

Prayer Campaign

Starting on the 12th January 2014, each parish will be prayed for by the rest of the parishes of the Diocese.

12TH JANUARY
Achonry-Mullinabreena

19TH JANUARY
Attymass

26TH JANUARY
Ballaghaderreen

2ND FEBRUARY
Ballisodare

9TH FEBRUARY
Ballymote

16TH FEBRUARY
Bohola

23RD FEBRUARY
Bonniconlon

2ND MARCH
Bunninadden

9TH MARCH
Carracastle

16TH MARCH
Charlestown

23RD MARCH
Coolaney

30TH MARCH
Collooney

6TH APRIL
Curry

13TH APRIL
Foxford

20TH APRIL
Gurteen

27TH APRIL
Keash

4TH MAY
Killasser

11TH MAY
Kilmovee

18TH MAY
Kiltimagh

25TH MAY
Straide

1ST JUNE
Swinford

8TH JUNE
Tourlestrane

15TH JUNE
Tubbercurry

Diocesan Prayer

Father, you walk always with your people.

In Jesus Christ, you call us to a living relationship with you through the Holy Spirit given to us in Baptism and Confirmation.

I ask you to send your Spirit afresh on me and on each member of the Church in our diocese of Achonry.

Draw me into a deeper relationship with you so that I may have a sure sense of your love for me and all the wonderful ways you work in my life.

Make me more aware of my vocation to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, dedicated to his mission of making you known among those with whom I live and work.

As disciples of Jesus, we ask you, Father, to help us renew our parishes so that all will experience the joy of belonging to your family of faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Nathy — Pray for us

St. Attracta — Pray for us

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Praying for our Diocese 2014



Achonry-Mullinabreena / Attymass
Ballaghaderreen / Ballisodare
Ballymote / Bohola / Bonniconlon
Bunninadden / Carracastle
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In 2014 we will be praying in a special way for our diocese of Achonry. Much has changed in our country and in our Church in recent years and in the light of so much change we must take stock of our present situation and plan for the future.

An Invitation....

We cannot do that without God's help and guidance. We cannot begin without prayer. So, in 2014, you are invited to pray for our diocese of 23 parishes – 11 parishes in Co. Mayo, 11 parishes in Co. Sligo and one in Co. Roscommon. One way you can do that is by praying the prayer on this brochure – with other members of your parish community at Mass, as part of your own daily prayer or from time to time with your family at home.

Praying: 'heart speaking to heart'

There is a difference between saying prayers and praying. Saying prayers can simply be repeating words by rote, without giving them much thought – like reciting tables at maths class in school. Praying, on the other hand, involves concentrating on the words, allowing them to take root deep inside us. Praying is 'heart speaking to heart': we tell God what is in our hearts and we listen with our hearts for what he says to us. What follows is offered as a help towards reflecting on the words of our diocesan prayer.

We begin: 'Father...'

'One of the disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray'... He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father...' (Luke 11: 1-2). So our prayer begins, 'Father.' The Gospels, in their original language, tell us that sometimes Jesus used the word 'Abba' when he prayed. 'Abba' translates as 'Daddy'. So Jesus is saying to us that we can approach God as a child approaches a loving parent...with trust, with confidence, without fear. God is not remote or distant from us. He is close to us, caring for us at every step of life's journey. That's why Jesus chose to live among us – to share with us the good news that we are lavishly loved by God, loved so much that God shares his life with us.

Called into a living relationship with God

That life of God begins in us when we are baptised in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We become a child of the Father, a brother or sister of Jesus Christ, a possessor of the Holy Spirit. We are called into a living relationship with God. And when you think about it, that is an extraordinary and wonderful thing. It is a gift so generous, so mind-boggling that it takes a lifetime to unpack and appreciate.



Asking for the Spirit

So we pray in 2014 that each of us will grow in appreciation of the wonder of God's gift and the love that is behind it. We ask that God's Holy Spirit, first poured over us in Baptism and later, given more fully in Confirmation, will revive in each one of us a sure sense of how much we are loved by God and the wonderful ways he continues to work in us, in our Church and in our world. We pray that for ourselves and for each other, because together we are one family in faith.

Disciples of Jesus

We pray also that in 2014 we will become more aware that each one of us is called to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. That is the vocation we all share as baptised people. It means that if we experience the joy and the peace that comes from knowing that we are loved by God, then, like Jesus, we will want to share that good news with others.

Renewing the family of faith

The relationships in life that bring us most joy and happiness are those in which we immerse ourselves fully, without counting the cost in any way. The living relationship to which God invites us is the same. May we, in 2014, begin to rediscover the deep joy that comes from prayer. And may our prayer with and for each other renew us all in the family of faith in our diocese of Achonry.