



## 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 MARCH

CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK

VENUE	DATE	TIME	CELEBRATIONS AND INTENTIONS AND MEETINGS
Parish Church	Saturday 5th	7.30pm	The Vigil for the First Sunday of Lent Peggy & Tony Conlon, Cullane ( <b>Facebook Live</b> )
Parish Church	Sunday 6th	10.30am	The First Sunday of Lent People of the Parish
Parish Church	Monday 7th	<b>7.00am</b>	For Peace in Ukraine and the World ( <b>Facebook Live</b> ).
Fr. Peyton Centre	Tuesday 8th	12.15pm	Intentions of the Seniors Group ( <b>Facebook Live</b> ).
Parish Church	Tuesday 8th	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour for Lent until 8.00pm</b>
Parish Church	Wednesday 9th	9.30am	The Sick of the Parish
Parish Church	Thursday 10th	9.30am	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>
Parish Church	Friday 11th	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Parish Church	Friday 11th	7.30pm	Michael, Teddy Hughes, Teresa Hennigan nee Hughes and Patsy Gilboy nee Hughes, Carrick
Parish Church	Saturday 12th	7.30pm	The Vigil for the Second Sunday of Lent Kevin Durkan, Cullane John Joe & Freda Howley, Currower ( <b>Facebook Live</b> )
Parish Church	Sunday 13th	10.30am	The Second Sunday of Lent People of the Parish

The Parish Masses on Mondays, and Saturday evenings will be live-streamed on the Parish Facebook page and Parish webpage. Any other Masses are put online when requested will be marked by **asterisks (\*)** in the Church diary above

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**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](mailto:attymassparish@achonrydiocese.org)) if possible and please include your contact details. Thank you.

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**Fr. Peyton Memorial Centre St. Feichin's National School**  
**Opening Hours:** Telephone 096-45076  
**Monday to Friday from 10am to 5pm** office@attymassns.ie  
**If you need assistance please phone**  
**096 45374. .**

**PARISH AND DIOCESAN SAFE GUARDING**  
[www.achonrydiocese.org/diocesan-policy](http://www.achonrydiocese.org/diocesan-policy)  
**PARISH REPRESENTATIVES**  
 Veronica Peyton and Padraic Walsh





### PLEASE PRAY FOR

We remember in our prayers 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 unite 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. Please know that your support is very much appreciated and not taken for granted. Fr John

### COVID-19

1. Please sanitise your hands as you enter the church.
2. People are encouraged to wear Face masks
3. Holy Communion will be distributed into the hand only
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**

### GARDA NOTICE

Dog Owners are being asked by the Garda's to keep their pets under control as there has been a loss of sheep stock in the parish.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent Stations of the Cross will take place on a Friday evening at 7.00pm followed by evening Mass

### LENT 2022

There will be an early morning Mass for the Mondays of Lent at 7.00am and this will commence on Monday 7th March. Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm Lent Holy Hour starting **Tuesday 8th March**

### PASTORAL LETTER

Pope Francis launched a worldwide 'Synodal Journey' last October. Bishop Paul has written a Pastoral Letter to invite the people of the diocese into the process. Members of the Diocesan Pastoral Leadership Team have put together questions for people to reflect upon. Bishop Paul is asking people, priests, and deacons to reflect upon these questions and the feedback to be returned to your local parish. Fr. John will then forward the feedback to the Diocesan Office. The Pastoral Letter and the questionnaire are attached to the newsletter.

### 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Later in our Eucharistic celebration we will pray, 'Father... lead us not into temptation.' It is a plea that our God will strengthen and support us in the trails that inevitably confront our efforts to live faithful lives in accordance with God's will for his creation. In this, as in all matters related to our spiritual growth, Jesus, who was 'tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin.' is our exemplar. 'To learn from me.' he says, 'and you will rest for your souls.' The dramatic account of Jesus' encounter with Satan occurs in all three Synoptic Gospels. It is an appropriate reading with which to introduce the penitential season of Lent. The temptations that Jesus faced at the beginning of his public ministry relate to three issues that lie at the heart of the discord and division that bedevil contemporary society— our self centred attitudes to power, property and prestige— an unholy trinity that claims the worship of so many people. The ominous words which conclude today's reading are a reminder that the tempter is still destructively active among us and that we should be on our guard.

*God's Word Daily Reflections 2022: St Pauls*

### TROCAIRE BOXES

This year's Lenten campaign highlights how Covid-19 has impacted communities who were already facing significant challenges due to climate change and food insecurity. We hear the story of Thandekile and her two children, her daughter Nomatter and son Forward, and how Covid-19 has had a devastating impact on their family. We also hear how Thandekile shows courage, hope and strength in the face of these challenges Trocaire boxes will be available from the back of the Church.

### 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.

### CE SCHEME VACANCIES

General Operatives required for Bofield Bonniconlon CE scheme. Please contact Intreo Ballina on **096 80500** with reference number **CES-2211466** for more details.

### MOY DAVITTS

Congratulations to Fr. Padraig Costello, Foxford who won a lovely jackpot of €495 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday. Tickets are available in the usual retail outlets and by clicking <https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts>

### COMMUNITY GAMES

Anybody wishing to get involved with the Attymass Community Games Committee please contact us on Attymass Community Games Facebook page or alternatively Louise at 087 9582965 or Patricia at 087 2768080 **by March 6th**. Thank you.

### YOUTH 2000

Youth 200 Connaught Retreat, College of the Immaculate Conception, Summerhill, Sligo, 11th-13th March, Ages 16-35. Register at [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

### CONNECTED HEALTH

Connected health are looking to recruit caregivers throughout all areas of Mayo. Paying rates up to 16 euro PH plus travel. No experience required as full-accredited training will be provided. Apply to [info@connected-health.ie](mailto:info@connected-health.ie).

### KILMOVEE 10K

#TogtherAgian-Kilmovee 10k, supporting Mayo Roscommon Hospice take place this year on Saturday 16th April. Registration takes places this year online **ONLY**. For more Info and registration [www.Kilmovee10k.com](http://www.Kilmovee10k.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/kilmovee10k>

### 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



Bishop's House  
Ballaghaderreen  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## An Invitation from Bishop Paul

It lifts the heart to hear the hope filled comments dotted through our conversations these days. *"There's a great stretch in the evenings," "the daffodils are appearing," "Spring is in the air!"* The signs of new life awaken a sense of wonder. This sense of awakening is also happening in the life of the Church as we embark upon a new journey together. Last October, Pope Francis initiated what is called a "Synodal Journey." This is an invitation from the Pope to each member of the Church to share their thoughts on what they believe is truly important in the life of the Church today. "Synod" is a Greek word which literally means "journeying together." This "journeying together" is a wonderful expression of what it is to be Church and is at the heart of Pope Francis' vision of how we should live our lives as brothers and sisters in Christ. As all members of the Church engage with this process of sharing, reflecting and listening it will enable us to discern where the Holy Spirit is calling us as a community of disciples today and into the future.

One central aspect of this process is the ability to listen to one another. In the past synods were mainly the business of bishops and cardinals. However, the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) emphasised that all the baptised make up the People of God and that the Holy Spirit speaks through all those who are baptised. This understanding is at the heart of Pope Francis' ministry; therefore, he wants to listen to what people have to say to the Church today. To do this, a consultation process has been put in place. Every diocese across the world has been asked to reach out to as many people as possible to ask what they would like to say to the Church. This process is now underway in our diocese. When the information is gathered, a report will be drawn up. This feedback will form part of an overall report that will come from all the other dioceses in Ireland and will then be submitted to Rome so that it will be included in the discussions at the Synod in October 2023.

In order for us to reach out to as many people as possible, I asked members of the Diocesan Leadership Team to put together some questions for people to reflect upon. These questions are now available in printed form in your parish and on our Diocesan Website: [achonrydiocese.org](http://achonrydiocese.org). I am inviting you to take these questions and reflect upon them. You might also wish to share them with members of your family or friends who have perhaps drifted away or indeed deliberately walked away from the Church. Pope Francis is eager to hear their input too. For practical purposes, each parish will collect the feedback and forward it to Bishop's House. We will also arrange a number of meetings throughout the diocese in the coming weeks where people can come along and share their views on the Church today.

I thank you for taking the time to consider the questions. I pray that through this process we will be able to discern the path the Holy Spirit is calling the Church today and that we will have the courage to respond.

Yours in Christ,

+ Paul Dempsey

Bishop of Achonry.



**4. What events in the parish help you to get to know God better and to relate to God in a significant way?  
What other helps could be provided?**

**5. Are you aware of positive interactions between the local Church, other Christians and / or other faiths?  
How could these relationships be improved?**

**6. How are decisions made in the Church? What processes could be helpful for greater participation in  
decision making?**

**Feel free to add any other reflections in this space:**