

TULLOW, GRANGE AND ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th April, 2021. 4th Sunday of Easter.

RIP: Mary Slammon (nee Shiel), Surrey, England and formerly of Kill, Tullow (sister of Margaret Smith, Rathglass). Michael (Mick) O'Donoghue, Bansha, Co. Tipperary and formerly of Coppenagh, Tullow.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 24TH APRIL, 7.30 P.M.

Br. Justin Madden, Patrician Brothers. Ned & Bridie Madden, Pairc Mhuire.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 25TH APRIL, 11.00 A.M.

MONTHS MIND: John Kirwan, Newcastle, Wicklow and formerly of Rathoe. Sheila Kelly, Castledermot Road. Paddy Murphy, Grange. Lizzie Fleming, Straboe. Richard & Mary Elliott and sons Richard, Bill & Jimmy, Clonmore. Parkie Hurley, 80 Pairc Mhuire.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 1ST MAY, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Loretta Butler, Knocknatubrid. Ann Howard, 38 Hillbrook Estate. May Roche, Pairc Mhuire. Thomas Hennessy, Paulville. Madge McMahon, Pairc Mhuire. Brian Golding, Tullowland. Marie Lalor, Ballykealy, Ballon.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 2ND MAY, 11.00 A.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Babs Orbinski, Bellwood Drive and also for her husband Tom whose anniversary occurs at this time.

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael & Mary Keegan, Crosslow. William, Ellen & Thomas Carroll & deceased family members, Crosslow. Patrick, Margaret & Mai Kinsella, Knocknatubrid. Deceased members of The Dawson Family, Crosslow. Bill Doyle, Convent Lodge, Tullow.

Parish Tax Reclaim Forms (CHY)

Even if you are not paying tax, or are retired from work, the parish can still seek a tax rebate on the contributions you made to the Church during the year. We would greatly appreciate it if you could sign and return your CHY form to us. Many thanks for your continued support in these difficult times. The scheme is totally confidential.

TULLOW R.E.C. A.G.M. on Thursday 13th May at 8 p.m. Virtual by teams.

New members very welcome. If you wish to attend please e-mail Mary O'Neill at jontheabbey@eircom.net by Friday 7th May, 2021 for a link to the meeting.

Forward Steps Resource Centre remains closed to the public at the moment - please phone 086 7937321 to get in touch.

Free confidential telephone consultation with a Counsellor is available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6.00—8.00 p.m. Contact Maeve on 087 6693838.

Free Mandala Creative Art Online Workshop on 27th April, 4th, 11th and 18th May. Contact Sandra on 085 8555294 for further information.

The Good Shepherd Sunday

In our Gospel today Jesus tells us he is the Good Shepherd. His listeners would understand the symbolism of this statement because shepherds were a very familiar sight around Judea and Galilee at the time of Jesus.

Each night the shepherds gathered their various flocks together in one place to jointly keep them safe from predators overnight. One shepherd would lie down to sleep at the entrance to the safe area. The shepherd was willing to lay down his life to protect his flock. The next morning, each shepherd would call his flock together again. The sheep would recognize their shepherd's voice and would follow him to the pastures.

In the words of Pope Francis, Jesus the Good Shepherd:-
...loves and knows his sheep. He gives his life for them, and no one is a stranger to him. His flock is his family and his life. He is not a boss to be feared by his flock, but a shepherd who walks alongside them and calls them by name. He wants to gather the sheep that are not yet of his fold."

Today on Vocations Sunday we pray that God sends to us the leaders and workers we need to remind us of this special relationship that binds us to Jesus.

"Priesthood and consecrated life require courage and perseverance, and without prayer one does not follow this path. I invite everyone to ask the Lord for the gift of good workers for his kingdom who have their hearts and hands open to his love," Pope Francis.

Vincent Crowley Deacon