**Sunday 24th May 2026**
**Mass Intentions.**
**Tourlestrane church**

Sunday 24th May: 9am:
Monday 25th May: No Mass
Tuesday 26th May: 9.30am
Wednesday 27th May 9.30am;
Thursday 28th May: No Mass
Friday 29th May: 8pm John & Lily O'Hara
Saturday 30th May:
Sunday 31st 10.30am: Bea McMullen (nee O'Hara), her sister Anne.

**Kilmactigue church**

Saturday 23rd May. 8pm Maura & Peader Gavaghan, deceased of Gavaghan family
Sunday 24th May: No Mass
Monday 25th May: 9.30am
Tuesday 26th May: No Mass
Wednesday 27th May; No Mass
Thursday 28th May: 9.30am
Friday 29th May: No Mass
Saturday 30th May: 11am: Mary Culley (nee Murphy) Kilmactigue
8pm Mary & Padraig Cambell, London
Sunday 31st May: No Mass

**Lough Talt church**

Sunday 24th May: 11am:
Sunday 31st May: 9.20am:

**First reading**

**Acts 2:1-11**

**They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak**

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us

hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34**

*Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*
**or**
*Alleluia!*

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

*Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*
**or**
*Alleluia!*

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

*Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*
**or**
*Alleluia!*

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

*Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*
**or**
*Alleluia!*

**Second reading**

**1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13**

**In the one Spirit we were all baptised**

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in

different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 20:19-23**

**As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

## First Communion

First Communion will be celebrated in Lough Talt church for the children in second class in Castlerock NS on Sunday 24th May at 11am. Mass in Tourlestrane will be at 9pm on this Sunday.

## Offertory Collection

The Offertory Collection for weekend 17th May was €1,164.30

## Youth Leadership

***The Knock Youth Leadership Programme*** (Knock Shrine) is for adults interested in setting up or developing youth ministry initiatives in their parish. Participants will gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to journey with young people, supporting them as they explore their faith in a safe and welcoming environment. Starting in September 2026 (application deadline **May 22nd**).
For more information, please contact: youthministry@knockshrine.ie

**First Communion**

Congrats to the boys and girls of Banada and Drimina schools. who made their first Holy Communion last Saturday

**Holy Hill Retreat Day**

**Holy Hill Retreat Day** on Saturday 13th July 2026, 10am -4pm at Holy Hill Hermitage, Skreen, Co Sligo. F91 CA24. To book email friendsofcarmelhh@gmail.com Donations Appreciated. All Welcome!

**ACRES**

ACRES West Connacht Local Clinic - An open-door local clinic for farmers in the ACRES Co-operation area will be held in Knockmore-Rathduff Recreation & Resource Centre, Knockmore F26 F803 from 9am to 5pm on May 28th. For any queries call 085 268 3630.

**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!!

**National Epilepsy Week**

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek

**Pray for Life Novena**

The *Pray for Life* Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

**Kilmovee Parish Day pilgrimage**

Kilmovee Parish Day pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Monday May 25th. Bus leaving from Kilmovee Church at 7am. Cost 60 euro. Please contact Fr Joseph at 086 160 5373.

## Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Banada.

A pilgrimage has been organised to visit the statue of Our Lady of Banada in Tourlestrane church on Saturday 30th May. There are opening prayers and a talk on the history of Banda Abbey, given by the organiser of the pilgrimage, John Lacken, in Banada Abbey Community at 12noon. The pilgrims will break for lunch at 1.15pm. They will visit Banada cemetery at 2.30pm. At 3pm they will assemble to recite the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries of the rosaty in Tourlestrane church. The closing prayer will be at 4pm.

The prayer association of Our Lady of Banada was founded by John Lacken to rekindle devotion to our Lady under the title of Our Lady of Banada. They earnestly invoke our Lady to round up the "lost sheep" in our families and to bring them back to the Church.

## Day of Friendship and Prayer

**Lough Derg Day of Friendship and Prayer** on **Wednesday 20th May** from **10am until 3pm** on Station Island**.** This special annual event promotes Christian unity. Archbishop Eamon Martin and Archbishop John McDowell, two close friends and partners in ministry, join Fr La Flynn, Prior of Lough Derg, for a day of spirituality, friendship and reflection. Admission fee of €25 includes boat fare, refreshments and lunch. Advance booking is essential. www.loughderg.org info@loughderg.org tel. (353) 071 9861518.

## Apostolic Work

Elphin Apostolic Work is preparing for their display day which will be held on 7 June, in Roscommon. There a large number of requests from missionaries for sacred vessels, and religious items eg, rosary beads, statues, pictures, stamps, coins, etc. If anyone could sponsor or part sponsor an item it would be greatly appreciated. There is a box in each church where items can be placed. For queries phone Mary 0874112172, or Mary 0877697297

## FRC

Summer Garden Retreats this June 3rd with Tubbercurry FRC. Nature retreats are a relaxing half day immersion highlighting our immediate environment and celebrating its beauty. Expect a wide range of activities and experiences such as gardening tips and sowing your own tray of microgreens , learning to forage and using spring herbs to create culinary treats and herbal teas , mindful exercises in nature, i.e. the art of journalling and dawdling , creative nature hands-on-activity, wellness through hydrotherapy (get those feet wet -optional). Bookings to 0719186926.

## 3-Day Pilgrimage To Lough Derg

Achonry & Elphin 2026 3-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg: More details including bus options @ www.achonrydiocese.org/lough-derg . All welcome

## Synod

What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time? Since 2021, people across Ireland have listened, prayed, and shared their hopes for the Church. From

these voices seven priorities emerged: Belonging. Healing, Shared Responsibility, Family, Faith Formation, the role of Women, and Young People. These priorities come from YOU, the people of God in Ireland. Discover more in "Baptised and Sent". Discover more at www.synod.ie
Irish Synodal Pathway.

**The Catholic Steps**

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

**Parish Website**

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

**St Vincent De Paul**

The phone number for the local conference is 087 3549586.

**Parish Safeguarding Handbook**.

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

**Indoor Fitness Classes**

Women's indoor fitness classes with rowing as part of the excercise class continue Monday 20th at 7pm in Banada Abbey hall for 5 weeks. Mens indoor fitness classes with rowing as part of the excercise class starting on Monday 20th 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.

**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 You Tube and pass the word on.

**Dioceses Of Achonry And Elphin Pilgrimage To Lourdes – Assisted Pilgrim Section**

The Dioceses of Achonry and Elphin Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 28th August, 2026 to the 2nd September, 2026 inclusive, under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Doran. Pilgrimage Highlights includes Mass at the Grotto,

Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament Processions, Anointing of the Sick, Water Ceremony. Flights ex Knock Airport. **All booking in relation to the Pilgrimage can be directed to Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) at 016852244 or email info@joewalshtours.ie**

The Pilgrimage includes the **Assisted Pilgrim Section**. Those who travel as part of the Assisted Pilgrim Section will stay in Accueil Notre Dame, which is situated near the Grotto and Sanctuary area. They will be cared for by the Diocesan Pilgrimage Care Team whilst in Lourdes. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon. (Telephone – 090 6661115). Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is 11th June 2026.

**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.

**Encounter**

ENCOUNTER WEEKEND DONEGAL, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. 6.00pm - 10.30pm Friday 5th June. 9.00am - 10.30pm. Saturday 6th June. Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service, and fellowship. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. Keynote Speakers: Patrick Reis: co-founder and Executive Director of Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau who serves with the U.S. Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio. Bookings at https://encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org.

**Theology of the Arts. Does the Church Need Art?**

This summer we are offering a repeat of the 2018 one-week online summer school motivated by a significant question posed by Pope John Paul II in his Letter to Artists: Does the Church Need Art? Six lectures will examine current theological debate on beauty and the arts, and consider some of the challenges posed by a contemporary culture of image and sound to the Church's traditional understanding of the function of sacred art.

https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2021-summer-school

**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/
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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