Sunday 3rd May 2026
Mass Intentions.
Tourlestrane church

Sunday 3rd May 10.30am: Breedge & Joe Kennedy, deceased of Kennedy & Seery families
Monday 4th May: No Mass
Tuesday 5th May: 9.30am
Wednesday 6th May 9.30am;
Thursday 7th May: No Mass
Friday 8th May: 4pm: Confirmation Mass
Saturday 9th May: 11am Bridget Durkin
Sunday 10th May: 10.30am:

Kilmactigue church

Saturday 2nd May: 8pm: Paul Walsh
Sunday 3rd May: No Mass
Monday 4th May: 9.30am
Tuesday 5th May: No Mass
Wednesday 6th May; No Mass
Thursday 7th May: 9.30am
Friday 8th May: No Mass
Saturday 9th May: 8pm: John & Nan Brennan, daughter Rita Durkin, Joanna Brennan, Betty O'Hara, & Johhie, and brother James.
Sunday 10th May: No Mass

Lough Talt church

Sunday 3rd May: 9.20am:
Sunday 10th May: 9.20am:

First reading

Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith..

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

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

For 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.
or
Alleluia!

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.
or
Alleluia!

Second reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

Christ is the living stone, chosen by God and precious to him

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: *See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will*

not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Jn14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.'
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:1-12

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.
I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Offertory Collection

The Offertory Collection for weekend 26th April was €1265.15

Mass Times

Evening Mass times in the Parish has changed from 7pm to 8pm, beginning on Friday 1st May.

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

Telling the Rosary

A Journey through the Joyful Mysteries.
1 The Annunciation (Ms Eileen King), 2 The Visitation(Fr John Carroll) 3 The Birth of Jesus (Ms Louise McGuinness) 4 The Presentation in the Temple (Mr Gerry Farrell) 5 The Finding in the Temple (Bishop Donal Roche)
Parish of Tubbercurry Cloonacool. May 11th –15th at 8pm

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.

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

Problem-Solving for Life

A Creative and Playful Approach" A one-day workshop for adults, learning creative-thinking tools to approach knotty decisions with fresh perspective and

discover new possibilities—in your own way. Saturday, May 9th, 10am - 4pm, Croi Nua, Galway. €70. Advance booking required on eventbrite.ie. Any questions? Contact Maria at 085-8357566, mariakingguidance@gmail.com .

Parish Website

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

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.

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 this Friday 8th May at 4pm.

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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.

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/

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.

FRC

Baby Bonding: a six week course will take place in the FRC starting on the new date of May 5th 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 €15pp. Booking essential to 0719186926.

Summer Garden Retreats this May 13th and 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.

Free Guided Walks will take place with Tubbercurry FRC and Martina Kilian of Nature Inspires this April & May. 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

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.

Could you please mention the Priory Institute Online Summer School on your Parish website over the next few weeks and put in this link to find out more about the schedule and to register click here

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.

Family Carers Ireland

Could you take on 7,000 steps a day throughout April? Walk anywhere, anytime, and help support Family Carers Ireland while raising awareness for carers nationwide. Sign up at www.familycarers.ie/get-involved For more information, see www.familycarers.ie/stepup

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.

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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