

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.

Tullow Active Retirement

General Meeting for all members will be held on Tuesday 28th March at 2 p.m. in Tullow Parish Centre. **Night at the Dogs.** Tullow Active Retirement is planning a night to Newbridge Greyhound Racing. Contact Joe on 086 3504351.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Fr. John O'Brien, Killinure is organising a pilgrimage to Medjugorje in October. We hope to leave on Wednesday 7th October and return on Wednesday 14th October. Price is €795 per person sharing. Contact Fr. John on 086 2403787 for more information.

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

19th March, 2023
Fourth 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 and Friday at 9.30 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 cures a man who was blind from birth.

Life for a blind person at the time of Jesus was terrible. The blind were physically vulnerable, unemployable and uneducated. Mostly they were beggars and were the lowest of the low. The Pharisees showed contempt for the blind man in the Gospel story. They ridiculed him. In those times, all sickness was seen as being the result of sinfulness. The Pharisees said this to the blind man 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' Jesus, however, was compassionate and cured the man. Jesus constantly attended to the sick and the poor.

Message for us.

"...for the test of a civilization is the way that it cares for its helpless members." Pearl Buck.

Pope Saint John Paul says .

Let us keep the sick and those with special needs at the centre of our lives. Let us treasure them and recognise with gratitude the debt we owe them. We begin by imagining that we are giving to them. We end by realising that they have enriched us. Remember it is to Christ to whom you minister in the sufferings of your brothers and sisters. The wisdom of Christ and the power of Christ are to be seen in the weakness of those who share his sufferings.

Prayer

Lord Jesus be the light in our lives. Help us to see, by your light, your presence in those who need our help. Remember it is to Christ to whom you minister in the sufferings of your brothers and sisters.

Vincent Crowley Deacon.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TODAY TO ALL MOTHERS.

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. Rose Gorman, Rathsillan. Matthew Rossiter, Bishop Street. Margaret & Joseph Nicholson, New Chapel Lane. The deceased members of The Kearney family, Tullowland.

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.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 25TH MARCH, 7.30 P.M.

Garrett O'Brien. Tintean Phadraig. Joseph & Mary Molloy, Rath. Cillian Gorman, 19 Hawthorn Drive. Paddy & Rose Kearney, St. Austins and John Street. James, Elizabeth and Carmel Cullen, Pairc Mhuire. Tom & Olive Hickey, Courtlawns. Mike & Brian Jackman, formerly Liscoleman. Tom Fitzpatrick, Moyle. Mick Hurley, Ballylinan.

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

Jim Tynan, Rathbawn.

PARISH DRAW RESULTS: WEEK 2

1st Prize: €400: Tom & Elaine Cleary, Ardoyne. Promoter No. 66. Line No. 5
2nd Prize: €200: Monica McCormack, Bellwood Drive. Promoter No. 17. Line No 5
3rd Prize: €100: Margaret Byrne, Hillbrook Estate: Promoter No. 60. Line No. 3
4th Prize: €100: Violet Hogan, Slaneyquarter. Promoter No. 31. Line No. 1
5th Prize: €50: Pat & Cathriona Byrne, Barrack St. Promoter No. 42. Line No. 3
Promoters Prize: €50: Tim Healy. Promoter No. 66

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

The next draw will be held on Thursday 23rd March at 10.15 a.m. in Tullow Parish Centre. Come along for a cuppa and a chat!

Church Gate Collection in aid of Carlow Multiple Sclerosis Society will be held on the weekend of 25th and 26th March in Tullow Parish.

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

Email: tullowparish@outlook.com

Mercy Sunday takes place at Knock Shrine on the 16th 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: €1,478. Basket Collection: €602. Many thanks.

Bus to Knock Shrine on Sunday 23rd April.
Contact Josie Duffy or Ann O'Brien.

Tullow Active Retirement

Anyone interested in taking part in a 6 week course "**Getting the most out of your Smart Phone/Tablet**" commencing on 28th March from 11 to 1 p.m. in Tullow Parish Centre. There will be a small fee. Please contact Kathleen on 087 9713558.

Ardattin Fundraisers are having a walk on Easter Monday. Registration is at 1 p.m. and the walk starts at 2 p.m. All proceeds go to Carlow Kilkenny Homecare Team.

Bank of Ireland Provincial Towns Cup Quarter Final

will be held today Sunday 19th March.
Enniscorthy RFC V Tullow RFC at 3 p.m. in Enniscorthy.

Daffodil Day Friday 24th March 2023

Daffodil Day will be celebrated next 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, Kay on 0874131243 or Jen on 087 9953184. Donations of fresh daffodils will be very welcome.

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.