

Tubbercurry | Cloonacool parish bulletin



A journey shared

Lord, watch over
our parish,
encouraging us
to watch with one
another as
we seek to know your will.
Make us gentle in word,
kind in spirit,
strong in hope
and guide us,
ever gently
along that road of peace
that leads to your door;
a door that will always open

THE PRODIGAL SON

How long it can take to come to our senses!
To walk the road and mend the fences.
and realise when all is done,
he's my father and I'm his son.
So walk the road and reach the hill
there he is, waiting still.

4th Sunday of Lent - 30th March 2025

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There is Eucharistic Adoration in both our churches. You are most welcome to come along for an hour, or part of an hour at any time. **Tubbercurry**, Wednesday 10.00am-7.00pm and in **Cloonacool** on Thursday 10.00am-12noon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Your prayers are asked for the late **Gemma (Tilly) Dowling** whose funeral Mass took place on Monday and **Fergus Murphy**, Cork, brother of Julie Lang, Masshill. We remember all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

RECENT BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian community **Isla Marina Skeffington** who was baptised in Tubbercurry Church.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration National Pilgrimage takes place in Knock on 5th and 6th April. Evening Session takes place on Saturday, 5th April 7pm-9.30pm with Mass in the Basilica. Pilgrimage Day is Sunday, 6th April 10.30am-5pm. The Diocese of Achonry will have a banner for the procession after the Mass on Saturday evening if people would like to join. Contact info@eucharisticadoration.ie or phone 087 1045200 or 086 1027411.

3 DAY PILGRIMAGE

A Westport based group is organising a pilgrimage to Lough Derg on 30th May, with pickup in Tubbercurry at 9.40am. For more details contact Margaret 087 7401391.

GUIDED WALKS

Free guided walks take place this April with Tubbercurry FRC and Martina Killian of Nature Inspires. Walks include a moonlit walk on Clooneen Bog on Wednesday, 9th April, Doreen Hill on 16th April at 10am, Masshill to Lough Nabrickeagh on 29th April at 10.30am and Masshill Forest Walk on 7th May at 5pm. For more detailed information and to book the walks contact 071 9186926.

DOMINICAN RETREATS

Springtime in the Soul Saturday 5th April 10am-4pm. Cost €65 including lunch. *Reflections on the Easter Triduum with the women of Scripture* 11th-13th April. Cost €255 residential €140 non-residential. Phone 01 4048189

MEMORIAL WALK

The North West Hospice Memorial Walk takes place on Sunday, 6th April at 12 noon in Sligo Town. Walk in memory of a deceased family member, friend, neighbour or work colleague. Register before Thursday, 27th March at 5pm and get a personalised t-shirt with the name of your loved one on it. Register at <https://northwesthospice.ie/memorialwalk/> or phone 071 9170523.

MAYO STOMA GROUP

Mayo Stoma Support Group takes place on Thursday, 24th April in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar 7pm-9pm.

RETREAT FOR MEN

St. Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men takes place Friday 2nd to Monday 5th May in An Tobar Retreat Centre, Ardbraccan, Navan C15 T884. Cost €190 includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Call 087 3482148 or email iveireland@ive.org

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 9370221 and hear how we can support you or for more information visit www.familycarers.ie

NIGHT PRAYER - Each night at 10pm (approx.)
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Message from Bishop Kevin Doran to the Faithful of the Diocese of Achonry



Dear Friends,

Today, Laetare Sunday, I will be installed as Bishop of Achonry. This also marks the moment when our two dioceses of Achonry and Elphin are united “in persona episcopi” which is a Latin term meaning “in the person of the Bishop”. This term is used by the Catholic Church to designate the union of two or more dioceses, under one bishop. This has also happened in recent years in the dioceses of Galway and Clonfert. The dioceses of Tuam and Killala are on a similar path.

While the Ceremony of Installation focuses on the Bishop and his role, it is also about all of you who make up the people of God in the Diocese. I look forward to welcoming lay representatives who have been invited from all across the Diocese. It would have been good to have gathered you all in the Cathedral today but, of course, space is limited. You will all be in my prayers.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son that we heard in the Gospel, begins with the words: “A man had two sons....” The parable is really more about the Father than about the Sons. In telling this story, Jesus wants us to notice the love that the Father has for each of his sons. He loves them both, he loves them equally, but he loves each of them in a unique way. I think the image of the Father, who stands on the doorstep waiting for one son, and goes out into the field to be close to

the other, challenges each one of us, as sons and daughters, to grow into the image of the Father. As St. Paul says: “For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here”.

As you will appreciate, the image of the Father who “has two sons”, has a particular resonance for a Bishop who has two Dioceses. The mission of a Bishop, in the traditional language of the Church is to “teach”, to “sanctify” and to “govern”. I understand that, in order to do those three things, I must be open to “learning”; I must become more “holy” and “prayerful” and I must be “obedient”, particularly to the Holy Spirit, to the Word of God and to the essential faith of the Church. As bishop, I am called to be a sign and a means of unity. Like the Father with the two Sons, it will be my responsibility to gather together the people of God. Each diocese still retains its own unique identity, but gradually over the coming years, while respecting the culture and the history and the unique gifts of each, our two dioceses of Achonry and Elphin will become one diocese.

I would like to share with you a short message I received on behalf of Pope Francis last week which was not just for me but for all of us:

“His Holiness wishes to assure you of his prayers as you take up your episcopal ministry in the dioceses of Achonry and Elphin, united in persona episcopi, and cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing to you and to the faithful of the dioceses of Achonry and Elphin”.

As I renew my commitment today to serve you, the people of our two Dioceses, I ask your prayers and your practical support in being the Bishop I am called to be.

Finally, on this Mother’s Day, I would like to send my prayerful good wishes to all mothers across our two dioceses.

May God bless you all.

+Kevin



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Parish Diary

**MASS TIMES
AND
INTENTIONS**
This week

CHURCH	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
TUBBERCURRY	Sat 29th	7.00pm	Carmel Kilcoyne (Month's Mind) and her son-in-law Kevin Loftus, Crossmolina (Anniversary)
CLOONACOOOL	Sun 30th	10.00am	Special Intention (MM)
TUBBERCURRY	Sun 30th	11.30am	People of the Parish
TUBBERCURRY	Mon 31st	9.30am	Private Intention
CLOONACOOOL	Tue 1st	9.30am	Private Intention
TUBBERCURRY	Wed 2nd	9.30am	Paddy and Peter Brennan, Emmet Street
CLOONACOOOL	Thurs 3rd	9.30am	Donor's Intention (AL)
TUBBERCURRY	Fri 4th	9.30am	Special Intention (KK)
TUBBERCURRY	Sat 5th	7.00pm	Anthony Henry (Anniversary) Hugh Clarke and his wife Josie
CLOONACOOOL	Sun 6th	10.00am	Margaret Powell (Month's Mind), her husband Gerry Powell (Anniversary) and Bridget Smith (Anniversary)
TUBBERCURRY	Sun 6th	11.30am	John and Bridget Marren

Masses from our churches are livestreamed via webcam on the parish website.

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 **livestream**



Cloonacool: (10am)
Tubbercurry (Vigil 7pm)
Tubbercurry: (11.30am)

Weekend 5th / 6th April

Catherine Lang
John Wynne
Bridie Kilcoyne & Maria Kelleher