



## 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 / FEBRUARY  
CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK

VENUE	DATE	TIME	CELEBRATIONS AND INTENTIONS AND MEETINGS
Parish Church	Saturday 29th	7.30pm	The Vigil of Fourth Sunday of the Year Luke Durkan, Leicester Mary Ellen, John, Delia Durkan and James Ferguson, Cullane <b>(Facebook Live)</b>
Parish Church	Sunday 30th	10.30am	The Fourth Sunday of the Year: People of the Parish
Parish Church	Monday 31st	9.30am	Special Intention <b>(Facebook Live)</b>
Fr. Peyton Centre	Tuesday 1st	12.15pm	Intentions of the Seniors Group <b>(Facebook Live)</b> .
Parish Church	Wednesday 2nd	9.30am	The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) <b>(Facebook Live)</b> .
Parish Church	Thursday 3rd	9.30am	Donor's Intention (St Blaise)
Parish Church	Friday 4th	7.30pm	Elizabeth & George Loftus, Currower
Parish Church	Saturday 5th	11.00am	Eileen Weir, Kilgellia
Parish Church	Saturday 5th	7.30pm	The Vigil of Fifth Sunday of the Year Conlon & Gaughan Families, Cullane & Byhalla <b>(Facebook Live)</b>
Parish Church	Sunday 30th	10.30am	The Fifth Sunday of the Year: 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

**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  
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**PARISH AND DIOCESAN SAFE GUARDING**  
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**PARISH REPRESENTATIVES**  
Veronica Peyton and Padraic Walsh





### PLEASE PRAY FOR

We remember in our prayers **Joe Gallagher**, Mullahowney and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time and we also remember all who have passed away during the coronavirus

### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

pandemic. May they rest in peace. 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. Please know that your support is very much appreciated and not taken for granted. Fr John

### CANDLEMAS DAY

Wednesday 2nd February is Candlemas Day. **The blessing of candles will take place at the 9.30am Mass on the Wednesday morning via Facebook Live.** We give an opportunity for people to give a donation towards the purchase of our altar candles for the coming year. If people would like to buy candles they will be available from the Parish house on **Thursday from 11am-12noon and 5pm-6pm**

### MASS BOOKINGS

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.

### BLESSING OF THROATS

Thursday next is the Feast of St Blaise. A general blessing of throats will take place after the 9.30am Mass and also after the weekend Masses on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th February. We have been advised by the Diocesan Office to give a general blessing instead of a individual blessings this year.

### CHURCH SAFETY MEASURES

1. Please sanitise your hands as you enter the church.
2. Face masks still have to be worn in places of worship until the Government review at the end of February.
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**
7. Standing at the back of Church during Mass continues to be prohibited

### BIBLE COURSE

A series of four sessions on how to read the Bible today. These will look at its formation, the various kinds of literature that it contains, the contexts in which the books were composed and some of the key figures and events that we encounter in them. There is no charge. Presenter: Fr Eugene Duffy **Venue: The Gateway Hotel, Swinford Dates: Tuesdays, Feb 15th, 22nd, March 1st and 8th. Time: 8.00 to 10.00 pm** Light refreshments will be provided during the break in each session. If you have a bible bring it with you on the night

### ATTYMASS N.S.

Attymass National School are now taking enrolments for the school year 2022-2023. If you wish to enrol your child/children in the school, please contact the school on **096-45076** or email **office@attymassns.ie** for enrolment form

### ST. NATHY'S COLLEGE

St Nathy's College Leaving Cert Class 1981 is hoping to have a class reunion in August. A call out to anyone who entered St Nathy's in September 1976 or perhaps joined/left the class that would have sat the Leaving Cert in 1981 to get in contact and say "An Seo"!! Call or text Marty Groarke on (087) 635 0034

### 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. The monthly Sick calls will resume in March 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. .

### 4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

In today's beautiful passage from the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul speaks of the wonders of love—the love which is always patient and kind, which is always ready to forgive, which delights in the truth, and which does not come to an end. As such, love, in its purified form, reflects the character of the divinity, the essence of God himself. Each of us has experienced and participated in love in some way or another. It is a universal and even constitutive part of our human condition. But human love is often marred by possessiveness, inconstancy, lust or insecurity, and is therefore but an imperfect image of heavenly love. Yet it remains always an authentic and genuine (if, at times, somewhat tarnished) reflection of God's love and a manifestation of the divine essence which is itself love. Let us not be afraid to love, ardently and passionately, all that is noble, beautiful and true. For in whomever and whatever we love, it is God himself who is ultimately both the lover and the beloved.

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

### 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.

### REFLECTION

Faith is a path we walk with Jesus and it is a path that lasts all our lives. At the end the definitive encounter will take place. Certainly, in some moments along the path we will feel tired and confused. However, faith gives us the certainty of the constant presence of Jesus in all situations, even the most painful and difficult to understand. *Pope Francis*

### 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

Dear Friends,

The Parish Pastoral Council met during the week to consider the Government easing the Covid-19 restriction and guidance received from the Diocesan Office.

The Pastoral Council reflected upon the information we received and discussed how best to proceed for our Parish of Attymass.

**Church seating:**

1. **Weekend Masses:** It was felt that the best approach for us would be to open fully (no ribbons) a section of the church and to leave another section of the Church with ribbons on every second seat. This allows parishioners to freely choose where they want to sit in church. This will be reviewed regularly.
2. **Funeral Masses:** All ribbons will be removed for a funeral Mass

**Face Masks & Hand Sanitisers:**

1. **Hand Sanitiser:** Parishioners are still being asked to please sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the church.
2. **Face Masks:** Face masks still have to be worn in places of worship until the Government review at the end of February.

**Funerals:**

Sympathising at funerals in the Church is still not allowed by direction of the Diocesan Office.

**Parking in the Church Yard:**

Parking in the church yard is to be reserved for parishioners with mobility issues at the weekend Masses and daily Mass.

**Holy Communion:**

For Holy Communion, parishioners will be asked to come out seat by seat and Holy Communion will be distributed into the hand only.

**Parish Office:**

The Parish Office will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11am-1pm. People are asked to make an appointment for the booking of weddings and baptisms. The Parish Office is closed Saturday and Sunday.

**Readers:**

Readers are allowed to return at weekend Masses