



Parish Mission Statement

“ Inspired by the Life and Work of the Venerable Patrick Peyton CSC, we the people of Attymass Parish strive to build a Community that is rooted in Gospel Values and is deeply committed to the Mission of Jesus. ”

NEWSLETTER

MONTH OF JANUARY

CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK

VENUE	DATE	TIME	CELEBRATIONS AND INTENTIONS AND MEETINGS
Parish Church	Saturday 8th	7.30pm	The Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord Patrick & Kathleen Gallagher & Madeline Nilan, Currower Tony & Peggy Conlon, Cullane (Facebook Live)
Parish Church	Sunday 9th	10.30am	The Baptism of the Lord: The People of the Parish
Parish Church	Monday 10th	9.30am	Donor's Intention (Facebook Live)
Fr. Peyton Centre	Tuesday 11th	12.15pm	Intentions of the Seniors Group (Facebook Live).
Parish Church	Wednesday 12th	9.30am	Martin O'Neill, Currower & the deceased of the O'Neill & Quinn Families
Parish Church	Thursday 13th	9.30am	Donor's Intention
Parish Church	Friday 14th	7.30pm	Katie, Johnny Ferguson & son Sean, Cullane
Parish Church	Saturday 15th	7.30pm	The Vigil of Second Sunday of the Year Linda Durkan, Cullane, Michael Gillespie * Deceased members of the Gillespie Family, Byhalla Tom & Nora Flannelly, JJ & Kathleen Flannelly, Ballycong (Facebook Live)
Parish Church	Sunday 16th	10.30am	The Second Sunday of the Year: People of the Parish

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: Under GDPR, the protection of your personal data is important to us. We are happy to include your notice in our Parish Bulletin, but please ensure that you have received the consent of any persons referenced before submitting a notice to us. Please submit items by **Wednesday evening at 8pm**, via email (attymassparish@achonrydiocese.org) if possible and please include your contact details. Thank you.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

We remember in our prayers **Carmel Purcell**, Dublin, (sister of Fr. Joe Caulfield, parish priest of Gurteen) and **Martin Maloney**, Massbrook, (uncle of Fr. John) and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time and we also remember all who have passed away during the coronavirus pandemic. May they rest in peace.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, please come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you now as if you were already there and I untie myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

A sincere thanks to all who have handed in their contributions (the weekly envelopes) for the support of the parish. The amounts received during the month of December **Envelopes:** €4,489.00, **Loose:** €25.95, **Donations:** €157.40, **Covid:** €20 It is very much appreciate your generosity in these difficult times for everyone. God bless you all. Fr. John

PRIEST COLLECTION

Thanks to all who have contributed to the priest's Christmas collection. The amount received so far is **€4,418** Please know that your support is very much appreciated and not taken for granted. Fr John

PARISH STATISTICS

The Parish as 'A Family of Families' gathered together for different stages of people's journey's throughout 2021; some were happy occasions, while at others we gathered to express our solidarity with the loss of a loved one. We remember all whose stories are in these figures below:

**Baptisms 6,
Weddings 4,
Confirmation 14
First Holy Communion 3
Deaths 5**

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community **Cara Sienna Naughton**, Castlebar who received the Sacrament of

Baptised on Saturday 18th December 2021. We wish her every blessing in life and we congratulate her parents and family at this special time.

CHURCH SAFETY MEASURES

1. Please sanitise your hands as you enter the church.
2. By Law face coverings are now to be worn in places of worship.
3. Holy Communion will be distributed into the hand only
4. Social distance needs to be maintained at all times both inside and outside of the church.
5. Newsletters are single use items. If you take one upon entering the Church, please bring it home – do not discard it.
6. **There is no room in the sacristy to accommodate people due to Covid-19 regulations. Please wait in your seat if you wish to see Fr. John**
7. Standing at the back of Church during Mass continues to be prohibited

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Although Jesus, as the sinless Son of God, had no need for re-birth through baptism, he chose, in his humility, to accept the washing by John in the waves of the Jordan. In doing so, he imparted sacramental power to the waters of baptism, whereby our own being is restored to its original blessedness and purity. When Christ emerged from the water, the Spirit descend upon him as a dove, while the voice of the Father proclaims, 'You are my Son, my Beloved; my favour rests upon you.' This descent of the Spirit and proclamation of love and favour from the Father is a reality for each baptised person. It is a reality which is renewed constantly, or rather has a potency which is indelible and eternal. If we still our minds from distractions, worries, aspirations and fears, and look upwards to the heavens, we shall see the Holy Spirit hovering above us, as the white dove of hope and faith. And if we listen intently, we shall not fail to hear our God proclaim with infinite love and joy to each of us personally, 'You are my beloved child, and my favour rest upon him.'

God's Word Daily Reflections 2022: St Pauls

MASS BOOKINGS

Due to the ongoing and changing Covid-19 situation, the Parish Pastoral Council are asking families to consider **Friday evenings at 7.30pm or Saturday mornings at 11.00am** when booking Anniversaries Mass or Month's Mind Masses due to the restricted capacity of

our Parish Church and also for the Health and Safety of the Community.

HOMECARE

Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on **087 991 6791 or 087 744 0729**. Our website is **www.alhomecare.ie**

SICK CALLS

During present Covid restrictions visits to the sick and housebound to private homes may continue at the request of the householder and adhering to all the safety guidelines. Anyone wishing a visit please contact Fr. John

FR. PEYTON CENTRE

Fr Peyton Centre opening times. Monday to Friday from 10am to 5pm. Our Community Grocery Shop, Souvenir Shop, Museum are open. Our Bakery is also open; we are baking to order. Our restaurant and tea rooms have reopened inline with Government Covid-19 Regulations for indoor dining .

A REFLECTION

Baptism was not over and done with the day we were taken from the font.

We are baptised by all that happens to us in life.

We are baptised by hardship; in its turbulent waters we are purified of all that is false and useless.

We are baptised by suffering; in its murky waters we grow in humility and compassion.

We are baptised by joy: in its gurgling waters we experience the goodness of life.

We are baptised by love: in its singing waters we blossom like flowers in the sun.

Baptism is like the planting of a seed. It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen

Fr. Flor McCarthy SBD

BEATIFICATION PRAYER

Dear Jesus, the Venerable Patrick Peyton devoted his priestly life to strengthening the families of the world by calling them to pray together everyday, especially the Rosary. His message is as important for us now as it was during his life on earth. We beg you, therefore, to hasten the day of his beatification, so that your faithful people everywhere will remember his message that *the family that prays together stays together*, will imitate him in his devotion to your Mother and ours, and will be inspired by his holy life to draw ever closer to you with childlike confidence and love. Amen