

Covid - 19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., by calling 0818222024.

Cycle Against Suicide is inviting community clubs and associations to complete our free 'Community Buddy' Programme and be trained to provide 'Buddy' support in their community.

Our aim is to train and deploy 'Community Buddies' across Ireland. We invite local clubs and associations that have personnel who are already Garda vetted to nominate themselves to complete our 'Community Buddy' training programme. This training, delivered over 2 days or 4 evenings, is free of charge for your club/association and will equip you to provide much-needed support for those in your community who may be struggling with mental health distress. To sign up please visit:
<https://www.cycleagainstsucide.com/community-buddy-club/>

Tullow Community School will re-open as follows:

Wednesday 25th August: 1st Year Pupils only (9 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.)
Thursday 26th August: 1st Year Pupils only (9 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.)
Friday 27th August: 1st Year Pupils only. (9.00 a.m.- 1.00 p.m.)
Monday 30th August: 1st Year and 6th Year pupils.
Tuesday 31st August: All pupils except Transition Year.
Wednesday 1st September: All pupils.

Housekeeper required in Tobinstown area. Start date as soon as possible. 8 hours per week - flexible on days/times. Contact 085 7141501.

Lough Derg Pilgrim Path is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop or a shorter 8km route. For enquiries call 071 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre.

Wicklow based artist Andrea Kelly is looking for stories, memories or anything else you wish to share about Rathgall Hillfort (The Ring of the Rath) and surrounding areas. Contact her at info@andreakelly.ie or at <https://www.facebook.com/wicklowtheatre>

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

15th August, 2021.

**The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Office: 059 9151277.
Email: tullowparish@outlook.com
Fr. Brian Maguire: 059 9181253.
Mass Times: Tullow:
Monday & Wednesday: 9.30 am.
Friday & Saturday: 7.30 p.m.
Sunday 11.00 a.m.
Grange: Sunday at 9.00 a.m.
Ardattin: Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

She Pondered These Things in Her Heart (see Lk 2:19)

The Regal Grace of Mary - Sophie Lippiatt -

It's easy to slip into the trap of thinking of Mary as a dull, passive woman completely devoid of personality. It's so hard to imagine a truly sinless human being that we clutch at the nearest thing we can find in the midst of our human mess: the holier-than-thou person who plays the martyr whilst secretly enjoying attention and control, or the downtrodden woman repressing her every desire and need. The trouble is, seeing Mary this way doesn't help me much with my own maternal vocation.

Yet think of the most holy people you know – think of yourself in your best moments – and you'll soon realise that being in alignment with God's will makes you more interesting and dynamic, not less. Being born without original sin would make her more free, more powerful, not less. Her *Fiat* was an active, passionate *yes*, not a half-hearted or timid I suppose so. I believe – and yes, I'm using my imagination here – that she would have looked the angel in the eyes when she responded to God's call.

Seeing Mary as an active participant in God's divine plan changes everything. This Mary invites us to crush the serpent's head with her, embracing the unique path God has designed for us. She shows us that the humour, the interests, the needs and desires God has placed in our hearts have their place on our journey towards him. That we don't need to become less: in fact, we're being called to more. Our Lady Queen of Heaven shows us that holiness isn't boring or disengaged. It's regal, and active.

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 14TH AUGUST, 7.30 P.M.

Thomas, Brigid, Patricia & Marie Dargan, Beaumont. John Ward, Knocklow and his parents Charlie & Masie Ward, Killinure. John Fitzpatrick, Rathlyon. Jerry O'Toole and deceased family members of The O'Toole family, Ardoyne. Mai Kelly, 21 Marion Terrace, Hacketstown. Nicholas Kelly, The Green, Hacketstown. Sharon Doran, Pairc Mhuire and formerly of Castledermot.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST, 11.00 A.M.

MONTHS MIND MASS: Tom Holohan, Shillelagh Road.

ANNIVERSARY MASS: Ger Kilcoyne, Downings today Sunday 15th August at 9.00 a.m. in Grange Church.

MASSES FOR FRIDAY 20TH AUGUST, 7.30 P.M.

John & Kathleen Timmins, Dublin Road. Sarah Sweeney, Bunclody and formerly of Dublin Road.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 21ST AUGUST, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Sr. Michelle Vaughan, Bridgidine Sister, Delany Court. Deceased members of The 5 Cottages, Tullowland. Andy, Mary & Darren Timmins, Hillbrook Estate. Bridget & T.J. Doyle, 74 Pairc Mhuire. Mary Nolan, Raheenraney. James and Brigid O'Connor, 41 Dublin Road. Benny, Lily & Mary O'Connor, 21 Dublin Road. Joseph Nolan, Hillbrook Estate. Mary Lynch, 76 Hillbrook Estate. Marian Reamsbottom, Tudor Court, Green Lane, Carlow and formerly of Dublin Road, Tullow. Eddie Dawson, The Rise, Tullow. Jim & Margaret Sheppard, Rathlyon

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST, 11.00 A.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Patricia (Patty) McCabe, Bunclody Road, Tullow.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday and Wednesday at 9.30 a.m.

Friday and Saturday at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

Fr. Brian will lead the Rosary this Sunday the 15th August at 3 p.m. at the Blessed Well, Ballymurphy. All are welcome. Free rosary beads, holy water from Knock and Lourdes and prayers will be available.

Email: tullowparish@outlook.com

Recommended H.S.E. Guidelines for all those attending Mass.

- ◆ Please sanitise your hands when entering and leaving church.
- ◆ The use of face masks by those attending Church is compulsory.
- ◆ Maintain Social distance between yourself and other people.
- ◆ Do not shake hands or make close contact where possible.
- ◆ Stay at home and self-isolated if you have a fever, a new persistent cough, shortness of breath, a loss or change in your sense of smell. Phone your G.P.

Accord Recruiting Volunteers as Marriage Facilitators

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice.

Contact Aisling on 01 5053112 or email to info@accord.ie

The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 27th August. Additional information is available on www.accord.ie

EMAIL ADDRESS: tullowparish@eircom.net

St. Anne's College of Further Education Tullow Community School, Tullow.

Enrolments are now taking place for the following QQI Level 5 course which will commence in September, 2021.

One Year Advanced Business and Information Technology Training Course

- ◆ Back to Education Grants, Maintenance Grants, FAS Funding and VTOS Grants available for those who are eligible.
- ◆ St. Anne's College of Further Education are pleased to offer the above QQI Level 5 Course to adults who need to return to education.
- ◆ Application forms and further information are available from the school office. **Phone 059 9151473.**

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.