

# TULLOW, GRANGE AND ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd May, 2021. 5th Sunday of Easter.

**RIP:** Very Rev. Patrick Gaynor, Former P.P. Clonbullogue Parish, Co. Offaly and late of Grange, Tullow.

## 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. Parkie Hurley, 80 Pairc Mhuire.

## 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.

## MASSES FOR SATURDAY 8TH MAY, 7.30 P.M.

Paddy Donohoe, Rathvarrin. Margaret Brady, Old Chapel Lane. Darren Doran, Crosslow. Eileen & William Croke and deceased family members. Mary, Jim & Christy Sunderland, Dublin Road. Mick Sunderland, 4 Station Road. Paddy & Margaret Murphy and deceased family members of the Murphy Family, The Green. Emma O'Donoghue, Paulville. Nellie Byrne, 12 Dublin Road. Catherine & Frank Mallin and daughter Kay Currid, late of Templeowen. Charles & Ann McDermott & Michael Lennon, Bridge Street. Bridie Ralph & family, Rathlyon.

## MASSES FOR SUNDAY 9TH MAY, 11.00 A.M.

Helen Dunne, Crosslow.

**THANK YOU:** Many thanks to all who continue to use their weekly envelopes and to all who responded to the Easter collection for the Clergy Fund.

You might consider making a Direct Debit: The Parish Account is:

**IBAN: IE79BOFI90668927164355. BIC: BOFIE2D.** Many thanks.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Friday & Saturday: 7.30 p.m.

Sunday: 11.00 a.m.

**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](mailto: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.

## Making Choices.

**The Door to Hell is always locked from the Inside.**

**C.S. Lewis.**

The Gospel reading today comes from a section of the Gospel, close to the end of the story of Jesus in John's writings. Soon Jesus is to leave for Gethsemane and his crucifixion. The reading therefore, contains important teaching for us.

In last week's Gospel we heard that Jesus was the Good Shepherd. Every Shepherd however, is one step removed from the flock.

The Gospel today tells us we can get very close to Jesus and have a relationship with him like the one between branches linked to a vine.

Achieving this close relationship with Jesus requires making choices and putting in an effort. We have to be "pruned". One important way to link in with Jesus is through the Gospel - his Word. "You have been pruned by means of the word that I have spoken". That is why presence at mass to share in the gospel is deemed important for a Catholic.

We have choices in our lives. We have the freedom to opt in to a way of living that ensures we "remain in Jesus" as branches of his vine. Or we can choose to wither away apart from the vine, where we cannot bear fruit "for cut off from me you can do nothing". Today we pray that we continue to develop this close relationship with God through Jesus - as branches of his vine.