

PLEASE PRAY FOR Sr. Brídín Clancy, Brigidine Convent and Billy Doyle, 5 Abbey Close who died recently.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 23RD JANUARY, 7.30 P.M.

Molly & Billy Maher, Castledermot Road and also their daughters Madge, Mary and Teresa and sons Noel, Tommy, Sean and Jay Kelly, Hillbrook Estate. P. Kavanagh, 20 Temple-owen. Shane O'Neill, 75 Hillbrook Estate. John Shannon, Ardristan. Annie Darcy, 5 St. Austins Terrace. Martha & Thomas Dawson, Rathbawn. Joseph & Brigid Healy, Deerpark. Rose & Patrick Kelly, Knocklow.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY, 7.30 P.M.

Tomás Orbinski, Bellwood Drive. Jim Savage, The Square.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY, 7.30 P.M.

Brigid & William Shannon, Grangeford. Maureen & Kevin McGurgan, Rathvilly.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 30TH JANUARY, 7.30 P.M.

Billy O'Neill, Ballymurphy. Patrick Connolly, 3 Bellwood Drive. Edward & Margaret Dunbar, Ardristan and daughter Lizzie Joyce. Patty Dunbar, Ardristan and London, son Eamon and sister Bernie. Patrick & Annie Dalton, Station Road and son Pat, Ardristan. Pat Murphy & deceased family members, Rathbawn.

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday: 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday and Thursday: 9.30 a.m.

Friday: 7.30 p.m.

Saturday: 7.30 p.m.

Sunday: 11.00 a.m.

SCOIL PHADRAIG NAOFA: Applications for Admission to Junior Infants in Scoil Phadraig Naofa for the 2021/2022 school is now open. Please fill in the "Junior Infants Admission Form" in the "Information" section of the school website, www.tullowboysns.ie The closing date is 3rd February 2021.

Scoil Mhuire Lourdes: Applications for Admission to Junior Infants in Scoil Mhuire Lourdes for the 2021/2022 school year will open on Thursday 14th January 2021. Please fill in the "Application Form for New Junior Infants". This can be found on the school website www.smltullow.ie under the "Scoil Mhuire Lourdes Enrolment" section. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 3rd February, 2021.

TULLOW, GRANGE AND ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th January, 2021. Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Fishers of People.

The Gospel today marks the start of the preaching ministry of Jesus. Firstly He calls on people to repent. In our culture, to repent usually means to say we are sorry. At the time of Jesus however, true repentance resulted in a major change in direction by the repentant person, and a change in their priorities also. Repentance is conversion.

Jesus then outlines what repentance entails. He asks Simon Peter and Andrew to become "fishers of people". Most of us are inclined to be fishers of less important things such as fishers of possessions, good times or status. These can easily become a focus. In "Covid times" there are many "fishers of people" in our midst. The unknown "front line workers" who have helped preserve our health and welfare are true fishers of people. They have put our interests ahead of theirs. In some cases they have risked their lives for us. They are a great blessing in our lives.

We also have a role to play. We must continue to limit our contacts to protect and give priority to the health and welfare of those we know and love. This separation from others is very difficult. But - We isolate, so that when we meet again, no-one is missing.

Let us pray for the courage and resilience to withstand these challenging isolated times. Let us thank God for the people who keep us safe. Let us become fishers of people, as Jesus asks.

"After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him".

Vincent Crowley.