**TOTS TO TEENS** are seeking voluntary membership to the Board of Directors. We need people who care about the childcare facility and it's future. Our facility is a not-for-profit community childcare facility whose mission it is to provide affordable, accessible, reliable and excellent quality childcare for children and families in Tullow and the surrounding areas. Board members provide the necessary skills, knowledge, leadership and the extra hands to get things done to ensure the continuous improvement of our childcare service. If you feel you have the necessary skills and spare time to provide a meaningful and beneficial impact to the Board of Directors, please contact: david@totstoteenstullow.ie to discuss.

**ACTIVE RETIREMENT YOGA:** Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. in The Parish Centre. New members welcome. Contact Mary 0868757346 or Bernie 0874168828.

**Tullow Singers** will be meeting in Tullow Parish Centre every Wednesday night at 8 p.m. Relaxed Environment. Members wanted. Ability to sightread non-essential.

Mature reliable college student available for evening & weekend babysitting in Tullow & surrounding areas. References available. Please contact 0852407373 for further information.

**TULLOW DAY CARE CENTRE AGM** will be held on Tuesday 26th September in Tullow Day Care Centre at 7 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend this meting, can you please advise the Main Office on 059 9151833 by Friday 22nd September.

**Tullow Marathon ladies**, their fellow runners and families would sincerely like to thank anyone who donated, bough, and supported our recent cake sale in aid of our fund. We are so appreciative of your continued support. A total of  $\epsilon$ 404 was raised.

**TULLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT MEETING** on Tuesday 26th September at 2 pm. in Tullow Parish Centre.

# TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER 17th September, 2023

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

#### PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Office: 059 9151277. Email: tullowparish@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.

# 24th Sunday in Ordinary time . Forgiveness: Pope Francis talks about our Gospel today.

In the parable in today's Gospel reading, that of the merciful King, we find this plea twice: "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything". The first time it is pronounced by the servant who owes his master ten thousand talents, an enormous sum. Today it would be millions and millions of euros. The second time it is repeated by another servant of the same master. He too is in debt, not towards his master, but towards the same servant who has that enormous debt. And his debt is very small, maybe like a week's wages.

The heart of the parable is the indulgence the master shows towards his servant with the bigger debt. The evangelist underlines that, "moved with compassion the master" — we should never forget this word of Jesus: "with compassion", Jesus always had compassion — "moved with compassion the master let him go and forgave him the loan". An enormous debt, therefore a huge remission!

But that servant, immediately afterwards, shows himself to be pitiless towards his companion, who owed him a modest amount. He does not listen to him, he is extremely hostile against him and has him thrown in prison until his debt is paid back, that small debt. The master hears about this and, indignant, calls the wicked servant back and has him condemned: "I forgave you a great deal and you are not capable of forgiving so little?".

How much suffering, how many wounds, how many wars could be avoided if forgiveness and mercy were the style of our life! How many disunited families, who do not know how to forgive each other. It is necessary to apply merciful love to all human relationships: between spouses, between parents and children, within our communities, in the Church and also in society and politics.

## Advice regarding forgiveness

When hurt, do not say:- Oh Lord help me, and change them . Instead pray:- Oh Lord change me and help them.

Vincent Crowley Deacon

**R.I.P.** Fr. Felix Byrne, Monaseed who died recently.

#### MASSES FOR SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

**MONTHS MIND**: Mary Healy, Crosslow.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kathleen & Michael Dowling, Paulville. Caroline Byrne (nee Curran) formerly 69 St. Patrick's Pk. Elizabeth Rogers (nee Lacey), Waterford & Tullow. Michael & Brigid O'Neill, St. Austin's Tce. & sons John & Tom. Mary & Frank Fleming, Dublin Rd. Paddy & Sheila McCall, Crosslow & grandson Brendan. Kathleen Goodison, Cobblers Corner. Ellen Thompson, Castledermot Road. Maureen Browne, Church Street. Paddy Hade, Dublin Road. Noel Murphy, Killinure. Peter & Mary Murphy, 19 Shillelagh Grove.

**MONTHS MIND**: Jer Brophy, Knocknatubrid today Sunday 17th September at 10 a.m. in Ardattin Church.

**ANNIVERSARY MASS**: Richie & Kathleen Williams, Newstown, Ardattin today Sunday 17th September at 10 a.m. in Ardattin Church.

#### MASS FOR SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 11 A.M.

Thomas & Martha Dawson, Rathbawn.

#### MASSES FOR SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

MONTHS MIND: Patsy Galvin, Dublin Road.

Ann Sheerin, Station Road and her husband Jackie Sheerin. Willie Sheppard, John Sheppard, Tommy Hickey and The Lambe family, Ouragh. Jim & Margaret Sheppard, Rathlyon. Eileen McNabb, Tullowhil. Ann Kelly - Eddy, formerly Crosskeys. Sally & May McNabb, Church Street. Annie Baird, Dublin Road. Kevin Hennessy, Knocklow. Martin & Lydia Fenelon & daughters Ursula and Attracta and son in law Michael Kavanagh. Eamon Walsh, Tullow & Straboe.

#### ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

Bernie O'Neill, 24 St. Austins Terrace.

## TAP TO DONATE

Thank you to everyone who find the tap to donate facilities helpful. Both machines are up and running.

### **TULLOW CULTURE NIGHT**

Culture Night takes place nationally on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We want to embrace and celebrate the cultural diversity in Tullow.

A range of FREE exciting cultural events, to suit all ages are taking place in various venues throughout Tullow from 4 p.m. Event maps with details of all events are on display in the town.

FREE tickets are now available for African drumming workshop and the performance of "Tales from the Ring of the Rath" performed by "Bridge Gap Productions" the members of the Cairdeas Centre. Tickets are now available from Tullow Discount Store. Due to limited availability, please only get tickets if your are able to attend the event. (Note the distribution of tickets will be limited to people)

Keep up to date and please follow and share all the latest news, on our Face-book page Tullow Culture Night.

Any enquiries please email – <u>tullowculturenight2023@gmail.com</u>

## HARVEST COLLECTION

Please use your special envelope for Harvest Collection (Collection for Clergy Fund) next weekend 24th September. Thank you.

# TULLOW COMMUNITY SCHOOL - OPEN EVENING

Thursday 12th October, 2023 6.30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

# **PILGRIMAGE TO Knock Shrine**

on Sunday 24th September.

Bus leaving Church carpark at 7.15 a.m.

Cost is €30 per person.

Leave names into Tullow Parish Centre, 059 9151277.

## **Parish Collections**

**Envelope Collection**: €1,462. **Basket Collection**: €658. Many thanks.

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

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