WELCOME BACK! How has the return to celebrating Mass in church been for you? Bishop Denis, the Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation are hoping to hear people's experience of coming back to Mass in person.

What did you miss? Why did you come back? How does it feel to be back? What can we do to make our celebrations even more nourishing for people?

Let us know by completing a short on line survey by going to

https://forms.office.com/r/nye9bBH7MG. This link is also available on kandle.ie, as well as on Kandle Facebook and Twitter.

Tullow Day Care Centre has the following vacancies on our CE Scheme - Befrienders, Gardener, Cleaning/Laundry, Vanette Drivers and Bus Driver.

Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years or over and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for 1 year or more or 18 years and over for certain disadvantaged groups. Your eligibility will have to be verified by the Department. Please contact Fiona or Marina at 059 9181419 for further information.

ROSATY: The rosary will be recited at the Blessed Well at 3 p.m. for the remaining Sundays in October.

Tullow Active Retirement Activities

Bowls are ongoing on Monday and Friday at 2 p.m. in Murphy Memorial Hall. Yoga on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in Teach Bride.

Chair Yoga on Thursdays at 3 p.m. in Teach Bride.

Date for A.G.M.: 26th October at 2.30 p.m. A committee meeting will be held prior at 1.30 p.m. Guest speaker from the Active Retirement Ireland. Refreshments served at the end of A.G.M. Further information phone 086 1200466 or 9152925.

IRISH GRINDS available. Tullow area. Phone 085 7552201.

The A.G.M. of DTA Clg will take place in Teach Bride, Tullow on Tuesday 26th October commencing at 8 p.m. Enquiries contact Margaret Kirwan on 087 8538596.

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th October 2021.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

"Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God."- St. John Damascene.

Our Gospel today is the story of the blind man Bartimaeus whose sight is restored by Jesus. The interaction between Bartimaeus and Jesus tells us everything we need to know about the importance of Faith, and how to have a relationship with God.

Blind people In Roman times were very vulnerable. Frequently they lived as beggars because they could not work to earn money. In our Gospel blind Bartimaeus seeks to transform this miserable life.

Bartimaeus had heard about Jesus, and clearly believed Jesus could help him. 'When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' Despite being discouraged by others Bartimeaus persisted in his prayer for help. 'Many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder' Jesus responded to Bartimaeus and the blind man's life changed forever. 'And immediately his sight returned'. Bartimeaus became a follower of Jesus. 'He followed him along the road'. Bartimaeus had two important qualities.

- He had a strong belief in Jesus as Jesus remarked:
 'Go; your faith has saved you.'
- He was persistent in crying out to Jesus to listen to him.
 This crying out to Jesus is what we call prayer.

Being a follower of Jesus is challenging. We are surrounded by people who will scoff at our Faith . Let us pray for a strengthening of our Faith 'Lord I believe, help my unbelief'. Let us also ask God for the persistence necessary to continue to reach out to him in prayer.

Vincent Crowley Deacon.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 23RD OCTOBER, 7.30 P.M.

Edward Doran, 8 Station Road. John & Bridie Cummins and Jim Cummins, Shillelagh Grove. Patrick Shannon, Killavaney, Tinahealy. Kay McDermott, Bridge Street. John Bermingham, Dublin Road. Nicholas & Elizabeth Jackman, Tullowbeg. Michael & Brigid Purcell, 14 St Austins Terrace. Dave Timmins, Rath East. Bernard Jackman and Frances Jackman, Liscolman. Paddy Kirwan and deceased family members, Tullowland. Martin & Phyllis Hogan, Liscolman. Peter and Margaret Sutton and Pat Sutton, Rath, Tullow.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS for Joe Carroll, Ardoyne and his wife Ann whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Kevin Roche, Pairc Mhuire. Patrick Hogan, 81 Pairc Mhuire. Lar Keating, Castledermot Road. Daniel Doran, Barrack Street. Maura Doran, Birmingham. James & Annie Ralph, Kill. James Murphy, Tullowhill.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER, 11.00 A.M.

Paudie Fitzgibbon, Castlemore. John McCabe Tintean Phadraig.

Please use your special envelope for **Mission Sunday** this weekend 24th October. Thank you.

Annual Rememberance Mass

Our annual Remembrance Mass for our loved ones who died during the year will be celebrate on Friday November 5th at 7.30 p.m.

While the focus will be on parishioners who died during the year and on their families, the Mass is open to everyone who wishes to pray for their deceased relatives.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tullow: Monday and Wednesday: 9.30 a.m.

Friday: 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 9.30 a.m. (Service of The Word and Holy Communion).

Saturday: 7.30 p.m. Sunday: 11.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. Sunday mornin

Grange: 9.00 a.m. Sunday morning. **Ardattin:** 10 a.m. Sunday morning.

Email: tullowparish@outlook.com

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

- Religious services and weddings can proceed without capacity limits but with all other protective measures in place:
- 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.

Tullow Community School will accept applications for September 2022 from Monday 11th October to Friday 12th November 2021 at 2 p.m. Application forms are available from the school website or the school office.

Eist Cancer Support Centre

The Eist Cancer Support Centre has moved to 46 Idrone Park, Carlow. Eist continues to provide emotional support and practical help to all affected by cancer. To make an appointment or for more information please contact us on 085 8661499 or info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

Tullow Childcare Association CLG T/A Tots To Teens are looking for experienced, dedicated and professional Early Years Educators.

We offer competitive salary, CPD, loyalty/performance bonuses and educational financial assistance. Join our team of dedicated childcare professionals. Send your CV to aine@totstoteenstullow.ie or aisling@totstoteenstullow.ie

Childminder needed to mind 2 children in childminders own home 2 days per week. Phone 087 9473751.

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.