

Carlow County Council: Fire & Rescue Service: Recruitment Information Evening: Interested in Being a Retained/on call FIREFIGHTER? Tullow Fire Brigade Information evening on Thursday 30th January at 7.30 p.m. in Tullow Fire Station. Find out more about the role of today's Retained Firefighters, the calls they attend and the equipment they use. Details of employment and application forms available via www.carlow.ie

TULLOW BINGO

Bingo every Thursday night at 8.30 p.m. in Murphy Memorial Hall. **Hickson's Supervalu Jackpot** next week is €620.

Grange G.F.C. will hold their annual A.G.M. on Friday 24th January at 8.30 p.m. in Grange Club House. All welcome.

Do you qualify to participate on a CE or Tus Scheme?

Are you eligible to participate in the RSS Scheme (if you have a Herd number or access to a herd number you may be eligible)? If you answer 'Yes' to any of the above Develop Tullow Association Cig/Tullow Tidy towns would like to hear from you. Please note: These positions are equal opportunities. Contact Mary Walsh, 086 2232971, Margaret Kirwan, 087 8538596 or William Paton, 087 6787115.

CHAIR YOGA: 6 WEEK COURSE

Starting on Wednesday 15th January in Tullow Parish Centre at 11.30 a.m.
Phone Maria on 087 6421820.

MICHAEL ENGLISH IN CONCERT

in Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Tullow
on Wednesday 19th August, 2020 at 8 p.m.

Proceeds in aid of Tullow Parish.

Tickets are €25 and are now on sale from The Parish Office, Tullow.

LOST: If anyone found a wedding ring that was lost in Tullow, can they drop it into the parish office and we will contact the owner. Thank you.

St. Patrick's G.A.A. will hold their Church Gate collection in Tullow and Ardattin on 25th/26th January.

St Anne's Ladies Football Club will hold their Church Gate Collection on Sunday 26th January in Grange. Please support.

If there is NO St. Patrick's Day Parade in Tullow this year, how would you feel?

At a meeting of DTA, Cig held recently it was agreed that unless we can secure the help of additional voluntary/clubs to form a working committee it will not be possible to have a Parade this year. If you or your club/group want to see the Parade continue, please contact Margaret Kirwan on 087 8538596, Denis Ryan 087 6701091. **LACK OF RESPONSE - NO PARADE.**

HAUS (new fitness class). Moves with Michaela Coleman in Tullow Tennis Club at 7.30 p.m. Wednesday nights. Phone 085 7829787.

TULLOW, GRANGE AND ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th January, 2020
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The Lamb of God

In the church of the apparition church at Knock Shrine, there is a beautiful group of statues which represent the images seen by the visionaries during the apparition there in 1879. One of the most striking images is that of a lamb on an altar. Our understanding is that this image represents the Lamb of God.

In the ancient world, animal sacrifice was a major part of all religious ceremonies. Lambs and sheep were the primary animals sacrificed. This is still the case among Islamic people. However we have no need for animal sacrifice as John the Baptist tells us today. Jesus Christ is our Lamb of God, the perfect sacrifice offered to God.

“You were ransomed . . . not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb.” 1 Peter 1:18-19

This coming week is Church Unity week. If you attend any Christian Sunday gathering you will hear the prayer based on our reading today. “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the World”. Jesus, the Lamb of God, died to save us and this belief is the basis of all Christian faith.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Jack Archibold, Grange, Lily Smith, The Links & Brenda Quigley, Rathvarrin who died recently.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY, 7.30 P.M.

MONTHS MIND MASS for Paddy Doyle, St. Austins Terrace, Tullow.

Pee Kavanagh, 20 Templeowen. Frank Bailey, Ballymurphy. Jim Murphy, Ballymurphy. Sylvia Coughlan, 8 Courtlawns. Arthur Thompson, 2 Castledermot Road. James & Esther Keogh, Knockeen. Kathleen Kealy, Killamaster. Josie Hade, Dublin Road. Patrick, Mary & Willie Brennan, Co. Laois. James & Paddy Curran, Co. Laois. Tommie Nolan, Abbey Street and deceased family members of the Gahan Family.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY, 7.30 P.M.

MONTHS MIND MASS for Mary O'Neill, Dublin Road on Saturday 25th January at 7.30 p.m.

John Foley, The Square. Kathleen & John Kavanagh, Kill. Patrick Connolly, Bellwood Drive. John Shannon, Ardristan. Arthur & Catherine Murphy, Ouragh. James & Mary Sheppard, Ouragh. Brigid & William Shannon & deceased family members, Grangeford. Maureen & Kevin McGurgan, Bough, Rathvilly. Maureen & Brendan Healy, The Square. Rose & Patrick Kelly, Knocklow. Tomás Orbinski, 4 Bellwood Drive, Tullow.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS for Billy O'Neill, Ballymurphy next Sunday 26th January at 11.00 a.m. in Tullow Church.

MONTHS MIND MASS for Jimmy Smithers, St. Patrick's Park next Sunday 26th January at 11.00 a.m. in Tullow Church.

MONTHS MIND MASS for Ann Farrell, Leaney, Ardattin next Sunday 26th January at 11.00 a.m. in Tullow Church.

Monday 20th January and Wednesday 22nd January

In place of Mass, there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. From Sunday 19th (evening) to Wednesday 22nd (afternoon), the priests and deacons of the diocese are away at a Diocesan Assembly with Bishop Denis.

Sr. Nuala Glynn from The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary will speak at all Masses next weekend 25th/26th January in Tullow Parish. There will be a collection after the Masses for their missionary work. Your generosity would be appreciated.

Care of our Earth "We all need to make a journey of the heart where our relationship with the environment is concerned. What we do has an impact. We can make small changes in our own lives by looking at our homes, our habits, what we consume, our energy uses. We start with ourselves".

Jane Mellett. Reflections 2019.

Diocesan Mission Teams: The diocese are hoping to recruit 2 volunteers from each parish to promote mission awareness in our parishes. There will be a gathering of all volunteers with Bishop Denis on February 14th in Newbridge Parish Centre at 7 p.m. If you would like to get involved please give your name to the Parish Office.

Email: tulowparish@eircom.net

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Tullow Youth Project, Bishop's House.

We are looking for volunteers to help in our Youth Service. Get in touch to find out more. Phone 059 9152297 or Email cathy@carlowys.ie

Tullow Youth Project are hosting a **Meet and Greet** in Ballon Community Centre on Wednesday 22nd January from 4.30—5.30 p.m.

Youth workers from Carlow Regional Youth Service would like to chat to young people and parents from Ballon/Rathoe to get ideas for creating a social group for young people in the area.

Scoil Phadraig Naofa, Tullow are now enrolling boys for September 2020. Closing date for application is February 28th, 2020. Please contact the school for an enrolment form.

COLLECTIONS: Development: €2,130. Offertory: €1,252. Many thanks.

Parish Envelope Collection

As well as contributing through our parish envelopes and our weekly collections at mass, you can now make your donation to the parish by electronic banking. Follow the links on our Parish Web Page. Thank you.

Thank You: Brendan Dowling would like to thank everyone who helped with the Christmas appeal especially all the sponsors (too many to name). Thank you most sincerely for making it possible for our community to reach out to each other.

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.

Kildare & Leighlin

Diocesan Adoration Committee

invite you to a 'Day of Prayer, Mass, Adoration, sharing and music, in Carlow College

on Saturday January 25th, 2020 to begin at 10 a.m.

Refreshments served. All welcome.

Rusty Racquets: Tullow Tennis Club

Free 4 week instruction course for the over 50s. Mondays 12 –1. Improve your health and wellbeing. Equipment provided. Places are limited. Contact the club on 085 8780748 for details. Sport Ireland and Age and Opportunity Initiative.

**Ministers of the Eucharist
18th/19th January**

7.30 p.m. Teresa Kelly: Ronan Jackman
Brendan Dowling: Anita Doyle.
11.00 a.m. Phyllis Holden: Tim Healy
Ann Dowling: Veronica Ronan.

THANK YOU from Trocaire

A message from Colm Hogan, Trocaire
"I wish to acknowledge the total amount of €249,078.47 which we received from K. & L. Diocese for the Lent Campaign 2019.

We thank you for your very generous donations and please pass on our sincere thanks to all the parishioners in your diocese. We look forward to your continued support and hope you all have a blessed New Year of 2020".

Items for the newsletter can be emailed to tulowparish@eircom.net