

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Our new email address is tulowparish@outlook.com

DAFFODIL DAY 2021

The 34th Daffodil Day will take place on 26th March. Due to Covid precautions we cannot take to the streets. To purchase merchandise please click www.cancer.ie and look for the daffodil day webshop. The usual Daffodil Day pins, tea towels, cards, teddy bears etc are available and in addition there are masks on sale. To donate money to the Tullow group, please click www.justgiving.com/the-tulow-healy-group-daffodil-day. If you wish to contribute cash there will be donation boxes in Hickson's Super Valu and in the Post Office. On behalf of Mary Healy's and Marie Healy's DD group, we thank you in advance for your solidarity and support for cancer patients.

**If you wish to have your child baptised please ring
The Parish Office on 059 9151277**

Forward Steps Resource Centre

The Centre remains closed at the moment—please phone 086 7937321 to get in touch.

Free telephone counselling service available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. Should anyone out there feel isolated or in need of someone to chat to during these very challenging times. Phone Meave on 087 6693838.

TULLOW, GRANGE AND ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th March, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent.

A man named Nicodemus is talking to Jesus in our Gospel today. He is one of the Sanhedrin in charge of The Temple and a High ranking Jew. Nicodemus has been impressed by Jesus and has sought him out to learn how to inherit eternal life. Nicodemus meets Jesus at night-time because Jesus had greatly upset the Sanhedrin by driving the animal dealers from the Temple - as we heard in last week's Gospel. The Sanhedrin were plotting to get rid of Jesus. Nicodemus had to be careful. These were harsh and violent times.

For the Sanhedrin, the 613 Jewish Laws were the most important aspect to their religious life. On the other hand Jesus, in our Gospel, tells Nicodemus that belief in the Son of God is more important than any Laws. "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that **everyone who believes in him** may not be lost but may have eternal life". Jesus tells Nicodemus that actions are important too and should reflect a close relationship with God - "so that it may be plainly seen that what he does, is done in God."

Nicodemus was convinced by Jesus. Later in John's Gospel he defends Jesus when the Sanhedrin plan to silence him. After the crucifixion Nicodemus brings expensive spices to wrap in the linen cloths in which Jesus is buried. He openly declares himself for Jesus.

Let us pray that each one of us can bravely seek out Jesus in the way Nicodemus did and believe wholeheartedly in him, showing in our actions that we have a relationship with God.

Deacon Vincent Crowley

R.I.P.: Betty Murphy, Ardattin & Paul Walsh, Rainstown, Duckettsgrove who died during the week.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 13TH MARCH, 7.30 P.M.

Kathleen Hennessy, Paulville. James, Ceceila, P.J. & Eileen Griffin, The Square. John Keogh, The Mullawn. Dick Dempsey, Hillbrook Estate. Jim Horan, St. Austins Terrace.

MASS FOR SUNDAY 14TH MARCH, 11.00 A.M.

Matthew Rossiter, Bishop's Street.

MASSES FOR FRIDAY 19TH MARCH, 7.30 P.M.

Margaret Nicholson and daughters Rita & Kathleen, New Chapel Lane. Marie Ayres - Regan (nee Gahan) and deceased family members, Buckinghamshire, England and formerly of Abbey Street.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 20TH MARCH, 11.00 A.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS: Ann Mahon, 7 St. Austins Terrace.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES: James & Elizabeth Cullen, Pairc Mhuire and daughter Carmel. Tom & Olive Hickey, Courtlawns. Luke Thompson, formerly of Castledermot Road. Bridie Ralph and family, Rathlyon. Myles, Catherine & John Fitzpatrick, Rathlyon. Josephine Ward (nee Tobin), Bramble Court, Tullow.

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MONTHS MIND MASS: Siobhan Mernagh, 6 Upper Station Road.

ANNIVERSARY MASS: Brian Flynn, Grangeford and deceased members of The Flynn Family.

MASS TIMES FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

TULLOW: Tuesday 16th March: 7.30 p.m.
(No 9.30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday morning)
Wednesday 17th March: 11.00 a.m.

Join us on the webcam

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The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons of Lent from 1.30 p.m. till 6.30 p.m. There will be prayers and Benediction on the Sunday evenings of Lent at 6.30 p.m. **behind closed doors.** Join us on the webcam.

There will be a **Tullow St. Patrick's Day Virtual Celebration** on the 17th March, 2021. Traditional Irish music, cookery demonstrations from local chefs, photographs from years gone by, competitions and community celebrations are in store for all. This event is being organized in association with D.T.A. Committee, St. Patrick's Day Committee, local schools and businesses. Let's turn Tullow green!

Scoil Mhuire Lourdes: Applications for Admission to Junior Infants in Scoil Mhuire Lourdes for the 2021/2022 school year: 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. If you wish to request an enrolment form in hardcopy please Contact info@smltullow.ie or call 059 9151875.

THANK YOU: Again thank you to so many people who continue to support the Church and Clergy Fund Collections. Covid has been hard for everyone including the Church. Many thanks for your support.

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.