

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Ardattin Fundraisers Tractor Run which took place in July to raise funds for Carlow Kilkenny HomeCare Team. The total raised was €4,475.

TULLOW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS

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Kirwan Academy of Irish Dance will re-open their indoor dance classes on September 23rd in The Parish Centre, Tullow. 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. To register for a place, contact Emily 087 2140324.
Looking forward to welcoming our dancers old & new!!

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.

Digital Skills for Citizens Programme - Beginners

Course Partner: Forward Steps Resource Centre, Tullow.
Cost of Course: Free of Charge.
Course Duration: 5 weeks (2 hours every Tuesday 10—12 noon).
Eligibility: Age profile 45. Small Business owners. Persons with disabilities. Farming Communities. Unemployed persons. Disadvantaged groups.
Course Location: Forward Steps Resource Centre, Tullow.

Application forms are available at reception in Forward Steps.
Phone 059 9152776 or 086 1895684.

The A.G.M. of DTA Cig 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

3rd October 2021.
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Office: 059 9151277.
Email: tulowparish@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.

Marriage

From the dawn of time marriage has been a feature of most civilizations. In our society there is still a strong appetite for marriage, with couples hoping for a long and happy life together. Marriage is the subject of our Gospel reading today, however before that, the first reading explores the very nature of Human relationships.

First we hear that human beings are different from 'all the wild beasts and the birds of heaven'. We long for the company of others - 'it is not good that man should be alone'. People are at their best when working in cooperation with one another. Men and women in a close relationship are described as "helpmates" - partners.

In the Gospel the Jews ask Jesus. 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' Under the law of Moses, men could end a marriage by drawing 'up a writ of dismissal and so divorce'. This system left women in poverty and danger. Knowing this Jesus insists on continued commitment from all the parties to a marriage. 'They are no long two, therefore, but one body' and 'what God has united, man must not divide'. Jesus wished to see vulnerable women protected from easy and selfish divorces.

In the next section of the Gospel Jesus stresses his closeness to children who at that time were the lowest form of human life - frequently abandoned and neglected - 'for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs'. Children are important and need protection.

Pope Francis in *Amoris Laetitia*, 2016 says:

"Marriage is an inevitable mixture of enjoyment and struggles, tensions and repose, pain and relief, satisfactions and longings, annoyances and pleasures, but always on the path of friendship, which inspires married couples to care for one another. They help and serve each other".

Vincent Crowley, Deacon.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Kathleen Doyle, Castledermot Road.

Annie Byrne & deceased family members, Ballymurphy. Kathleen Maxwell, 4 Courtlawns. James Farrell Jnr, Pairc Mhuire. James Byrne & deceased family members, Paulville, Tankardstown. Ellen Whitfield, Mill Street and her parents James & Kathleen Halpin. John Cullen, Reading, England and late of Dublin Road and also his parents Molly & Miley.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER, 11.00 A.M.

MONTHS MIND: Tom Nolan, Shroughaun Close.

MASSES FOR FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER, 7.30 P.M.

Martin & Lydia Fenelon, Barrack Street and daughters Attracta & Ursula. Tom Darcy, St. Austins Terrace.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER, 7.30 P.M.

Patrick Griffin, 2 St. Patrick's Park and his mother Mary, late of Rathvilly. Tom & Liz Abbey, 9 St. Austins, their daughters Peg & Mary, grandchildren Darren, Geraldine and Trisha. Jim Kennedy, Coppengh. Josephine Cosgroave, St. Austins. Robert Ward, Widnes, Cheshire. Patrick & Roseanna Nolan, Dublin Road. Thomas & Ellen Nolan, Rathlyon. Catherine O'Flaherty, Abbey Street & Athy.

MONTHS MIND: Tom McDonald, Slaneyquarter next Sunday 10th October at 9.00 a.m. in Grange Church.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 11.00 A.M.

Ellen Aspinall, St. Olivers Villas. Liam Comerford, Castlemore.

Best Wishes to all our First Communion candidates as they receive their sacrament this weekend.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tullow: Monday, & 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.

Grange 9 a.m. Sunday morning.

Ardattin 10 a.m. Sunday morning.

The Tullow Marathon Runners are doing their own race on Sunday 3rd October, starting around 11 a.m. and finishing at 1 p.m. in Bro Leo Park where their presentation will take place, handing out cheques to local charities totaling €7,000. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to come out and cheer them on.

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

BALLET CLASS every Wednesday evening in Tullow Parish Community Centre. Age 4 - 10 years. Phone Helen on 085 8179291.

Ardattin Community Field Development **TRACTOR RUN** will be held today Sunday 3rd October starting at 2 p.m. Registration from 12 noon. Route starting from Ardattin Car Park.

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 Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.