

## WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**R.I.P.** Roy Ajibade, St. Austins's Terrace, Carmel Kiely (nee Edwards) Bagenalstown & formerly of St. Austins Terrace, Tullow who died recently.

### MASSES FOR SUNDAY 5TH APRIL, 11 A.M.

John Pullen, Ardattin. Patsy Mernagh and deceased family members, 3 Station Road and grandson Patrick. Patrick McDonnell, Ballybit. Myles Fitzpatrick & family, Rathlyon. Bridie Ralph and family, Rathlyon.

### MASSES FOR SATURDAY 11TH APRIL, 7.30 P.M.

Pat Garry, Castledermot Road. Michael & Eileen Lyons, Templeowen. Alice & Kevin Moylan, Pairc Mhuire. Margaret Maher, 11 St. Austins Terrace, son Billy and daughters Beth and Mary. Patrick Brennan, Castledermot Road and grandson Sean Walsh, Kilrush. James & Eileen Cosgrove, Dublin Road. Jim & Bridie Keating, Old Chapel Lane. Mary Keating, Mill Street. Mary Carroll, Tankardstown. Teresa Carroll, Tankardstown. Helen Scrutton, (nee Archibold)) and Peter Archibold, Carlow Road, Tullow. Frank Bailey Junior, Ballymurphy.

### MASSES FOR SUNDAY 12TH APRIL, 11 A.M.

Herbert & Dolly Finlayson, Barrack Street.  
Kathleen & Alec Young, Mill Street.

*Rest in Peace*

## A PRAYER ON EASTER SUNDAY



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Lord of all life,  
we have journeyed to Easter,  
we have proclaimed your resurrection and  
renewed our baptism.  
We embrace with gladness the new life to  
which you call each one of us.  
You are our hope and our joy.

Bless us, our families, and all the world,  
with your constant presence and protection.

May we give you thanks every day  
and share the good news of our faith  
with all we meet.

And may the light of our Easter faith  
guide our footsteps in your ways of  
love, peace, and truth.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

## TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th April, 2026  
EASTER SUNDAY



### PARISH CONTACTS

**Parish Office:** 059 9151277  
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**Fr. Ger Ahern PP:** 059 9180222  
**Registered Charity No:** 20015848

**Mass Times:** Monday at 11am,  
Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am  
**Service of the Word & Holy Communion:**  
Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am  
**Confessions:** Saturday 7pm or by request

### A thought for Easter 2026 ...

*"The Mass of Chrism reminds us of our calling, a calling that is rooted in our baptism. All of us are, as this year's Confirmation theme runs, 'Loved, Chosen, Necessary'. Baptism allows us all to belong, and the synod Synthesis reminds us 'belonging' is critical to our faith journey. Every one of you in the Cathedral this night is needed in our Church. Lay Pastoral Ministers (currently in formation) do not replace the clergy. Lay Pastoral Ministers do not replace the lay faithful already immersed in the life of their parish. The clergy do not replace the call of every baptised person. The Church of Kildare and Leighlin needs everyone"*

(Chrism Mass Homily 2026)

May each one of you grow to realise the profound calling that is your baptism this Easter and may your Easter be filled with light, peace and joy.

Every blessing,  
Bishop Denis

*May the risen Lord fill your heart  
with compassion, joy, love, and  
never-ending bliss. God blesses  
all those who believe in him.*

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am to 6pm in Parish Church.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS W/E 21st/22nd March**  
Envelope Collection: €1,899. Basket Collection: €784. Many thanks.

**Easter Collection for The Clergy Fund**  
Please use your special envelope from your envelope box or from your seat in the church. Thank you sincerely for your support throughout the year.



**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2026**  
Wednesday 26th August to 2nd September 2026  
Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board. Cost: €895  
Spiritual Director: Fr. Ger Ahern. For more info contact:  
Parish Office 059 9151277 or 087 629 8881



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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>FIRST COMMUNION:</b>	Saturday: 9th May (Grange):	11am
	Saturday: 16th May (Ardattin):	11am
	Saturday: 23rd May (Tullow):	12noon



### MASS READERS

The number of readers in all our churches has reduced significantly. We would therefore welcome new readers. A course will take place in the parish on Thursdays 23rd, 30th April and 7th May. This will be an opportunity for existing readers to reflect on their ministry and for new readers to explore the importance of proclaiming the Word of God.

**KILDARE AND LEIGHLIN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**  
takes place on Sunday 7th June led by Bishop Denis Nulty.

We would like to see as many people as possible join with others from around the diocese for this pilgrimage which takes place every second year. A bus will travel from the parish. Details to follow.



**TRÓCAIRE**  
Working for a Just World

Please return Trócaire boxes during the coming week. It would be helpful if coins were converted to notes but we are happy to get it whatever way you choose.

### Captain Murphy Memorial Hall

Times during the week available. The rates for the use of the hall are as follows: Up to 6pm: €20 per hour. After 6pm: €25 per hr. Heating is an additional €10 per hr. Bookings can be made by calling: (Nicola) 085 7150412.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Devotions on Sunday 12th April at 3pm in Tullow Church.

### Thomas Traynor Memorial

*The Annual Commemoration will be held at the Thomas Traynor Memorial today Sunday 5th April at 3pm. All welcome.*

### COFFEE MORNING

Friday 10th April 11am - 12 noon in Bishop's House, Tullow.

All donations made from the coffee morning will go towards our Follaine Counselling Service.



### TULLOW MACRA

Celebrate 80 years of Tullow Macra on Saturday, 25th April at 8pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Music by Alister Fingelton and Paddy Tracey. Tickets €20 (available at the door).

**Jiving prizes:** 1st €250 + dinner for two (Dáil Restaurant)  
2nd Dinner for two (Dáil Restaurant), 3rd €100 voucher (Lamberts Hardware)  
Plus hamper draw for other competitors. Finger food served.  
Macra is a social group for 17-35 year olds in rural Ireland.  
Info: Tullow Macra Instagram or Patrick Jordan (087 6722757).

### Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Manage and plant native hedgerows for biodiversity

The more blossom your hedgerow has in spring, the better it is for biodiversity. Allow hedges to grow into a natural A-shape profile rather than a neat box shape. Why: Native hedgerow plants such as Hawthorn (also called Whitethorn), & Blackthorn flower early in spring, providing vital food for wild bees when they emerge from hibernation. Birds and mammals eat their berries later in autumn.

[www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

**THANK YOU:** Carlow Multiple Sclerosis Branch thank sincerely all who contributed to their recent local Church Gate Collection. €675 was contributed.

**Ardattin Drama Groups presents** "Many Young Men of Twenty" in aid of Eist Cancer Support in Ardattin Hall on Wednesday 15th of April at 8 p.m.