

Our new Parish Website is up and running:

www.tulowparish.ie.

It's mobile compatible and is linked to our parish face book page: 'tulowparish.com'

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional support for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. by calling 0818222024.

Carlow County Council are preparing the Draft Litter management Plan 2021-2023 and invite submissions from all of the community of Carlow. This plan will set out the objectives and strategies to combat litter in our County for the next 3 years. Submissions can be sent in writing to Jannette O'Brien, A/Environmental Awareness Officer, Environment Department, Carlow County Council, Athy Road Carlow or email to environment@carlowcoco.ie on or before 31st July, 2020.

Tulow Sustainable Energy Network

(SECN) aims to bring the Tulow community together to develop a sustainable energy system for the benefit of the whole community. Money can be saved through the use of energy efficient projects and to create local jobs through energy efficiency. Communities can save as much as 20% on their energy use, lower their fuel bills, and improve comfort levels. It is hoped that by combining grant aid from County Carlow Development Partnership and SEAI that community buildings could get a grant up to 95% of the cost of improving their energy efficiency and delivering cleaner, greener energy across Tulow. For further information please contact Cllr. Will Paton 087 6787115. Also check out Tulow SECN's Facebook Page.

Active Retirement: Chair Yoga is ongoing in Tulow at 11.30 a.m. in Teach Bhríde until end of July. There will be a holiday break in August but it will resume in early September. Open to non-members. Phone Ettie on 086 8608611. Bowling is also available in Murphy Memorial Hall on Mondays and Friday at 2 p.m. New members welcome and tuition is available. You are welcome to call in at 2 p.m. on either day.

Michael English Concert

Due to the H.S.E. guidelines the Michael English Concert that was due to be held on 19th August will not go ahead as planned. The concert will be held at a later date next year.

TULLOW, GRANGE AND ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd August, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand.

Speaking in 2014, Pope Francis saw three messages in our Gospel.

Compassion:-Jesus has gone to a lonely place, mourning the death of John the Baptist. When a large crowd comes in search of him, Jesus does not react with irritation, he reacts with compassion. This is not simply feeling pity; it means to suffer with, to empathize with the suffering of another. Jesus is like this: he suffers together with us. And the sign of this compassion in our Gospel is that Jesus took pity on the five thousand and healed their sick.

Sharing:-The disciples wanted to send the crowd away to buy some food. Jesus tells them "give them something to eat yourselves." He is telling us that we have a provident Father, and God who will provide. He gives us each day our daily bread. And is important to share what we have with those who are in need.

Eucharist:-We are told that Jesus "raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing, and breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples". This is also what Jesus did at the Last Supper, when he established the perpetual memorial of the Eucharist. But Jesus does not give us just any bread, it is the bread of eternal life, he gives himself, offering himself to the Father out of love for us.

At our Mass today, our priest will take, bless and break the Eucharist with us, just as Jesus did at the feeding of the five thousand, and as he did with his disciples at the Last Supper.

Let us pray that we receive that Eucharist with the sentiments of Jesus, which are compassion and the will to share.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Pat O'Brien, St. Oliver Villas and Michael Doyle, 58 Hillbrook Estate and formerly of Ballickmoyler, Co. Laois who died recently.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS for Margaret Moody, Kineagh on Saturday night 1st August at 7.30 p.m. in Tullow Church.

Las O'Toole, Castledermot Road. Mary Hogan, Pairc Mhuire. Laurence Byrne, Killabeg.

ANNIVERSARY MASS for Pat Dalton, Ardristan and Sean Fennel, Coolroe, Ardattin next Friday night 7th August at 7.30 p.m. in Tullow Church.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST, 7.30 P.M.

MONTHS MIND MASS for Pat Lawlor, 47 Wolseley Park next Saturday 8th August at 7.30 p.m. in Tullow Church.

MONTHS MIND MASS for Luke Rooney, Donegal and formerly of Ardoyne, Tullow next Saturday 8th August at 7.30 p.m.

Martin Hogan, Hillbrook Estate. Johnny Kelly, Castledermot Road. Julia Fleming, Knocklow.

MONTHS MIND MASS for Billy Edwards, St. Austins Terrace next Sunday 9th August at 11.00 a.m. in Tullow Church.

Restricted numbers attending Mass

If you are free to do so, you are encouraged to attend one of our week day Masses in Tullow. Whatever mass you attend fulfils your Sunday obligation. This will allow others who are not free during the week, to attend a week-end Mass. Thank you.

Recommended H.S.E. Guidelines for all those attending Mass.

- ◆ Please sanitise your hands when entering and leaving church.
- ◆ The use of face masks by those attending Church is strongly recommended.
- ◆ Maintain Social distance between yourself and other people.
- ◆ Do not shake hands or make close contact where possible.
- ◆ Stay home and self-isolated if you have a fever, a new persistent cough, shortness of breath, a loss or change in your sense of smell. Phone your G.P.

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CONFIRMATION 2020

Ceremonies are arranged for the following dates:

Friday 14th August
Saturday 15th August
Friday 21st August
Saturday 22nd August

- ◆ All ceremonies will take place in Tullow at 2 p.m.
- ◆ All candidates who have registered for a particular date will soon be contacted inviting them to a rehearsal.

John Tyndall: Celebrate the 200th birthday of the great Co. Carlow scientist John Tyndall and learn about his life and contributions to modern science. On Sunday, 2nd August (Tyndall's Birthday) an online lecture will be livestreamed featuring Martin Nevin, Sir Roland Jackson and Dr. Julie Donnelly from the Tyndall National Institute. This lecture is presented by Carlow County Museum and the Tyndall National Institute, and will be available to watch online at 2 p.m. on Facebook. For more information visit www.carlowmuseum.ie

DTA Cig Annual General Meeting

will take place on Tuesday 11th August 2020 in Teach Bride, Tullow commencing at 7.30 p.m. New members welcome. Social distancing will be enforced.

Season of Creation

In this yearlong celebration of Laudato Si, parishes are especially asked to mark the Season of Creation. This begins on September 1st and concludes on October 4th. More details later.

Tullow R.F.C. A.G.M.

will be held on Wednesday 12th August at 8 p.m. in Murphy Memorial Hall. New members very welcome.

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.