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, Groundskeeping, 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

27th March, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Lent

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Office: 059 9151277. Email: tullowparish@outlook.com Fr. Brian Maguire: 059 9181253. 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.

Be reconciled to God.

In our Gospel today Jesus uses the Prodigal Son parable to assure us of God's patience and love - "who once was lost and is found.""

A Prodigal Son's journey. John Newton was born in 1725. His mother died when he was seven and by age eleven he was accompanying his father on sea voyages. He was pressed into service with the Royal Navy at eighteen. He deserted his ship but was recaptured and flogged as punishment. When his service with the Navy ended he began working on slave transport ships.

In 1748 on a voyage aboard the ship Greyhound, a frightening storm arose near Lough Swilly in County Donegal. With the ship close to sinking John began to pray for God's mercy. The storm gradually began to weaken. This miraculous event marked the beginning of John's return to Christianity. His conversion was not immediate and total. Between 1750 and 1754 John still worked as a slave trader and captained three voyages transporting slaves to the West Indies. But gradually he changed.

He retired from the slave business in 1755. Nine years later, in 1764, he was ordained into the Anglican ministry. Each week he wrote a hymn which was sung at his Thursday service. One of these hymns is the best known Christian hymn in existence.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I am found, Was blind but now I see.

In 1788, forty years after his conversion, John became a very strong advocate for the abolition of slavery. John's faith and the way he lived his life, including his attitude to slavery, had evolved and developed over the years. The same is true of The Prodigal son who took some time to understand his relationship with his Father and the impotence of rebuilding that close relationship . The Prodigal Son's Father was waiting patiently for him. God is waiting for us.

Let us pray that God's Amazing Grace will renew our relationship with Our Father.

Vincent Crowley Deacon.

R.I.P. Bro. Fergus, John Osborne, Tullow who died during the week.

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

Jim Tynan, Rathbawn & formerly Portlaoise. John Kirwan, Leebeg, Newcastle, Wicklow. Tom Fitzpatrick, Moyle Big. Mick Hurley, Ballylinan. Joseph & Mary Molloy, Rath. William Matthews and deceased family members, 15 Thomas Traynor Road. Laurence Carthy, 5 Pairc Mhuire. Dan, Nancy, Christine and Ger O'Brien, The Hollow.

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

Michael Clowry, Tullowhill. Margaret Nicholson, Chapel Lane. Garrett O'Brien, Tintean Phadraig.

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

MONTHS MIND MASS: Margaret Murphy, Pairc Mhuire.

Joe Gahan, Crosslow. David Lonergan, John Street. Sheila & Paddy McCall, Crosslow and grandson Brendan McCall. Frank Fleming, Dublin Road. Annie Broughan, Coppenagh. Esther & Michael Murphy, 4 Courtview and formerly of Castledermot Road. Katie Kealy, Tullowhill.

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

Michael Healy, Crosslow. Mick Mulhall, Church Street.

Masses for the coming week:

Tullow: Monday: 9.30 a.m.

Grange:

Ardattin:

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. Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday: 10 a.m.

Due to Covid 19

The Annual Thomas Traynor Memorial has been cancelled on Easter Sunday this year.

Parish Collections

Envelope Collection: €1,261. **Basket Collection**: €983. Many thanks.

Email: tullowparish@outlook.com

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 this weekend **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

Eist Carlow Support Centre is now open at 46 Idrone Park, Tullow Road, Carlow. The Centre provides practical and emotional support to people with a cancer diagnosis, their family and friends. For further information our contact details are: Mobile: 085 8661499 or 059 9139684.

Email: reception@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie.

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