

Pat Bermingham Photographer will be in attendance at the Confirmation on 12th March. Contact: 087 2455992

Ballon Business & Training Service

Upcoming courses

- Get your garden summer ready/starting 7th March 2 to 4pm for 6 weeks.
- Machine sewing classes starting 7th March 9.30am to 12.30pm for 4 weeks.
- Supervisory Management Level 6 23rd March 6.30pm to 9.30pm for 10 weeks
- Book-Keeping/manual & computerised level 5 28th March 7pm to 9pm for 10 weeks.

Contact 0599159447 email: ballonbts@gmail.com

MABS

South Leinster Money Advice & budgeting Service.

Carlow MABS, 72D Tullow Street, Carlow.

Phone 0818072070. Free, independent and confidential

Money Management and Advice Service.

Assisting people in dealing with their existing debts, Mortgage arrears and helping them to begin to manage their own resources.

MABS offer free Debt Relief Advice under Personal Insolvency options.

Phone 0818072070.

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.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF TULLOW R.F.C.

2022 is the 50th Anniversary of the reforming of Tullow RFC. We will also officially open our new brilliant facilities including the 3G pitch, 2 grass pitches, carpark and club entrance. We are putting together a souvenir booklet to mark the occasion and would love to hear from you. If you have any old photographs, newspaper cuttings etc. which could be of interest please contact Club Secretary Mary O'Neill on 087 6237758. We will keep you informed regarding the official opening.

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

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

6th March, 2022

First 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.

The Three distractions which can become substitutes for God.

In our gospel today Jesus is getting ready for his missionary journey. He prepares by fasting in the desert. He needs to be alone with his Father and away from distractions or diversions. Our world has many diversions, some of which can dominate us completely. The writer Pascal said that we spend most of our lives with diversions, which keep us from asking the really important questions in life. Really important questions around our mortality, our fragility, our failures and the role God plays in our lives. Lent is intended to be a gentle form of desert. By reducing our levels of distraction we have the opportunity to think about the really important questions in life and our relationship with God.

In our Gospel the Devil is trying to distract Jesus from his mission. The Devil offers him three very common forms of diversion. They can easily become substitutes for God.

Physical Hunger - The goods of this world.

Jesus has not eaten for 40 days and he is hungry. The Devil tells him to satisfy his physical hunger - 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' Jesus answers 'Man does not live on bread alone.' Society encourages us to be hungry for material things. During Lent, and in life, we are asked not to be distracted by a hunger for material things.

Glory - fame, honour, glory, being admired.

The Devil brought Jesus to the parapet of the highest building in Jerusalem - 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here.' Jesus would easily become famous by misusing his divinity. He will not do this. Jesus tells the devil "You must not put the Lord your God to the test." The diversion of seeking fame is all consuming for many people in our world. Ultimately fame is empty and fickle.

Power and Importance

The Devil tells Jesus "I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms". Jesus is not impressed. He says:- You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' The worship of Power and importance can be ruinous. "The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace." — Mahatma Gandhi

This morning let us pray that our diversions do not overpower our search for God.

V Crowley Deacon

R.I.P Margaret Murphy, Pairc Mhuire who died recently.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 5TH MARCH, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Michael Brennan, 56 St. Patrick's Park.

Bridie Byrne, 17 Dublin Road. Michael Curry, Hanover, Carlow. Mary Doran, 8 Upper Station Road. Elizabeth, Michael, Pat & Paul Dowling, 59 Dublin Road. Jamie Kavanagh, Munny. The Whelan family, Liscolman. Michael Kelly, Marian Terrace, Hacketstown. Esther Byrne, Knocklow. Breda Maher & father in law Paddy Maher, 11 St. Austins Terrace. Cheryl Doyle, Ballybit. Breda Costigan Byrne, Tullowbeg. James Matthews Snr. & sons Willie & George, Thomas Traynor Road. Margaret & Peter Sutton & son Patrick, Rath East.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SUNDAY 6TH MARCH, 11.00 A.M.

Pat Edwards, Castlemore. P.J. & Eileen O'Reilly and deceased family members, Belturbet. Paddy & Mary McGee, Dublin. Thomas Goodison, Pairc Mhuire. Jim Horan, St. Austin's Terrace.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Betty Murphy, Ardattin today Sunday 6th March at 10 a.m. in Ardattin Church.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 12TH MARCH, 7.30 P.M.

Kathleen Hennessy, Paulville. James, Cecelia, P.J. & Eileen Griffin, The Square. Peig Wybrant & brother Pat & The Wybrant family, Ardoyne.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tullow:

Monday: 9.30 a.m.

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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:

9.00 a.m. Sunday morning.

Ardattin:

10 a.m. Sunday morning.

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

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

takes place in Tullow Church every Tuesday and Wednesday. We are always looking for new people to join us. All welcome.

Parish Collections

Envelope Collection: €1,067 **Basket Collection:** €456 Many thanks.

EASTER STATIONS

Please use your special envelope for Easter Stations (Collection for Clergy Fund) this weekend 6th March. Thank you.

TROCAIRE BOXES are available at Church Doors.

Tullow St. Patrick's Day Parade

is back this year on the 17th March, 2022 at 2 p.m. Beginning at the top of the town (Oakley Wood).

If any local groups or clubs would like to enter a float for the parade, please email stpatricksdaysatullow@gamil.com or check out the Develop Association Tullow Facebook page as a small grant may be available. Closing date for applications is the 28th February, 2022.

tullowmuseum.com website have now included some still black and white photographs from the Fr. Lalor cine film donated to the museum by Monsignor Brendan Byrne and Knockbeg College.

HUMANITARIAN DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE

Will be accepted in Tullow Parish Centre to help the people of Ukraine. All support would be greatly appreciated. Collection from 1st March until 8th March.

- Baby food/formula/nappies/baby wipes/nappy cream.
- Underwear/socks.
- Toiletries/first aid supplies.
- Non perishable foods/ rice/pasta/tinned food/cereal bars/tea/coffee etc....

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.