7pm this year.

Easter Activity Camp

Easter Activity Camp (Baking & Art & Crafts) for 4-6 year olds taking place in Castlerock National School on Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st March from 10am to 1pm each day. €30 per child - discount for siblings. To book call 086-6096439 or email castlerockns@gmail.com

Castlerock NS

Castlerock NS are holding their Open Day on Friday 20th March next at 1pm. Everyone welcome to come along, meet the Pupils and Staff and view our facilities'

First Confessions

The children in 2nd Class in Castlerock NS will make their First Confession in Castlerock NS on Wednesday 25th March at 3pm.

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 this Thursday 26th

Banada Abbey Bingo

Congrats to local winner who scooped the €2,000 Jackpot last week.

Banada Abbey Bingo this Tuesday at 8.00pm. Play in the hall or on-line. New Jackpot GAME for €2,000 now on 40 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!!

'Daughter from Over the Water'

What's brewing? Whiskey, marriage proposals, suspense, greed, mayhem and a very important miracle in the hilarious 'Daughter from Over the Water'. Yes you're still in time to see this whirlwind comedy Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 March @ 8pm. At Cloonacool Community Centre where Cloonacool Players' great cast including Pat Feeley, Eileen Davey, Peadar Conway, Tom Towey and MaryKathleen Johnston will raise the roof and lift everyone's spirits, with laughter. Not to be missed.

Youth 2000

A Youth 2000 day retreat takes place on April 25 at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo. Youth 2000 provides an opportunity for young people (16-35) to develop their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith & meet other young people. Talks, testimonies & donation only. Check out Youth2000.ie to register or contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information. ""

ACRES

ACRES West Connacht will hold a walk in clinic for participating ACRES CP farmers from the Ox Mountain & Lough Conn co-operation project areas. This clinic will allow participating farmers to call in between the hours of 9am to 5pm on Thursday 26th March to discuss any queries with their local project officer. Clinic location is An Chroí Digital Hub, Ballina Road, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo F91 X772.

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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.

Suicide Alertness

FREE Suicide Alertness for everyone (safeTALK) training - Tuesday 24th March 2026, 10am – 1.30pm – TF Royal Hotel & Theatre, Castlebar, Co. Mayo F23 R288. This training is for over 18's only and not suitable for anyone bereaved by suicide within 12 months. For more information, email: darlene@breakingthrough.org

Tubbercurry FRC

Decider Skills Programme – Managing Stress and More
Tubbercurry FRC will run this fun interactive 6 week programme starting Wednesday 22nd April 9.30am-11.30am. This course teaches participants skills to cope with and manage stress, anxiety or low mood. The classes are taught in a creative, fun and interactive way. Classes are suitable for all as we all experience feelings of anxiousness, feeling low or feeling overwhelmed or stressed. Further information available on 0719186926.

Free Guided Walks will take place with Tubbercurry FRC and Martina Kilian of Nature Inspires this April & May. Walks include a dark sky walk at Lough Talt April 22nd 8.00pm-10/10.30pm, meeting at Lough Talt Church car park at 7.50pm (moderate 5k). Knocknashee Hill walk will take place on May 6th, meeting Knocknashee base at 10.20am (5k Moderate-Difficult). For more detailed information and booking contact the FRC on 0719186926

Trocaire

The family on the Trócaire box this year are involved in the 'Climate Just Communities' (CJC) a Trócaire partner in Rwanda. The CJC is run by local partners and empowers marginalised groups to adapt to the effects of climate change in their communities. It also supports people to lead and shape solutions that promote long term resilience and sustainability.

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.

Ward Agricultural Consultants and Forestry Service

Ward Agricultural Consultants and Forestry Service Ltd are taking expressions of interest for the new forestry knowledge transfer discussion groups - Focus area B – forest management plans and forest certification. Earn up to €560 to learning all about managing your forestry, this course will also help you draw up a forestry management plan and apply for the forestry certification grant of €1200. Call, text, or whatsapp your name and forestry number to 0879193371. Any question call the same number. We are also available to help you with your BISS 2026 application.

Tourlestrane GAA

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

Accord Ballaghaderreen

Accord Ballaghaderreen 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 Ballaghaderreen on 0879972503.

Self Evaluation Report on our Pastoral Council

After 3 years in existence, it is appropriate to carry out an evaluation of the work of our parish pastoral council. It is fair to say that the council is still in its infancy and is still learning slowly what is involved in being a pastoral council. The Council was commissioned by Bishop Paul Dempsey in February 2022 in a ceremony in the Cathedral.

Our initial sources of information were two books: “Becoming a Pastoral Council” by Patricia Carroll and “Partnership in Parish” by Fr Enda Lyons. We spent many monthly meetings, especially in the first year, trying to get an understanding of what a parish is, and what a parish does and where a parish pastoral council fits in. We also attended training nights along with other parish pastoral councils. This was time well spent.

Monthly meetings took place about ten times each year. An Agenda meeting between the Presider, Chairperson and Secretary was held in preparation for each monthly meeting. All meetings were well attended.

Items that were discussed at the monthly meetings included

- (A) Correspondence from the Diocese, feedback to the Diocese,
- (B) Discussion regarding the proposed merger of the Diocese and the Diocese of Elphin and attendance at meetings regarding the merger.
- (C) Choosing which parishes we should cluster with was also discussed and the result reported to the Diocese.
- (D) The National Synod was reported on and meetings attended in connection with this.
- (E) Correspondence regarding retreats for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers was also funnelled through the Pastoral council.

Much discussion took place about encouraging Young People in their faith. Contact was made with the local GAA club in the hope of setting time aside for them. In the end nothing transpired from this. There was also an opportunity for a youth leader to be trained that didn't get any candidates from our parish. Various opportunities were offered for young people to do activities together from the Diocese but again they were not taken up. However 4 young people from the parish did take part in the John Paul 11 awards in the Community School. They also attended the “Inspire” night in Tubbercurry. The “Light House”, programme for Confirmation candidates is being introduced this year, where TY students in St Attracta's Community School will befriend and mentor the candidates. They are being trained in St Attracta's.

The Pastoral Council are also heartened by the Children's choir and Adult's choir in Tourlestrane church, by the number of servers in the parish, and the children and adults in Lough Talt church choir.

A support programme for parents of children making their first Communion is being run by two parishioners. A few nights for scripture reflection or Lectio Divina was offered to anyone who wanted to attend in Fr John 's house. Numbers were small.

There was a special blessing ceremony for parents of children baptised over the last three years. Bambinelli Sunday was celebrated during Advent.

It should be noted that the Pastoral Council encouraged the formation of the parish baptismal team, the church committee in Kilmactigue, formed for the painting of the church, the choir in Kilmactigue, the introduction of emergency sacristans in the event of a visiting priest.

There was feedback regarding liturgies eg, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Season of Creation (blessing of animals) . The Pastoral Council was involved in the Masses celebrated by Bishop Paul Dempsey in the parish. It also took a hands-on approach to the Mass with Stephan Giblin as guest speaker, Youth Diocesan Director.

Prayer During meetings: How and when we pray during the meetings has evolved over the years. We now open with an opening prayer and close with a blessing. Our main prayer time is at the centre of the meeting. It now consists of focus, scripture, reflection (with music) , prayers of petition, Closing prayer. At the moment Fr John is the person in charge.

Hospitality: We have the cup of tea as we arrive for the meeting, before we start .We also have a meal together at Christmas.

A mission statement for the pastoral council.

After many monthly meetings in our first year we agreed on what is the mission statement of our pastoral council.

Kilmactigue Parish Pastoral Council endeavours to build and support a vibrant parish, inclusive of all ages. We hope to facilitate a structure of shared responsibility for the future, with active participation and which fosters a caring, welcoming and faithful community. It will assist in active listening, prayerful consideration, co-ordinating, planning and evaluation of parish needs, that centres around strengthening our relationship with Jesus Christ.

How we operate: We, the Parish Pastoral Council of Kilmactigue Parish, take responsibility to see that the aim and mission of the parish is being achieved. It will do by listening to the people of the parish, by considering prayerfully on what they say, by deciding what to focus on in light of the gospel and what the people of the parish are saying, by formulating a plan for the people of the parish to carry out, and by evaluating on what is happening periodically . In doing so, we hope that the proclamation of the message of Christ by the people of God in our area will reach all people in a clearer and more tangible way, that is relevant to their lives and the present age. (Draft).

A Mission Statement for the Parish.

Our first step was to listen to the people of the parish. We circulated a letter to all households asking them what they would like to see happening over the next five years. We received some replies back. We arranged meetings in the three church areas where people could discuss what they thought the parish needed to do..

Second step. We considered prayerfully at our meetings what we had heard.

Third step: We decided on what to focus on, in the light of the gospel and what the people had said. Our focus was to be on three items: To be a community united around the Lord, attractive to younger people who wish to become involved, and able through modern means of communication, as well as old fashioned talking, to reach out to bring the good news to all willing to listen.

Fourth Step: This is where we are in difficulty! We are to formulate a plan to bring about these goals with objectives along the way.

Fifth step: To evaluate what we have done (in written form)

Parish Vision Statement.

Kilmactigue/Tourlestrane Parish sees its overall purpose as evangelisation, that is, to make the invisible Christ more visible, and to help bring about the kingdom of God.

We see ourselves as a prayerful community with Christ at its centre, which welcomes, appreciates and reaches out to all people.

We hope to be a parish marked by the joy, energy, strength, resilience and compassion which comes from our relationship with Christ.

We hope to be united around the Lord, attractive to younger people who wish to become involved, and able through modern means of communication, as well as old-fashioned talking, to reach out to bring the Good News to all willing to listen.

The parish priest, and parish pastoral council according to their appropriate roles share responsibility for visioning, planning, empowering, and evaluating.

This “descriptor” should be the main focus of a pastoral council. There is still work to be done.

Family Mass

The next Family Mass will be Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday) at 10.30pm in Tourlestrane church.

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.

FRC

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.

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 .

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.

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/>

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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

Locations: All throughout Co. Mayo

What You'll Do: Offer companionship and social connection. Assist with daily living activities. Support meaningful activities. Give primary carers a well-deserved break.

Flexible hours – work around *your* schedule! Make a real difference, one visit at a time.

Essentials: QQI Level 5 modules in **Care Skills & Care of the Older Person**

Desirable: Previous experience in caring / QQI Level 5 in Health Care

Interested? Get in touch today! 094 93 64900 or email careers@westernalzheimers.ie

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

