

The Rosary will be said at the blessed well on Ballymurphy Road, Tullow every Sunday for the month of May at 3 p.m.

Coach Trip to Clifden, Galway: 12th September (3 nights, 4 days). Call Joe Stynes on 086 3504351.

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 Active Retirement

A 5 day package holiday will take place from Monday 26th September to Friday 30th September to the 4 Star Sligo Southern Hotel. Cost is €360 per person. Contact Jim or Ettie on 9152925, 086 1200466 or 086 8608611.
The last two classes of Yoga will take place in Teach Bhride on Friday 27th May from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Tullow Day Care Centre are delighted to advise we are now fully operational and would love to see all our lovely clients return and invite new clients to attend our service. We continue our Meals on Wheels service and we are now delivering meals to the Kildavin/Clonegal/Myshall areas.
The Centre offers three course meals each day and cater for individual needs, meals are delivered directly to your door. Please contact the Centre on 059 9151833 to find out full details.

St. Anne's College of Further Education, Tullow Community School.

Enrolments are now taking place for the following QQ1 LEVEL 5 Course which will commence in September, 2022.

One Year Office Administration Training Course (Full Time).

Susi Grants, Back to Education Grants and Maintenance Grants are available.
The course is available to post Leaving Cert Students and Adults who wish to retrain or update their skills. Application forms and further information are available from the school office on 9151473.

Tullow Community Group CLG-Community Employment Scheme

If you have been out of work or out sick and on a Social Welfare Payment for some time now and you want to get back into the workforce, you may be eligible to work part-time in your local community on our Community Employment Scheme.

We have the following jobs available:

Housekeeping, Youth Support, Farm Worker, Community Development, Driver/Maintenance, Grounds-keeping, Gardening, Caring, Farming, Receptionist, Caretaking, Clerical/Admin Support. For more information contact Liz or Jeni on 059 180977 or info@tullowcommunitygroup.ie

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

29th May, 2022.

Ascension of the Lord.

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.
Tuesday & Thursday, 9.30 a.m.: Service of the Word & Holy Communion.
Grange: Sunday at 9.00 a.m.
Ardattin: Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

Sometimes you could be the only Bible that people read.

The most important sections of every book are the closing and opening pages. Our readings today come from the closing section of Saint Luke's Gospel and the opening section of the Acts of Apostles. The theme is the Ascension. The Ascension of Jesus is not a highly appreciated feast day. The real work of Christians started after the Ascension. Most of us are happy to believe and cherish the newborn Jesus Christ of Christmas, and the Risen Jesus of Easter. The Jesus of the Ascension is challenging. At the Ascension Jesus says to the Apostles "repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations,..... **You are witnesses to this.**" In the Acts of the Apostles He says "**you will be my witnesses**to the ends of the earth."
Our fundamental role as Christians is to be witnesses - A person who affords evidence. The Preacher Billy Graham spoke many times about the witness aspect to being a Christian. If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? . About the only evidence that would count to convict you would be the way you live.

Would your ministry activities in your church be such that it could be evidence? What if the authorities searched your vehicle or your house: would they find anything incriminating? What would they find if your bank statements were brought before the court?

Suppose the prosecution subpoenaed a record of the TV shows you watch. What would that say about your commitment to Christ? What about the magazine subscriptions, or your hobbies?

If the people who know you best were called to testify under oath, what would they offer up as evidence? After interviewing your boss and your co-workers, your neighbours and your family, would the court convict you of being a Christian.

How many of your friends and co-workers, your family and neighbours, would look at you and say, "Why, yes, he's a Christian"? Or would they acquit? Would the judge's gavel come down with a bang as he said, "Case dismissed for lack of evidence"?

Each one of us may be the only Bible that others ever read. Let us pray that we are good witnesses.

Vincent Crowley Deacon

R.I.P. Sean Nolan, Ardattin and Pat Butler, Rathbawn, Tullow who died during the week.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 28TH MAY, 7.30 P.M.

MONTHS MIND: Dolores McDonnell, Ballybit.

MONTHS MIND: Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Rathlyon.

ANNIVERSARIES: Brigid & Liam O'Leary, Ballymurphy Road and 17 Courtlawns. William Shannon and deceased family members, Grangeford. John & Mary Whelan, Elmgrove. John & Margaret Shiel & deceased family members, Kill. Baby Killian Kelly, Knocknatubrid. Dan Bolger, Templeowen. Joe Gahan & Mary Brophy and deceased family members, Abbey Street. Elizabeth & William Ryan, Butlersgrange.

ANNIVERSARY MASS for Gerard Fleming, Ballynoe today Sunday 29th May at 10 a.m. in Ardattin Church.

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

Robert Ward, Widnes, Cheshire. John & Bridie Cummins, Shillelagh Grove. Rachel & Oliver McCarthy, 6 Courtlawns.

ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR SUNDAY 5TH JUNE, 11.00 A.M.

Jim Healy, John Street. Patrick & Catherine Whelan and deceased family members, Roscatt. John, Tom & Sr. Candida McDonald, Aghowle.

ANNIVERSARY MASS for Johnny Dillon, Killerig next Sunday 5th June at 9 a.m. in Grange Church.

Congratulations and every blessing to the pupils of Ardattin National School who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday.

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 a.m.
Saturday: 7.30 p.m.
Sunday: 11.00 a.m.
Grange: Sunday: 9 a.m.
Ardattin: Sunday: 10 a.m.

Parish of Tullow, Grange and Ardattin: Registered Charity Number: 20015848

Email: tullowparish@outlook.com

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Please use your special envelope for Retired Priests Collection. Thank you.

GRANGE CHURCH BICENTENARY

Our Committee is busy preparing for the **Bicentenary Mass on June 19th** celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty. Donations towards defraying of expenses for the occasion and general repairs and upgrades including repolishing of the sanctuary lamp and brass works can be given to any of the Committee Members: Fr. Brian Maguire, Sr. Elizabeth McDonald, Dolores Gorman, David Dillon, Tony Fleming, Paul Jackman, Maria Maher, Pauline Murphy, Leah Mulhall, Ann Murphy, Jimmy O'Toole & John Pender.

Parish Collections

Envelope Collection: €846. **Basket Collection:** €534. Many thanks.

CLIMB WITH DAN (Climb with Charlie): Many thanks to all who supported this fundraiser in aid of Pieta House and the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association. Total amount raised by Dan and his family was €1,400. The fund is now closed and all money has been directed to the Charlie Bird Project.

**Graiguecullen/Killeshin Solemn Novena
to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Monday 30th May at 7.30 p.m. in St. Clare's Church

This year's theme is: "*We are not alone*".

Guest Speaker: Anna May McHugh. Managing Director National Ploughing Association.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

takes place on Sunday 5th June.

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock.

Ceremonies begin at 2.30 p.m. with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick followed by Mass at 3 p.m. and concluding with the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

A bus will leave Tullow Church Carpark on the above date at 7.30 a.m.

Anyone interested please give your name to Brendan Dowling on 087 6537753, Ann O'Brien 069 9151466 or Josie Duffy.

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.