

CLOTHES COLLECTION supporting Friends of Calcutta on Tuesday 29th November up to 4 p.m. at the Grotto in Tullow Church Car Park.

Daniel O'Donnell in Concert

on Wednesday 23rd August in Mt. Wolseley Hotel, Tullow.
Tickets now available. Please contact Carmel Dawson on 087 2221434.

Develop Tullow Association is delighted to announce that in conjunction with Carlow County Council we will bring you **LIGHTFEST TULLOW 2022**. The event will take place in Bro. Leo Park (R93 Y426) on Friday 3rd December. We really hope you will join us for our Family Fun Night where we will have music and dance brought to you by a variety of local performers. The entertainment will kick off at 4 p.m., there will be ice cream, food and drink stalls for you to enjoy whilst you pass the evening, see Santa and perhaps interact with our children's entertainers before enjoying a superb professional firework display at approximately 6.30 p.m. Follow DTA Facebook page for further information.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Annual Appeal weekend is on 10th/11th December. Your support would be very much appreciated.

Handle's Messiah: Carol Choral Society Saturday 3rd December at 8 p.m. in Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. Blánaid Murphy - Conductor. Tickets €20, available from all choir members and Staplestown Rd Post Office, Carlow.

Afternoon Christmas Concert with Regina Hanley & The Wolseley Singers

on Sunday 11th December at 3 p.m. sharp in Mt. Wolseley Clubhouse
in aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare.
Tickets available at the door or on 087 6286288.

Footcare by Nóirin: Foot health practitioner available for routine foot-care in your own home. Phone 085 8487808.

Poor Clare Monastery

Ladies, might God have other plans for your life? 'Come and See' Monastic Experience on Saturday December 3rd from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Poor Clare Monastery, Graiguecullen, Carlow. If attending please contact the Poor Clare's before the event. www.poorclarevoc@gmail.com

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

27th November, 2022.

First Sunday of Advent.

PARISH CONTACTS

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

Service of the Word and Holy Communion:
9.30 a.m.:
Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30 a.m.

MASS TIMES:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 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.

New Year

We should really start by wishing each other a "Happy New Year" because this Sunday is the first day of the Church's New Year. In our Readings today the message is to be watchful and careful as we wait for the coming of Jesus.

The Readings

The prophet Isaiah in the First reading predicts the first coming of Jesus, and the new Kingdom Jesus brings with Him. We read the words of the prophet Isaiah 2,800 years after they were first written. An extraordinary and encouraging fact.

Saint Paul in the second reading proclaims a second coming of Jesus will also happen. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon. Jesus in the Gospel is preparing His followers for the second coming too:- *'stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'*

Preparations

For Christians the Advent season is a time of preparation for our hearts and for our minds, for the anniversary of the Lord's birth at Christmas. In the Nativity story there was no place for Mary, the mother of Jesus, to stay when she arrived in Bethlehem. In our preparations for this Christmas let us make room for Mary and her son Jesus in our lives. Simply start by saying "Hail Mary full of Grace the Lord is with thee..."

Pray don't babble

In the new Church year Matthew's Gospel will be read each week. Remember these words of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew:- *when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them.*

Pray very simply. "Hail Mary..."

And Happy New Year.

Vincent Crowley
Deacon

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

Kathleen Hennessy, 30 Pairc Mhuire. John Corcoran, 30 Hillbrook Estate. May, Matt and Breda Keogh, St. Austins Terrace. Anthony & Vimy McQuinn, Pairc Mhuire. Siobhan Koop Coogan, Toronto and Castlemore. Jamie Coady, Shillelagh Grove. James & Julia Coady and daughter Sr. Jenny, Mill Street. Denis & Elizabeth Harte, Ballintemple, Ardattin. Paddy, Maura, Oliver & Anna O'Brien (Holohan), Pairc Mhuire. Sean & Patricia Fox, Castledermot Road. Tom & Peg Jackman, Paulville. Michael Fitzgerald, Roscatt.

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

Mock Kane, 6 Barrack Street, Tullow. Jim Kealy, Russellstown, Carlow.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

MONTHS MIND: Mary O'Grady, Knocklow.

Betty St. Ledger, Dublin Road. Connie Dunne, Tintean Phadraig. Paddy Doran, Cannonsquarter, daughter Mary, son Patrick and Hugh O'Neill. John & Bridie Fitzgerald, Aghade and deceased family members. Joe & Annie Dwyer, Old Chapel Lane.

ANNIVERSARY MASS: Con Murphy Snr, Peg Murphy and Con Murphy Jnr, Grange next Sunday 4th December at 9 a.m. in Grange Church.

ANNIVERSARY MASS: Mary Maher, Thomas Traynor Road next Sunday 4th December at 9 a.m. in Grange Church.

MASS FOR SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 11.00 A.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Pat Coady, Dublin Road.

TAP TO DONATE

We have installed two 'Tap to Donate' Machines at the rear of Tullow Church. They are set at €5. This is a convenient way of donating to the Church and your generosity is appreciated.

Please use your special envelope this weekend

26th/27th November for Christmas Stations (Collection for Clergy Fund).

Thank you for your support.

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

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SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN

The National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (the National Board) will be commencing their review of safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin on December 12th. This review is to assess the safeguarding practice in the Diocese against the Catholic Church in Ireland's current standards as detailed in *Safeguarding Children - Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016*.

If you would like to know more about safeguarding in your parish, please speak with your Local Safeguarding Representatives: Brenda Conway or Helen Cooper or look at the Safeguarding section on www.kandle.ie

If you wish to report a child or vulnerable adult safeguarding concern, please contact the Diocesan DLP on 085 8021633 or the statutory authorities of the Gardai, TUSLA, HSE.

Parish Collections

Envelope Collection: €1,561. **Basket Collection:** €659. Many thanks.

Ecumenical Carol Service will be held in All Saints, Aghade (Eircode R93XD79) on Sunday 18th December at 7 p.m. featuring The Four Hims, The Ballon Singers with local Soloists and Musicians. A special welcome is extended to our Ukrainian neighbours at Ballon Rest Centre (for whom the Collection is in support of). All welcome to a Reception and Tea in Aghade Hall afterwards.

Christmas Food Hamper Appeal

The Community of Tullow are coming together to put food parcels together for Christmas. Non-perishables can be dropped off to the Parish Centre, Tullow during office hours. We would appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Tullow Singers

will hold a Christmas Concert

on Sunday 11th December in St. Columba's Church, Tullow.

More details next week.

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.