

R.I.P.: Mary O'Sullivan, formerly of Hawthorn Drive, Tullow who died in the U.S.A. & Michael Brennan, St. Patrick's Park and formerly of Wolfhill, Laois who died during the week.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 6TH MARCH, 7.30 P.M.

Bridie Byrne, Dublin Road and Michael Curry, Hanover, Carlow. Mick & Elizabeth Dowling, 59 Dublin Road and their sons Pat & Paul. Mary Doran, 8 Station Road. Mick Kelly, Marian Terrace, Hacketstown. Jamie Kavanagh, Munry. The Whelan family, Liscoleman. Pat Edwards, Castlemore. Cheryl Doyle, Ballybit. Veronica Norton, Rathglass. Geraldine Bolger (nee O'Neill), Hawthorn Drive, Tullow and Edward Bolger, Kernanstown, Bennekerry. Thomas Goodison, Pairc Mhuire. Esther Byrne, Knocklow. Breda Costigan Byrne, Carlow Road.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 7TH MARCH, 11.00 A.M.

P.J. & Eileen O'Reilly & deceased family members, Belturbet.

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

Kathleen Hennessy, Paulville. James, Ceceila, P.J. & Eileen Griffin, The Square.

Teach Bride, Tullow: Counselling Service is available in Teach Bride, Tullow. Phone. 9152459.

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 6.30 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. A huge thank you to our sponsors in the Gateway Church for once again getting behind what will be a wonderful online celebration. Check out the Develop Tullow Association Facebook page for more information. If you have old photos of Tullow on St. Patrick's Day please send them to stpatricksdaytullow@gmail.com or if you would like to pre-record some traditional Irish music and share it with us, please email the link at which it can be accessed to stpatricksdaytullow@gmail.com. Let's turn Tullow green!

TULLOW, GRANGE AND ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th March, 2021. Third Sunday of Lent.

3rd Sunday in Lent

Places of worship were important to Jesus. Various synagogues and The Temple in Jerusalem are mentioned 120 times in the Gospels. In the Jewish tradition, God himself was present in the Holy of Holies area of The Jerusalem Temple which was a very special place for the Jews.

Each year the Holy Family went to The Temple to mark the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve Jesus went missing after one such pilgrimage. He was found three days later sitting in The Temple "among the teachers, listening to them..." - Jesus said to Mary "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Our Gospel today is set in the Temple during Passover time. A now thirty year old Jesus is upset by the way the Temple has become a "market place" - with animals and birds for sale. Jesus "drove them all out of The Temple." He broke with the Jewish traditions of animal sacrifice and introduced himself as the new sacrifice. "Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up".

Our churches are where we the followers of Jesus gather to listen to the Gospels, the writings on which our faith is based - in the same way the young Jesus listened in The Temple. Our God is here too - present in Holy Communion.

These Churches are special places. They were built with love and hard work through the generosity of previous generations. Let us pray for continued respect for them- they are important to us.

Deacon Vincent Crowley