

Bluebird Care are currently hiring experienced Care Assistants and Nurses for Tullow and surrounding areas to work with clients in their own home. We offer flexible part/full time hours to work around your lifestyle including weekends only, mornings only, evenings only, and specific days. If you are interested in finding out more about our opportunities, please email your CV to ckw@bluebirdcare.ie or call 056 7789952.

Grange National School Parents Association

Christmas raffle for a spectacular handcrafted doll's house in aid of The Parents Association. Tickets available at Tullow Parish Centre. Draw will take place on the 17th of December. Thank you for your support.

FREE TO TAKE AWAY

8ft artificial Christmas tree, very good condition.
Contact 086 1549849

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

S.V.P.

The local conference of St. Vincent de Paul appeal to the public to help us to help people in need this Christmas. Last year thanks to your generosity we spent over 31,000 euro providing much needed help to those in need. Due to the changes with the pandemic we hope to give families in need a food voucher to use in our local shops. You can donate using the blue envelopes at the back of the Church, in the Parish Centre, Post Office, Credit Union or online at www.svp.ie (south east/locality Tullow) or phone 0818176176. Areas covered: Tullow, Grange, Ardattin, Rathoe, Ballon, Ballyconnell & Coolkenno. The national giving weekend will be Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th December. Thank you in advance for your support.

Tullow Active Retirement Activities

Membership will resume in January 2022 but all activities will continue until December.

Yoga on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in Teach Bride.

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

IRISH GRINDS available. Tullow area. Phone 085 7552201.

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th December, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Office: 059 9151277.

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Fr. Brian Maguire: 059 9181253.

Mass Times: Tullow:

Monday: 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday: 9.30 a.m.

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.

Prepare a way for the Lord

On this second Sunday of Advent our scripture readings again invite us to do some preparation work. We are asked to prepare an unobstructed pathway for Jesus as we travel on our road to salvation. Using very similar words our first reading and Gospel advise us.

First Reading-Baruch

God seeks "...the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level..." in order that we can "wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around us."

Gospel of Luke

John the Baptist is following the prophecy of Isaiah that "every valley...be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways...be straightened and rough roads made smooth" in his work of "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

A pathway can be navigated from either end. We can advance towards Jesus overcoming obstacles on the way. We can also allow Jesus to approach us, by clearing a pathway for him. Indeed we can share a pathway with Jesus as Pope Francis explains:-

The Gospels frequently show us Jesus "on a journey; he walks alongside people and listens to the questions and concerns lurking in their hearts. He shows us that God is not found in neat and orderly places, distant from reality, but walks ever at our side. He meets us where we are, on the often rocky roads of life. (Mass at St. Peter's Basilica Sunday, 10th October 2021).

Let us seek to recognize all the barriers and obstructions on our pathways which delay and distract us on our journey towards salvation through Jesus.

Vincent Crowley Deacon

PLEASE PRAY FOR Pat Coady, Southampton, U.K. & late of 6 Dublin Road also Michael (Mick) Walsh, Ballyhackett, Tullow who died recently.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Connie Dunne, late of Tintean Phadraig.
Kevin Moylan, Paice Mhuire. Annie Brennan, 3 Castledermot Road and grandson Sean Walshe, Kilrush, Wexford. Tom & Margaret Jackman, Paulville. Jim Fogarty, Monacurragh, Carlow.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

MONTHS MIND: Kitty Kavanagh, Templeowen.
FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Frank Foley, St. Oliver's Villas.
Mick Stynes, 1 Steepleview Crescent. Mary Shannon, Dublin Rd & parents Matt & Mary Halloran, Duckettsgrove. Julia Kelly, Tankardstown. Julie & Michael Murphy, 12 Paice Mhuire.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER, 11 A.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Maureen Dunne, Dublin Road.
FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Ger O'Brien, The Abbey, Tullow.
Margaret & Michael O'Donoghue, Coppengagh. Michael (Mick) O'Donoghue, Bansha, Tipperary.

ANNIVERSARY MASS for Mary Maher, Thomas Traynor Road. Con Murphy Snr, Peg Murphy & Con Murphy Jnr, Grange next Sunday 12th December at 9 a.m. in Grange Church.

ANNIVERSARY MASS for Kathleen Bolger, Crosslow next Sunday 12th December at 10 a.m. in Ardattin Church.

**Immaculate Conception
Vigil Mass**

Tuesday 7th December @ 7.30 p.m. and
Wednesday 8th December @ 11 a.m.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tullow: **Monday:** 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday: 9.30 a.m. (Service of The Word and Holy Communion).
Wednesday: 11 a.m.
Thursday: 9.30 a.m. (Service of The Word and Holy Communion).
Friday: 7.30 p.m. **Saturday:** 7.30 p.m. **Sunday:** 11.00 a.m.
Grange: 9.00 a.m. Sunday morning.
Ardattin: 10 a.m. Sunday morning.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

Tullow Girls: 7th May.
Tullow Boys: 14th May.
Grange: 21st May
Ardattin: 28th May.

CONFIRMATION DATES

Tullow Girls: 12th March
Tullow Boys: 26th March
Grange: 2nd April
All ceremonies will take place in the Parish Church Tullow except Ardattin.
Each child is allowed 20 guests.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR ARDATTIN CHURCH

The Altar Flower Group in Ardattin invite their friends and neighbours to make a small donation towards the cost of the flowers for the celebration of the Christmas Masses. A donation box will be left out in the Church. Thank you.

The late Fr. Jimmy Doyle: A book marking the ministry and sporting achievements of Fr. Jimmy Doyle will be published this week. Originally from Clonegal, Fr. Doyle won three senior football championship medals with Kildavin and also played for County Carlow. He was PP Colleragh, Co. Kildare when he died last year. The book will be available in the Parish Centre, price €12.95.

**TULLOW COMMUNITY GROUP CLG-COMMUNITY
EMPLOYMENT SCHEME**

Would you like to get out and met people? Update your skills or learn new ones?
Or like help to get back into the workforce, but want support to do so?
If you have been out of work or out sick and on a Social Welfare Payment for some time now, you may be eligible to work part-time in your local community on our Community Employment Scheme.

We have various jobs available in Tullow— Caring, Youth Support, Caretaking, Farming, Gardening, Driver/Maintenance, Groundskeeping, Housekeeping, Clerical/Admin Support.
For more information Contact Liz or Jeni at 059 9180977

For more information on what a Community Employment Scheme can do for you, take a look at this video
<https://vimeo.com/523868167>

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.