

TULLOW SINGERS are looking for choristers. All welcome! Rehearsals are 8.00 - 9.30 p.m. with a tea break in the middle, every Wednesday, starting 1st February in Tullow Parish Centre.

Tullow Library is open, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday from 9.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. New members are most welcome.

Baby Book Club: Tuesday at 10 a.m. (suitable for 0-3 years old and their parents/guardians).

On 25th February, as part of Ireland Reads, we're inviting people of all ages to get reading. Take the pledge and see how many minutes people all over Ireland will be reading for on February 25th. More information on www.irelandreads.ie

Bank of Ireland Provincial Towns Cup

2nd Round: Tullow R.F.C. V Boyne R.F.C.
at The Blackgates on Sunday 26th February at 3.00 p.m.

Tullow Day Care Centre have the following Community Employment vacancies: Vanette driver, Befriender, Kitchen Assistant and Laundry worker/cleaner. For further information please contact Fiona or Lisa on 059 9181410.

Relief Cleaner Required: Contact Tots to Teens, Tullow on 059 9180942.

Tullow Youth Project @ The Bishop's House, Tullow.

6 Week Life Skills course on how to navigate life after secondary school. Fridays 6.30- 8 p.m. €2 per session. For more information contact Rebecca on 086 7806406.

Artist Anonymous for young people ages 13 - 15 years. Thursdays from 4.15 - 5.15 p.m. €2 per session. Contact Rebecca on 086 7806406.

Cleaner needed for a family home in the Tullow area for 2/3 hours a fortnight. If interested please call Gemma on 087 7424177.

Childminder Needed: Looking for a kind, reliable childminder to mind our baby 3 to 4 days per week from April. Tullow/Ballon area. Please contact 083 1719800.

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th February, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

PARISH CONTACTS

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

Service of the Word and Holy Communion:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 9.30 a.m.

MASS TIMES:

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.
(Bishop Denis hopes to join us at 7.30 p.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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our Gospel today Jesus proposes a very gentle, and almost naïve way of living. We are asked "*to love your enemies*" and to "*be perfect as God is perfect.*"

Evil people

We don't often meet very evil people. Christians should hate evil and avoid dealing with those who would bring us closer to evil. The very first line of the first Psalm cautions us to keep clear of the wicked. Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, or set foot on the path of sinners, or sit in the seat of mockers. So it is in dealing with people we meet every day-friends, family, community, business contacts and work colleagues-that the messages today apply.

Anger

Jewish law sought that revenge be proportionate. People taking revenge should not inflict greater damage than had been inflicted on them. "An eye for an eye". Jesus on the other hand requests that his followers do not seek revenge at all, or act upon their anger. Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; This is a difficult aspect of our Faith. It goes against all conventional wisdom. However as Saint Paul tells us in the second reading "the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God."

Mercy

God does not seek revenge. "*He causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike.*" It is this quality of Mercy seen in God which Jesus asks us to imitate. You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Prayer

Lord grant us the wisdom to understand, and the courage to put into practice the challenges you set for us in the Gospel today. Mark Twain said: -Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured.

Vincent Crowley Deacon

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY, 7.30 P.M.

Billy, Mary & John Garry, Castledermot Road. Sadie Brennan, Hawkins Lane. Siobhan Mernagh, 6 Upper Station Road. Eddie Byrne, Laburnum Lodge. John & Mary Madden, Mill Street. Vera & Arthur Byrne, Drumcondra and also their grandson Cathal Madden, Castlegrace. Elizabeth & Patrick Deegan & deceased family members, Rathglass. John & Mary Farrell, Roscatt. Annie & William Redmond, Ferns.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY, 11 A.M.

MONTHS MIND: Sr. Bernardine Finn, Delaney Court.

ANNIVERSARY: Mary Carroll, Hawthorn Drive.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, 7.30 P.M.

Kathleen & Peter Rooney, 56 Dublin Road. Margaret Marshall, Pairc Mhuire and formerly of Lucan, Dublin. John (Jack) Keogh, The Mullawn. Dan Nolan, Rath East. Kathleen & Edward O'Grady, Knocklow.

MASS FOR SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY, 11 A.M.

MONTHS MIND: Eamon Hogan, Ballymurphy.

Fr. Brian will be on sick leave from the Parish for 3 weeks and will return for the weekend of March 11th/12th.

TULLOW, GRANGE AND ARDATTIN PARISH DRAW

- ◆ We need your support to raise funds for the maintenance of the three Churches.
- ◆ All those interested in being a promoter please call to the parish office and collect your card.
- ◆ **4 Draws @ €5 per week.** The 1st Draw will be held on Thursday 9th March at 10.15 a.m. in Tullow Parish Centre.
- ◆ **Weekly Prize Money: 1st: €400. 2nd: €200. 3rd: €100. 4th: €100. 5th: €50. Promoter's Prize: €50.**

If you would like to buy a line please call to the Parish Office. Your support would be very much appreciated.

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

Email: tullowparish@outlook.com

COLLECTION FOR SYRIA AND TURKEY

Bishop Nulty is requesting that a collection be taken up at all masses this weekend, 18th and 19th February, for the people of Syria and Turkey.

This collection will go to Trócaire who are working with their partner, Caritas Syria, to support those affected by the terrible events following the recent devastating earthquake. Thousands of people have been killed or injured and the numbers are still rising. Buildings have been destroyed and the infrastructure devastated. There is an immediate and urgent need for humanitarian aid in this region, your support would be greatly appreciated.

SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) marks the beginning of Lent, the Church's time of Preparation for the Celebration of Easter.

Masses on Ash Wednesday with distribution of ashes: 9.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Tullow St. Patrick's Day Parade, 2023 taking place on the 17th March commencing at 2 p.m. from the Dublin Road. The next meeting takes place in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 21st February at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.

EASTER STATIONS

Please use your special envelope for Easter Stations (Collection for Clergy Fund) next weekend. 25th/26th February. Thank you.

Parish Collections

Envelope Collection: €1,594. Basket Collection: €611. Many thanks.

Grange GFC are delighted to bring a really exciting and unique event to the running calendar for 2023. Duckett's Grove Castle and Estate in Co. Carlow will form a strikingly enigmatic and dramatic backdrop for the inaugural **'Great Duckett Run' on Sunday 26th February, 2023 at 11 a.m.** With a beautiful bespoke medal and great prizes on offer this is surely an event not to be missed. Early bird registration is from €20. Refreshments provided on the day. In association with Grange Village Committee.

Grange Village Committee and Grange GAA would be grateful for donations of baked goods (buns, cakes etc) for the Great Duckett Run on the 26th February. Donations can be dropped into Grange GAA Clubhouse on Saturday 25th February between 3 - 5 p.m. Thank you for your support.

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.