

Tubbercurry | Cloonacool parish bulletin



NEEDS TO BE EMPTY

I heard a story once shared by the late Archbishop Joe Cassidy that has a message for this Easter Day.

He spoke about his childhood days in Charlestown, Co. Mayo and his love for the cinema. He often referred to this as the escape into another world that we all look for from time to time. Going to the cinema was a highlight of his young life. To get there, the saving had to be done. Coins had to be gathered and saved to secure the ticket.

One way of gathering coins was by collecting jam jars and returning them to the shop. He said he recalled one day that he wanted to go to the cinema but he could not find a jam jar. He went to his mother's cupboard in the kitchen and saw there a jar and he knew that if he brought it to the local shop, the money received would pay for his ticket.

There was one problem. The jar was half full. He said he looked at it for a while, wrestled with the temptation and then closed the door, leaving the jar on its shelf. He said he learned a lesson that day. The jar was no use to him, unless it was empty.

Joe shared this story on an Easter Sunday morning and added, "Neither is the tomb"!

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

Easter Sunday - 5th April 2026

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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 **Pat McHugh**, Sooeey, uncle of Maura Killoran. We remember all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

A reminder to return Trócaire Boxes as soon as possible. Thank you to all who have returned boxes and donations already.

+1 PLUS ONE

On the Third Sunday of Easter (April 19th), you are asked to invite **one** person (PLUS ONE) to come to Mass with you. Perhaps a friend or relative who has, for one reason or another, stopped attending Mass. Further details next week. ***Who might you ask?***

MINISTRIES NIGHT

For the past few years, by way of saying a collective thanks to all involved in Parish Ministry, the Pastoral Council has arranged a gathering. The same takes place this year with Mass in Cloonacool Church, followed by a buffet in the Community Centre. We invite and encourage all our Ministers of The Word, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir Directors and Members, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Counters, Altar Society Members, Church Care Groups, members of the Finance and Pastoral Councils to attend. It takes place on Thursday, 16th April at 7.00pm.

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on the young people in 5th and 6th Class in Holy Family NS on Saturday, 18th April at 11am in Tubbercurry Church. Please remember the young people in your prayers.

GUIDED AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

In the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday 2pm-4.30pm. Afternoon will include rosary, meditation, silent time and Mass. For more information contact Fina 096 45374 or 087 6816821.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Catechism of the Catholic Church Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Saturday, 18th April beginning at 10am and concluding with Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 3pm. An opportunity to understand more deeply the dignity of our Baptism calling as we journey with the Risen Lord through the Easter Season. Please bring packed lunch. An opportunity awaits all choir members throughout the country to sing at Knock Shrine. All are welcome to attend. More details on poster at back of churches.

SOUTH SLIGO SOCIAL CLUB

Will meet on Thursday 11am-12.30pm in Tubbercurry FRC. This social group is for people with Alzheimers, dementia or memory loss and their family/supporters. If you are a carer/supporter feel free to pop along by yourself or bring the person you are caring for along also. A warm and welcome environment and the all-important cuppa awaits. Contact 071 9186296 for more information or to express interest.

THANK YOU - DAFFODIL DAY

Thank you to all the people of Tubbercurry, Gurteen and surrounding areas for their support on Daffodil Day. Amount collected €3,598. Thank you to all the businesses for allowing us to use their forecourts and to all our wonderful volunteers.

NIGHT PRAYER - Each night at 10pm (approx.)

Join us on facebook.com/uinsionno

THANK YOU

Aggie Durcan would like to thank all those who supported and helped out in any way on the fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research held recently in The Mill Café, Cloonacool. A massive €3,825 was collected on the day. Mile Buíochas

ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Tubbercurry Active Retirement Annual Holiday for 2026 is booked for 14th June for 5 nights in the Carrickdale Hotel, Dundalk to include 5 bed and breakfasts and 5 evening dinners, travelling by luxury coach. A full itinerary is planned over the five days visiting Carlingford, Hillsborough Castle, Slane Castle etc. and some of the historical beautiful scenic sites of the North East. There are only a few seats available so if you would like to know more, please contact Joan 0887 630315. We are also forming a Walking Group and will commence after the Easter break, starting point Teach Laighne Car Park at 11.45am on Monday mornings. Anyone interested in joining for short walks locally is very welcome.

PHOENIX PLAYERS

The Phoenix Players will celebrate 80 years of local theatre this April with a special anniversary exhibition in St. Brigid's Hall. Running from 12noon-8.00pm on Saturday, 25th April and 10.00am-3.00pm on Sunday, 26th April, this 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 groups rich history. A social evening will take place on Saturday, 25th April in Cawleys Hotel at 8pm. Tickets €15 available from Gillespies or Doohans. The weekend promises to be a worthy celebration of community, creativity and the lasting legacy of the Phoenix Players.

YOUTH 2000 DAY RETREAT

Takes place on 25th April at Knock Shrine. Youth 2000 provides an opportunity for young people (16-35 year olds) to develop their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith, and meet other young people through a structured retreat programme. Talks, testimonies and games. Donation only. Visit www.youth2000.ie to register or contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information.

HOST FAMILIES

We're delighted to welcome a group of Spanish students to the Tubbercurry area from 3rd to 25th July, and we're looking for host families who might enjoy opening their home to a student. Hosting is simple, rewarding, and a lovely way to share the warmth and hospitality our community is known for. Students take part in organised daytime activities in Tubbercurry from Monday to Friday 10am-4pm. For more information ring 086-0876403 or email principal@clanncourses.com

TRAD SESSION

South Sligo CCE Senior Trad Music Session in The May Queen on Friday night starting at 9pm.

COLEMAN MUSIC CENTRE

Don Stiff, Ger O'Donnell and Trevor Sexton in Concert on Saturday 18th April at 8.00pm in Coleman Music Centre, Gurteen. The combination of these three powerhouses of Irish vocals is one of the most exciting things happening in Irish music in recent times. Admission €30. To book call: 071 9182599, scan QR code on posters or online www.colemanirishmusic.com

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Thanks to all who prepared for, took part in, and attended the Holy Week Ceremonies.



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You may support the parish through online donations via our Diocesan Website achonrydiocese.org/donateonline or by scanning the QR CODE

tubbercurrycloonacool.com

Parish Diary

**MASS TIMES
AND
INTENTIONS**

This week

CHURCH	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
TUBBERCURRY	Holy Saturday	<u>9.00pm</u>	Easter Vigil Mass
CLOONACOOOL	Easter Sunday	10.00am	Madeline Queenan (Anniversary)
TUBBERCURRY	Easter Sunday	11.30am	Hugh and Josie Clarke
TUBBERCURRY	Mon 6th Apr	9.30am	People of the Parish
CLOONACOOOL	Tue 7th	9.30am	Ellen and Patrick Neary
TUBBERCURRY	Wed 8th	9.30am	Chrissie O'Dowd (Month's Mind)
CLOONACOOOL	Thurs 9th	9.30am	Donor's Intention (BR)
TUBBERCURRY	Fri 10th	9.30am	Maureen Savage Walsh (20th Anniversary), Paddy Joe and Sharon
TUBBERCURRY	Sat 11th	7.00pm	Anthony Henry (Anniversary)
CLOONACOOOL	Sun 12th	10.00am	Gerry and Tommy Wynne and parents James and Mary Mick Lang, Masshill (Anniversary), Molly and all members of the Lang and Forde families
TUBBERCURRY	Sun 12th	11.30am	Madge and Michael Duffy, sons Declan and Kevin and deceased of the Duffy family

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

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Weekend 11th / 12th April

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

*James McCarrick
John Wynne
Gerry Brennan & Colette King*