

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 10TH APRIL, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Pat Garry, Castledermot Road, Tullow.

MONTHS MIND: Betty Murphy, Ardattin.

MONTHS MIND: Michael Brennan, 56 St. Patrick's Park, Tullow.

ANNIVERSARIES: Eileen Lyons and son Michael, Templeowen. The Bergin family, Duckettsgrove. Patrick Brennan, 3 Castledermot Road and grandson Sean Walsh, Kilrush, Co. Wexford. Michael Healy, Crosslow. Arthur & Catherine Murphy, Ouragh. James & Mary Sheppard, Ouragh. Teresa Byrne, Courtview & Straboe. Katie Kealy, Tullowhill. Helen Scrutton, Grange. Kathleen & Alec Young, Mill St.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 11TH APRIL, 11.00 A.M.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen Tobin, 9 Courtlawns. Mary Keating, Mill Street.

MASSES FOR FRIDAY 16TH APRIL, 7.30 P.M.

Edward (Ned) Canavan, Knocklow.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 17TH APRIL, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Jim Cosgrove, Dublin Road.

Pat Whelan, Ballybit. Tony O'Rourke, Pairc Mhuire. Thomas & Kathleen Stewart, late of Athy. Brian O'Neill & son Arthur, Ardoyne. Jackie Nolan, Knocklow. Mick Gorman, Rathbawn.

Masses for the Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9.30 a.m.

Friday & Saturday: 7.30 p.m.

Sunday: 11.00 a.m.

Parish Tax Reclaim Forms (CHY)

If you have received a CHY Form we would ask you to return it to the Parish Office as soon as you can. Thanks to your generosity and co-operation, the parish will receive a tax refund from the Revenue Commissioners. The scheme is totally confidential.

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

TULLOW, GRANGE AND ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

11th April, 2021. 2nd Sunday of Easter.

Divine Mercy Sunday

There was a simple image on the front cover of TIME magazine in January 1984. It was a simple picture of two men in conversation. The younger man wears a blue shirt and jeans, an older man is dressed in a white robe. The young man is Mehmet Ali Agca who in May 1981 had shot and wounded Pope Saint John Paul 11 in St. Peter's Square, Rome. The man in the white robe beside him is Pope Saint John Paul 11.

The Pope had come to visit his would-be assassin in prison. At the end of their 20-minute meeting, Ali Agca raised the Pope's hand to his forehead as a sign of respect. The Pope embraced his enemy and pardoned him. When the Pope left the prison cell he said, "What we talked about must remain a secret between us. I spoke to him as a brother whom I have pardoned and who has my complete trust."

The first part of today's Gospel tells how Jesus entrusted to the apostles His mission of preaching the "Good News" of God's love "As the Father sent me so am I sending you." A major part of that mission is mercy and forgiveness. Jesus taught us in the Our Father - "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." At Easter we heard Jesus praying on the Cross "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." He forgave His torturers.

The clearest way of expressing our belief in the presence of the risen Jesus among us, is through our own forgiveness of others. Pope Saint John Paul gave us the example of forgiveness and mercy in his pardoning of Mehmet Ali Agca. Let us pray for the courage to imitate the Pope in our own lives.

Vincent Crowley Deacon