

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday of Lent from 2 - 6 p.m.

All welcome.

Line Dancing, Waltz,, Jive, Quick Step and Foxtrot class every Tuesday night in Murphy Memorial hall from 8.15 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

PILATES classes every week in Murphy Memorial Hall. Monday and Thursday evenings at 7.30 p.m. And Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. Suitable for all levels. Contact John on 087 7956977.

Tullow Community Group CLG Community Employment Scheme

Would you like to get out and meet people?

Update your skills or learn new ones?

Or need help to get back into the workforce and want support to do so?

MAYBE WE CAN HELP

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, Grounds-keeping, Housekeeping, Clerical/Admin Support.

For more information Contact Liz or Jeni at 059 9180977 or

info@tullowcommunitygroup.ie

Look at the video link below to see what a Community Employment Scheme can do for you.

Community Employment - INTREO

Tullow A.R.A.

Our summer holiday to Youghal is now full. If any member wishes to be put on the cancellation list, please let us know. We would like to welcome the teams taking part in the NELLIE MAHER bowls competition on 31st March. Activities are ongoing with bowls on a Monday/Wednesday/Friday @ 2pm in Murphy Memorial Hall. Chair Yoga is returning on Thursday 24th March in Teach Bhride @ 2 pm. From Friday 25th March, yoga will return in the Convent at 10 am & 12 noon. For any information you can contact Jim or Ettie on 9152925 or 086 8608611 or leave your details into the Parish Centre.

SIGN LANGUAGE: Anyone interested in learning sign language contact Kathleen O'Brien on 087 2576002 (Text only).

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

20th March, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Office: 059 9151277.

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Mass Times: Tullow:

Monday: 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday: 9.30 a.m.

Friday 9.30 a.m.

Saturday: 7.30 p.m.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.

Grange: Sunday at 9.00 a.m.

Ardattin: Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

Repent and be converted

Our Scripture readings today contain words of caution and words of comfort.

Should I be afraid?

Words of caution or warning in the Scriptures can upset some people. They ask, surely an all powerful God could save everyone? This concept ignores the fact we each were born with free will. There are people who willingly opt to commit terrible crimes. There is no place in the Kingdom of God for people who decide to commit grievous sins and prefer not to repent. For the majority of good struggling Christian people, warnings in Scripture are reminders that repentance and conversion are part of the continuous and ongoing process. The most common sentiment found in the Bible is "do not be afraid".

Words of caution.

In the first reading we listen to God committing himself to Jesus. They became the chosen people. God promised "to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them to land where milk and honey flow". He would be their God and they would be his people. However we learn in the second reading that not all the Jews kept their side of the agreement and most had "failed to please God".

The words of caution continue in the Gospel. We are called to repentance. Jesus says "unless you repent you will all perish as they did".

Words of comfort.

In the Gospel parable about the fig tree the vine tender is willing to be patient with the fig trees to allow them time to produce their fruit. In the same way God is prepared to give us time to repent and be converted, time to show God we acknowledge the Christian message and display our Christianity in the way we live everyday.

Pope Francis' thoughts on conversion.

We all need to convert ourselves, to take a step forward; and God's patience and mercy accompanies us in this. Despite the barrenness that marks our lives at times, God is patient and offers us the possibility to change and make progress on the path towards good.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 19TH MARCH, 7.30 P.M.

Ann Mahon, St. Austins Terrace. Josephine Ward (nee Tobin), Bramble Court. Brian Jackman, formerly of Liscolman. Mike Jackman, formerly of Liscolman. Mary Byrne, 2 Hawkins Lane. Luke Thompson, formerly of Castledermot Road. Rose & Paddy Kearney, St. Austins Terrace and John Street. Dora & Mick Hogan, Fenagh. James & Catherine Murphy, Church Street. Mattie Rossiter, Bishop's Street. Patrick Doran, Crosslow.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 20TH MARCH, 11.00 A.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Cillian Gorman, Hawthorn Drive.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Elizabeth Croad (nee Kelly), England and formerly of Tankardstown.

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Flynn, Grangeford and deceased members of The Flynn Family, Church Street.

MASS FOR MONDAY 21ST MARCH, 9.30 A.M.

Luke Thompson, Rathoe.

MASS FOR FRIDAY 25TH MARCH, 9.30 A.M.

Garrett O'Brien, Tintean Phadraig.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 26TH MARCH, 7.30 P.M.

Jim Tynan, Rathbawn & formerly Portlaois. John Kirwan, Leebeeg, Newcastle, Wicklow. Tom Fitzpatrick, Moyle Big. Mick Hurley, Ballylinan. Joseph & Mary Molloy, Rath.

MASS FOR SUNDAY 27TH MARCH, 11.00 A.M.

Michael Clowry, Tullowhill.

Masses for the coming week:

Tullow:
Monday: 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday: 9.30 a.m. (Service of The Word and Holy Communion).
Wednesday: 9.30 a.m.
Thursday: 9.30 a.m. (Service of The Word and Holy Communion).
Friday: 9.30 am. (Please note change of time).
Saturday: 7.30 p.m.
Sunday: 11.00 a.m.
Grange: **Sunday:** 9 a.m.
Ardattin: **Sunday:** 10 a.m.

Daffodil Day Friday 25th March

Volunteers will be selling merchandise on the streets of Tullow for the first time since 2019. This will be the 35th Daffodil Day. If you would like to join with us, please contact Brenda on 0879822148 or Kay on 0874131243. Thank you for your support.

Email: tullowparish@outlook.com

TEA/COFFEE MORNING

In aid of Irish Cancer Society/Daffodil Day
Friday 25th March 10am - 12 in Tullow Parish Centre.
Merchandise available on the day.
Contact Jen 0879953184 or Mary 0862232971

Parish Collections

Envelope Collection: €977. Basket Collection: €597. Many thanks.

Save the Date! Sunday June 19th at 3 p.m.

Grange Church will celebrate its Bicentenary on Sunday, June 19th at 3 p.m.
ALL WELCOME.

Support for Ukraine - A note from Bishop Denis

I am conscious of the suffering of the Ukrainian people at this present time and encouraging all parish communities to give serious consideration to ways in which refugees can be accommodated. Already a number of parishes have responded to this call. If parishes or parishioners have any properties or vacant rooms that could be used to accommodate refugees please register your intent with the Irish Red Cross on their online platform <https://registerofpledges.redcross.ie/#/>.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Many parish communities have already established links with charitable efforts in their localities to support refugees and those remaining in Ukraine. To support these efforts, a special collection will be taken up nationwide at all Masses on the weekend of **Sunday 27th March**.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that people and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.