

Secretarial Assistant Required

The Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin are seeking to recruit a Secretarial Assistant to work in their Diocesan Offices based in Bishop's House in Carlow Town. The Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin has a total of 56 parishes spread throughout all of County Carlow as well as parts of counties Kilkenny, Kildare, Offaly, Laois, Wexford and Wicklow. The Diocesan Offices at Bishop's House are the administrative arm of the diocese and receive correspondence and queries from all parishes as well as members of the public. Our aim is to provide the smooth and efficient operation of our diocese through exceptional administration. As a secretarial assistant you will support the Bishop and other staff in Bishop's House through a variety of tasks related to administration, organisation and communication.

- Part-time, 20 hours per week over 5 days
- 1 year initially, subject to renewal.
- Shortlisting will apply.

Applications must take the form of a letter of application along with a Curriculum Vitae. These should be emailed to aisling@kandle.ie (mailto:aisling@kandle.ie) or posted to Aisling Brennan, Bishop's House, Old Dublin Road, Carlow. R93F6D5. Closing date is Friday 8th December.

CLOTHES COLLECTION FOR FRIENDS OF CALCUTTA

On Wednesday 6th December in Church carpark before 4 p.m.

Carol Service in aid of The Cairdeas Centre on Friday 15th December at 11 a.m. in The Cairdeas Ctr. If you would be interested in joining in, contact Martina on 087 2679100.

Daniel O'Donnell in Concert in The Lyrath Hotel, Kilkenny on Wednesday 1st May, 2024. Tickets now available from Carmel Dawson on 087 2221434.

Carlow Choral Society Christmas Celebration on Saturday 9th December at 8 p.m. in Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. See www.eventbrite.ie and Choir Members.

Parish Choir, Tullow.

Our choir practice for Christmas is on Tuesday 12th December at 8 p.m. in The Parish Centre and we would love everyone interested in singing with us to please come along. Christmas is a lovely time to be in a choir and singing is an ideal way to relax and destress. If you can sing at all please consider joining our choir, you will be very welcome. Contact Colette on 086 376834 or Caroline on 086 3454143.

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN

PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd December, 2023

First Sunday of Advent.

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Office: 059 9151277.
Email: tullowparish@outlook.com
Fr. Brian Maguire: 059 9181253.
MASS TIMES:
Monday and Wednesday at 9.30 a.m.
Thursday 7.30 p.m. (Vigil)
Friday 11 a.m. (Holy Day)
Service of The Word and Holy Communion:
Tuesday at 9.30 a.m.

First Sunday in Advent

The Gospel today asks us to urgently commit ourselves to our Catholic, Spiritual life as we await the coming of Jesus.

The Faith today

We present-day Catholics rarely feel a sense of urgency regarding our relationship with God. We sincerely pray to God when there is trouble in our lives, however having a relationship with God seems to pass in and out of our consciousness. While the vast majority of us are good people we postpone a deep relationship with God.

Pope Francis says

...in this Season of Advent, let us be shaken out of our torpor and let us awaken from our slumber! Let us try to ask ourselves: am I aware of what I am living, am I alert, am I awake? Do I try to recognize God's presence in daily situations, or am I distracted and a little overwhelmed by things? If we are unaware of his coming today, we will also be unprepared when he arrives at the end of time.

Deepen our relationship with God

Many of us now say we by-pass Churches in the way we interact with God. In His time, Jesus was unhappy with the religious leaders of the Church but he remained a very active and devout Jew. He attended Synagogues or the Temple, listening to Scripture and taking part in discussions about God.

We need a Church and it's teachers and preachers to help us understand what Jesus wants from us. We must also start a prayer life which brings us closer to God. If we don't do this, we risk becoming indifferent to our Faith and to a relationship with God.

Pope Francis advises us to pray

Jesus says: "Be vigilant at all times and pray". Prayer is what keeps the lamp of the heart lit. This is especially true when we feel that our enthusiasm has cooled down. Prayer re-lights it, because it brings us back to God.

Vincent Crowley
Deacon

R.I.P. Brigid Watchorn (nee Walsh), Birmingham and formerly of Tullow and Hacketstown who died recently.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

Jim & Hannah Gartland and deceased family members, Dublin Road. John & Catherine Gahan, Ballykeenan. William & Frances Behan, Quarry Street, Shillelagh. James & Anna May Behan, Church Road, Myshall.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 11 A.M.

MONTHS MIND: Beth Lucas, Hillbrook Estate.

Patrick & Annie Nolan, Paulville. John & Bridie Fitzgerald & deceased family members, Aghade. Joe & Annie Dwyer, Chapel Lane. Noel & Ella Ward, Clontarf.

ANNIVERSARY MASS: May Maher, 11 Thomas Traynor Road today Sunday 3rd December at 9 a.m. in Grange Church.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Peter Ronan, Hillbrook Estate.

Connie Dunne, Tintean Phadraig. Pat Sutton, Rath. Annie Brennan, Castledermot Road and grandson Sean Walsh, Kilrush. James & Mary Roche, Tullow and son Jim and granddaughter Lisa Roche. Jack & Brigid Rooney, Knocklow. Frank Foley, St. Olivers Villas. Mary Shannon and deceased family members, Dublin Road. Patrick & Roseanna Nolan, 24 Dublin Road.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 11 A.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Peter Ronan, Hillbrook Estate.

Ger & Alice O'Brien, The Abbey. Joseph & Betty O'Neill, Tullowbeg. Paschal Nolan, Paulville. Mick & Maura McGrath, Pairc Mhuire.

ANNIVERSARY: Con Murphy, Snr, Peg Murphy and Con Murphy, Jnr, Grange next Sunday 10th December at 9 a.m. in Grange Church.

Immaculate Conception

Tullow Church: Vigil Mass on Thursday 7th December at 7.30 p.m.
Friday 8th December at 11 a.m.

Tullow Singers Present

'An Irish Christmas' featuring soloist Iris Fiona Nicolaou and joined by 'No Strings Attached' on Friday 8th December at 8 p.m. in Church of The Most Holy Rosary, Tullow in aid of St. Vincent de Paul.

Wolseley Singers Christmas Concert

Great afternoon concert in Mount Wolseley Golf Clubhouse on Sunday December 10th at 3 p.m. Featuring Regina Hanley, Debra Stuart, The Wolseley Singers, Aoife Doyle, Karen Kealy, Adam Mernin, Carlow Ukulele Band and Rathmore National School Choir. Tickets available from 087 6286288 or at the door, in aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare Team.

Parish Envelopes 2024

We would appreciate it if Distributors could collect their envelopes for distribution at the Parish Office. Thank you to all Distributors for your help.

Tullow Conference St. Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal

The local conference of St. Vincent de Paul appeals to the public again this year to help us to help others in need this Christmas. This year more and more people are affected by the rising cost of living, especially heating, electricity and food.

By supporting our Annual Appeal you can help a family through this winter.

You can donate by using the special SVP blue envelopes at the back of the Church, The Post Office, Tullow Credit Union and Tullow Parish Centre. They can be posted or dropped into the Parish Centre. You can also donate online by using the QR code. All funds raised will be spent in this Community-Tullow, Grange, Ardattin, Ballon, Rathoe, Ballyconnell & Coolkenno.

Thank you for your continued support.

National Giving Sunday will be December 10th, 2023.



The Tullow Active Retirement Christmas Lunch

will be held on 14th December in Mount Wolseley at 2 p.m. Dancing and music. €20 for members and €38 for non members. Tickets must be purchased before the event. Tickets will be available from Joe Stynes or Kathleen. If you wish you can call to the Town Hall on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 2—4 p.m. to purchase your tickets.

Parish Collections

Envelope Collection: €1,350. **Basket Collection:** €724. Many thanks.

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

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