

SCOIL MHUIRE LOURDES NEEDS YOUR OLD CLOTHES

What better way to prepare for the upcoming festive season than to clear out your wardrobe and get rid of any of those old clothes that you really don't want anymore. The Parents' Association of Scoil Mhuire Lourdes is holding a clothing collection to try to raise funds for school activities and vital works that need to be carried out in the school. Your old clothes would really help us in raising much needed funds. All you have to do is bag them up and donate them to our clothing collection.

We **DO** accept: clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves, ties, belts and soft toys.

We definitely **DO NOT** accept: duvets, blankets, bedding, pillows, cushions, charity shop items, carpets, rugs, mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats), soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, school uniforms with or without logos, corporate clothing and workwear, textile offcuts, yarns or threaded material.

WHEN: Friday, 31st March 2023 from 12 Noon to 1pm & Saturday, 1st April 2023 from 10am to 11am

LOCATION: Scoil Mhuire Lourdes, Tullow (R93 Y960)

Funds raised will go towards our new Nurture room and the planned upgrading of our playspace.

BINGO at the Blackgates on Thursday 16th March has been **cancelled** and will be held at a later date.

Carlow & Tullow Fire Service are recruiting Fire Fighters. Application forms available from Tullow Fire Station or online. Open night on Wednesday 15th March at 7 p.m. All welcome.

ARDATTIN DRAMA GROUP's Play
has been cancelled until further notice.

You are invited to join Carlow PPN for our FREE Community Workshops Event, 'Strengthening Your Community' in Teach Bhríde, Tullow, March 23rd from 1pm - 6pm. Join us for networking & nibbles! All are welcome – text Trish 087 195 1444 or Fiona 087 276 0139 to book your place.

- *An Introduction to Social Enterprise*
- *Committee Roles and Responsibilities Governance*
- *Stewarding and Managing Events and Festivals in Your Community Renewable Energy in The Community*

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th March, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent.

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Office: 059 9151277.
Email: tullowparish@outlook.com
Fr. Brian Maguire: 059 9181253.
Service of the Word and Holy Communion:
Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30 a.m.
MASS TIMES:
Monday & Wednesday at 9.30 a.m.
Vigil Mass on Thursday night 16th March at 7.30 p.m. in Tullow Church for St. Patrick's Day.
St. Patrick's Day at 11.00 a.m.
Saturday: 7.30 p.m.
Sunday: 11.00 a.m.
Grange: Sunday 19th March at 9.00 a.m.
Ardattin: Sunday 19th March at 10.00 a.m.

Jesus meets The Samaritan Woman

This was a remarkable encounter. Samaritans and Jews hated one another. Women had no value in these times and were very suspicious of men they did not know. Outside the family, women rarely engaged in any conversations with men. Additionally this woman was an outcast. She used the well "at the sixth hour", noon time, the hottest time of the day, when there was no one around. His meeting with this valueless, vulnerable, outcast Samaritan woman is the longest conversation Jesus has in the Gospel.

Conversion

The Samaritan woman goes from being suspicious of Jesus, calling Him "Jew", to acknowledging his greatness and calling Him a "prophet". This happened because :-

- Jesus called on the woman to help Him. He asked her to trust in him and come closer to Him. She responded positively.
- Like all of us the Samaritan woman thirsts for meaning in her life. Jesus offers her living water from God. '... anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again.
- Jesus promises the Samaritan woman two gifts: 1. The Holy Spirit, "God is spirit", 2. The Truth. The gospel message - the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - is known as "the word of truth". These gifts allow the Samaritan woman to become a true worshipper..... true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth: that is the kind of worshipper the father wants.

Messages for us

- Jesus values us regardless of our past. He wants us to give to Him - as God has given to us. He seeks that we trust Him.
- We were given the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. Through the Gospel we have the word of Truth. We can be true worshippers.

Finally through the example and testimony of the Samaritan woman, her community was converted to Jesus. We must try to do this too, through our Christian example to others and through our participation in the Church.

Vincent Crowley Deacon

RIP Joseph Gahan, Paulville House, Tullow who died recently.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 11TH MARCH, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Ger Delaney, Pairc Mhuire Kathleen Hennessey, Paulville. Pat Edwards, Castlemore. Cheryl Doyle, Ballybit, Tullow. James Horan, St. Austins Terrace. Péig Wybrant and brother Pat, Ardoyne. Thomas Goodison, Pairc Mhuire. Breda Costigan, Tullowbeg. Margaret Carthy, Pairc Mhuire. James Matthews Senior and sons Willie & George, Thomas Traynor Road. Esther Byrne, Knocklow. Dick Dempsey, Hillbrook Estate. Myles & Catherine Fitzpatrick, Rathlyon.

ANNIVERSARY: Betty Murphy, Ardattin today Sunday 12th March at 10 a.m. in Ardattin Church.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR FRIDAY 17TH MARCH, 11.00 A.M.

Tom Berry, Carlow Road. Michael Berry & Bridget Berry, Carlow Road. Margaret O'Brien, husband and deceased family members, Paulville.

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

James, P.J. & Eileen Griffin and daughter Celia, The Square. Luke Thompson, formerly of Castledermot Road. Mary Byrne, Hawkins Lane. James & Catherine Murphy, Church Street. Nana & Jimmy O'Toole, Ardoyne.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 19TH MARCH, 11.00 A.M.

MONTHS MIND: Ada Cummins, Hillbrook Estate.

ANNIVERSARY: Brian Flynn, Grangeford and deceased family members, Church Street.

PARISH DRAW RESULTS: WEEK 1

- 1st Prize: €400:** Emma Jane McHutcheon. Promoter Number 38. Line No. 2
2nd Prize: €200: Rita Dalton. Promoter Number 20. Line No. 3
3rd Prize: €100: Sarah Shannon. Promoter Number 2: Line No. 7
4th Prize: €100: Rita Dalton. Promoter Number 20. Line No. 3
5th Prize: €50: Declan Fogarty. Promoter Number 58. Line No. 1
Promoters Prize: €50: Carmel Dawson.

Sincere thanks to all promoters and to those who bought at ticket.

The next draw will be held on Thursday 16th March at 10.15 a.m. in Tullow Parish Centre. Come along for a cuppa and a chat!

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

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MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK AND ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Monday 13th March: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 14th March: Service of the Word & Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 15th March: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 16th March: Service of the Word & Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Mass in Tullow Church (Vigil Mass for St. Patrick's Day).

Friday 17th March: St. Patrick's Day: Mass at 11 a.m. in Tullow Church.

Saturday 18th March: 7.30 p.m.

Sunday 19th March: 11a.m. Mass.

Grange: 9.00 a.m. on Sunday 19th March.

Ardattin: 10 a.m. on Sunday 19th March.

Mercy Sunday takes place at Knock Shrine on the 23rd April. Ceremonies begin with Divine Mercy Devotions at 12.45 p.m. with Fr. Bernard McGuckian and concelebrated Mass at 3 p.m. with Chief Celebrant and Homilist Most Rev. Eamon Martin, DD.

Parish Collections

Envelope Collection: €1,911. Basket Collection: €828. Many thanks.

Tullow St. Patrick's Day Parade, 2023

taking place **next Friday 17th March** commencing at 2 p.m. from the Dublin Road.

Daffodil Day Friday 24th March 2023

Daffodil Day will be celebrated on Friday 24th March. Volunteers will be selling merchandise on the streets of Tullow and outside some of the supermarkets. In addition to the usual merchandise for sale, this year there will be children's backpacks and socks for adults and children. There will be a tea/coffee morning in the Parish Centre also. An on line donation website will also be organised. The people and businesses of Tullow and surrounding area have been very supportive of Daffodil Day in the past and we hope you will be with us again this year. We will soon be contacting the volunteers who have supported us in the past but if you would like to join with us for the first time please contact Brenda on 0879822148 or Kay on 0874131243. Donations of fresh daffodils will be very welcome.

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.