

TULLOW, GRANGE AND ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st February, 2021. First Sunday of Lent.

R.I.P. Marguerite Byrne (nee Doyle), England and late of Bridge Street, Tullow (niece of Fr. James Doyle, former Administrator of Tullow Parish), Shane Murphy, Ladystown, Rathvilly and Cairdeas Centre, Tullow and Siobhan Mernagh, 6 Upper Station Road, Tullow who died recently.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY, 7.30 P.M.

Eddie Byrne, Laburnum Lodge, Tullow. Vera & Arthur Byrne, Drumcondra & grandson Cathal Madden, Castlegrace. John & Mary Madden, Mill Street.

SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY, 11.00 A.M.

MONTHS MIND MASS: Mary Lucas, Ballymurphy Road today Sunday 21st February at 11.00 a.m.

ANNIVERSARIES FOR SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY, 7.30 P.M.

Kathleen & Peter Rooney, 56 Dublin Road.

ANNIVERSARIES FOR SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY, 11.00 A.M.

Jimmy & Mary Murphy, Ardoyne.

TROCAIRE BOXES are available at Church doors. The project this year will support people in South Sudan which is recovering from 40 years of civil war. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons of Lent from 1.30 p.m. till 6 p.m. There will be prayers and Benediction on the Sunday evenings of Lent at 6 p.m. Families are welcome to join us on the webcam.

EASTER STATIONS: Please use the special envelope in your box this weekend February 21st. Thank you for your support.

Important message from An Garda Síochána Crime Prevention Unit

Gardaí are receiving an ever increasing number of complaints in relation to fraudulent and illegal scams. The scams can come in the form of texts, email, telephone calls to your mobile or landline or even through social media. They can be difficult to spot as the correspondence claims to come from a reputable organisation such as your bank, card issuer or even a government department such as Revenue. The message can appear within a genuine thread of text messages that you may have received from a legitimate organisation.

Anyone can fall victim of these scams, however gardaí are asking the public to make vulnerable persons aware of them. The worldwide nature of these scams which are designed to steal money from unsuspecting parties means that they are particularly difficult to investigate.

Remember never click on unknown links or divulge personal information over the phone.

The season of Lent is based on our Gospel reading today. Jesus is in the wilderness. He is exposed to temptation and “with wild beasts”. He stands up strongly to these challenges. But why is Jesus fasting out in the wilderness? The answer is signalled by the words that follow. “The time has come and the Kingdom of God is close at hand”. This is the start of the Ministry of Jesus on earth. He has gone to the wilderness to get closer to God through self-denial and fasting in preparation for the challenges that lie ahead.

Pope Francis has ideas about Self Denial and Fasting.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.	Fast from pressure and be prayerful.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.	Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with Joy.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.	Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from worries and trust in God.	Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.	Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Let us follow the example of Jesus this Lent. Let us draw closer to God through acts of self-denial and fasting as described by Pope Francis. Let our Lent be a preparation for the new challenges in the days ahead of us, in keeping with the example of Jesus in the Gospel today.

Vincent Crowley, Deacon.