Sunday 19th April 2026
Mass Intentions.
Tourlestrane church

Sunday 19th April 10.30am: John Francis Walsh (2nd Ann)
Monday 20th April: No Mass
Tuesday 21st April: 9.30am
Wednesday 22nd April 9.30am; James & Margaret Murtagh
Thursday 23rd April: No Mass
Friday 24th April: 7pm
Saturday 25th April: No Mass
Sunday 26th April: 10.30am: Patrick & Annie Meehan, deceased of Meehan family.

Kilmactigue church

Saturday 18th April: 7pm: Patsy Gavigan, deceased of Gavigan family
Sunday 19th April: No Mass
Monday 20th April: 9.30am
Tuesday 21st April: No Mass
Wednesday 22nd April; No Mass
Thursday 23rd April: 9.30am
Friday 24th April: No Mass
Saturday 25th April: 7pm: Michael & Mary Haran
Sunday 26th April: No Mass

Lough Talt church

Sunday 19th April: 9.20am: Peter Curley
Sunday 26th April: 9.20am: Jim & Sarah Walsh, Laragan

First reading

Acts 2:14,22-33

God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to this

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy;

my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

or

Alleluia!

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.'

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

or

Alleluia!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

or

Alleluia!

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

or

Alleluia!

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Show us, Lord, the path of life.
or
Alleluia!

Second reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of Christ

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf.Lk24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of bread

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our

own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

Trocaire Boxes.

Please return your Trocaire Boxes to the church during this week.

Mass Times

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

Family Mass

The next family Mass is on Sunday 26th April at 10.30am in Tourlestrane church.

Confirmation

During Mass next Sunday 26th April there will be a Service of Light for candidates for Confirmation. Parents should bring their Baptismal candles to the Mass. The Confirmation Pledge will also be administered to the Confirmation candidates if they wish to take it. Parents should discuss with their child what they will pledge. A Confirmation card will be distributed to the children through the schools this week. Parents should fill out the card and have it returned to the school by next Friday if possible. The name taken for Confirmation should be written in large letters on the back of the card. The date and place of baptism should be filled in. There is no need to present a baptismal cert if you can fill in the date and place (with a postal address.)

Please note the text of the Service of Light and the Confirmation Pledge is on the parish website under Sacraments and then Confirmation along with other explanations of what happens during the Confirmation ceremony.

First Communion

The last meeting for Parents of First Communion children will take place in the Hilary Room, Banada on this Wednesday 22nd April at 8pm.

Parish Website

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

Retreat for Ministers of the Eucharist and Scripture Readers.

Fr. Peyton Cluster has organised a short Retreat for Ministers of the Eucharist and Scripture Readers. It will take place on Sunday 19th April in St. Michael's church, Foxford from 2 pm to 4 pm. It will be conducted by Fr. Tom Grufferty, Knock. Anyone wishing to attend from outside the Cluster is welcome.

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.

Anam Cara

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tuesday 28th April at 7.30pm in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.

5k/3k Walk (or run!)

Castlerock N.S. are having a 5k/3k Walk (or run!) on Saturday 18th April at 11.30 a.m. with ALL proceeds in aid of Sligo Cancer Support Centre Tubbercurry. Registration from 11am at the school. Please come along to support this worthy cause and join us in the school afterwards for refreshments, music, games and fun!'

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 44 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!!

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.

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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.

New Offertory Envelopes

The new Offertory Boxes are still available at the exit of the churches. Please collect.

Readers Missals 2026

The new Missals for 2026 for readers are still 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/

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. 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

Youth 2000

Youth 2000 retreat (16-35yrs) takes place in Knock next weekend, Saturday April 25, registration opens at 9.30am. Donation only, check out Youth2000.ie for more information

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?

Thanks for the continuing support, most of our students hear about us through their local parish. Our courses offer people the chance to study theology from home in their own time and be part of a supportive student community. This is much appreciated particularly in these restricted times.

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 6pm to 6.30pm 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

Phoenix Players Celebrate 80 Years with Anniversary Exhibition

The Phoenix Players will celebrate 80 years of local theatre this April with a special anniversary exhibition in St. Brigid's Hall.

Running from 12–8pm on Saturday 25th April and 12–3pm on Sunday 26th April, the free event will showcase eight decades of productions through photographs, posters, costumes, props, and memorabilia. An audio-visual display and behind-the-scenes stories will also highlight the group's rich history.

A social evening will take place on Saturday 25th at 8pm in Cawley's Hotel, Tubbercurry. Tickets, priced at €15, are available from Gillespies and Doohans.

The weekend promises a celebration of community, creativity, and the lasting legacy of the Phoenix Players.

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 plant 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.

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.

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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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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

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Tusla, Meitheal.

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