

YOGA WITH KATIE

Friday nights 7 pm (home venue) Sundays 10am Tullow Tennis Club.
€13 per class or €45 for 4 classes. To book text 086 8790171 or dm
@moderndayyoga_ on instagram

TULLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Tullow Active Retirement are having a BBQ on Thursday 3rd August at 1 p.m. in Rathwood. The cost is €20. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Kathleen on 087 9713558 or Joe 086 3504351.

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

'Chiropodist at Tullow Day Care Centre'

From August onwards chiropodist fees for member of the public at Tullow Day Care will increase to 35 per visit. If you would like further information on Chiropodist visits at Tullow Day Care, please contact the centre on 059 9151833.

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.

DAY OUTING

Moonriver Cruise & Mullingar on Tuesday 25th July. Pick up Church car park at 9am to Carrick-on-Shannon for tea & scones. Cruise along the river Shannon for 1 hour. Back to Mullingar for some shopping before a 4 course meal in Feerick's Hotel. All the above for €85. To book, contact Jim McCormack on 086 1200466 or 059 9152925.

Jennifer Murnane's New Location Constituency Clinic is in Tullow Parish Community Centre every Monday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Cairdeas Centre CLG Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given to all that the AGM of Cairdeas Centre CLG. It will be held on 17th July at 4 p.m. in The Cairdeas Centre.

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

16th July, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time.

PARISH CONTACTS

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

Mass Times

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 a.m.

Service of The Word and Holy Communion:

Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30 a.m.

God is talking but are we listening?

"If you are ignorant of God's word, you will always be ignorant of God's will."

-Billy Graham

The Word

God communicates with us through the Bible, the book He inspire, which is known as "The Word". Our first reading and Gospel today are about "The Word".

Our First Reading confirms the power of God's Word "so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do."

The Gospel story is the parable of the sower who planted seed in different types of soil. The seed represents "The Word". This Gospel appears simple. The yield from a seed depends on the quality of the soil it is planted in. What catches the eye is this Gospel is the exceptional harvest produced by the seed which fell on rich soil. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. The message is that by nurturing our knowledge of God through the Gospels we become a fertile soil for the "Word". We can produce a rich harvest of good works in our own lives and also a harvest of good example seen by those around us.

"The Word" and witness

We Christians are called upon to be a good example to those around us. We should not underestimate our impact on others. It is said that the average person meets 10,000 people in their lifetime. Each of these 10,000 people will meet many others. Our good example is much greater than we can ever know.

There is great wisdom in this quote:-

Be careful how you live; you will be the only Bible some people ever read.

-William J. Toms

Prayer

Lord help us to connect with you through you Word. Through this connection may we be better people and reflect your "good news" to those we meet.

Vincent Crowley
Deacon

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Jason Hickey, 65 Pairc Mhuire. Maria Falls (nee Cummins) Leany, Ardattin. Rosalieve Dooley, Middlesex, U.K. & formerly Naas (sister of Ettie McCormack) (mass will be offered up for Rosalieve on Wednesday 19th July at 9.30 a.m.) & John Browne formerly The Downings who died recently.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 15TH JULY, 7.30 P.M.

John & Kathleen Ward, Widnes, Cheshire. Mary Murphy, Birmingham & Crosslow. P.J. Roche, The Course. William & Mary Gahan, Ardoyne. Patrick Lawlor, Mount Wolseley. The deceased members of The Kearney Family, Tullowland. Denis Kelly, Munny, Coolkenno. Muriel Rossiter, Bishop's St. Joseph & Annie Coady, Dublin Road.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 16TH JULY, 11.00 A.M.

Patricia Abbey, Courtview. Craig Mahon, Carlow. Thomas & Ellen O'Reilly, Castlemore.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 22ND JULY, 7.30 P.M.

Máire Jackman, Crosslow. John Nolan, Mount Aaron. Teresa Kelly, Tankardstown.

As you sow, so shall you reap, goes the old saying, originally from St. Paul's letter to the Galatians. The story in the gospel today expands it a bit, giving us the example of seed that is sown in different places and the results of the harvest. We're probably not surprised to see the seed at the edge of the path falling away; we're well aware that there are people who seem utterly resistant to anything of Spirit, allergic to faith or religion. We're also familiar with the phenomenon of faith that disappeared with the Celtic Tiger; prosperity and riches choked the life from it. And we also know very well how it can happen that a flourishing faith can die away when certain challenges appear; the scandals in the Church led many to question, not just the Church, but the message that it proclaimed, and they did real damage to people's faith. Today faith is under attack from all sides; in certain circles there's a presumption that you don't go to Mass, don't pray and don't believe, and many people keep the practice of their faith a secret from their work colleagues and even their friends. Faith needs deep roots to survive; even things like illness, bereavement, relationship issues, financial hardships, can quench faith if its roots are not sufficiently deep. On the other hand, those things can actually strengthen it too, just as pruning is good for the health of plants. It's hard to know how deep our faith actually is; some would say that in Ireland, faith is widespread, but superficial, that we don't have deep faith. Others would say that its very endurance here is evidence of a deeply held belief.

*An Extract from "My Life In Your Hands"
Thoughts & Words of Fr. John Cummins*

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TULLOW CEMETERY MASS COLLECTION

€3,180.00

Thank you all for your kind donations.

WALK AND TALK

Tullow Tidy Towns Committee invites you to join a Swift themed "Walk and Talk" with Padraig Webb, Ornithologist (author of the Tullow Swift Survey 2022). It will take place on Thursday 20th July at 7.30 p.m. Meeting at Tullow Church car park. Learn more about swifts, their lives, migration and nesting habits and much more. All age groups welcome. For further information please call 087 6787115.

Grandparents Day will be celebrated on Sunday 23rd July.

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk.1:50)

Mass on Slane Hill

On 6th August (Feast of the Transfiguration) at 2 p.m. to consecrate Ireland once again as St. Patrick did. This is being organised by Dana and Damien. Sr. Breege will lead with the Eucharistic Healing Service after Mass. Transport available. If interested, contact Lily on 087 1523045.

Parish Collections

Envelope Collection: €2,509. **Basket Collection:** €897. Many thanks.

Parish Tax Reclaim Forms (CHY): If you have received one we would ask you to return the completed form to the Parish Office as soon as you can. Thanks for your generosity and co-operation; the parish will receive a tax refund from the Revenue Commissioners. This scheme is totally confidential.

Tullow Youth Project

Multi Activity: 11th - 13th July and 8th - 10th August.
Crab Fishing Cahore Beach. 6th July, €20.
Stepping Stones: 25th - 27th July and 1st - 3rd August, €30.
Kayaking: Tuesday 4th - 11th July.
Games out reach in park every Wednesday from 3 - 5 p.m.
Email infoatcarlowys.ie for more information.

Check out our new Facebook page (Tullow Parish)

Email: tullop parish@outlook.com