

39th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Celebrates Community Spirit in Tullow.

The vibrant town of Tullow is gearing up for the 39th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, set to take place on Sunday March 17th. Organised by the Develop Tullow Association and proudly sponsored by Codd Mushrooms, this year's celebration promises a day filled with lively entertainment and a vibrant display of Irish culture.

We are calling on companies, groups, clubs, organisations and associations of all shapes and sizes to sign up and become involved in this year's Tullow 'be seen in green' St. Patrick's Day Parade. Entry is Free with special prizes on the day. To pledge your ENTRY please phone 085 1557129 or DM us on social media.

Please don't forget to send us some details for our celebrity MC to announce from the viewing stand on the day.

FORMS AVAILABLE at the back of the Church for anyone who would like to volunteer for Eucharistic Minister, Funeral Minister or Reading at mass.

English Grinds for Higher Level Leaving Certificate student needed. Please contact 087 6323299.

Ardattin Drama Group presents Brian Friel's "Dancing at Lughnasa" in Ardattin Hall on the 24th/25th February, March 2nd/3rd and March 9th/10th starting at 8 p.m. sharp. Admission : €10.

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In the Bord Gais Energy Theatre on Wednesday 28th February @ 2.30 p.m..
Bus departing Rathoe village at 10.45 a.m. & Ballon village at 11.20 a.m.
Tickets €45 each which includes bus and entry to show. For bookings contact Sheila 087 6549427 (accepts payment, paypal/revolut) or Ann 087 9159695.
Tickets non-refundable but can be resold.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association: Carlow Regional Dinner Dance in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow on Sunday 25th February at 1.30 p.m. Music by Teresa and the Stars. Tickets €30 each. Please contact Anne on 087 7638695 (after 6 p.m.).

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

18th February, 2024
First Sunday of Lent

PARISH CONTACTS

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MASSES

Monday 9.30 a.m., Wednesday 9.30 a.m. & Friday at 9.30 a.m.

Service of The Word and Holy Communion:

Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30 a.m.

Pope Francis' 2024 Lenten message: 'Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom'

Pope Francis has centered his Lenten message for 2024 on the Book of Exodus, choosing "Through the Desert God Leads Us to Freedom" as its main theme to encourage the faithful that the season is a journey from bondage to spiritual renewal and freedom.

The Pope framed this reflection on the departure of the Israelites from Egypt, a story that not only represents the journey from bondage to emancipation but also of revelation and spiritual freedom..

"When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom," the pope said.

The Holy Father went on to note that this process "is a demanding one" and that "it is not answered straight away. It has to mature as part of a journey".

"We realize how true this is at those moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert and lacking a promised land as our destination. Let us be the season of grace in which the desert can become once more - in the word of the prophet Hosea - the place of our first love," the pope observed.

Pope Francis also underscored the centrality of the desert in the New Testament, observing that on the first Sunday of Lent, we are reminded that Jesus "was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom."

"The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken," the Pope added.

R.I.P. Kathleen Murphy, 71 Fr. Murphy Terrace who died recently.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 7.30 P.M.

Sally & May McNabb, Church Street. Adrian Kelly, formerly of Croskeys. Siobhan Mernagh, 6 Upper Station Road. John & Lillie Maxwell, Pairc Mhuire & deceased family members of The Maxwell family, Tullowland and deceased family members of The Wheeler family, Crosslow. Jim Roche, 49 Hillbrook Estate. John, Mary & Billy Garry, Castledermot Road. Vera & Arthur Byrne, Drumcondra. John & Mary Madden and grandson Cathal, Castlegrace. Dan Nolan, Rath East. Sadie Brennan, Hawkins Lane and Paddy Brennan & baby Jason.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY, 11 A.M.

MONTHS MIND: P.J. Gahan, Crosslow.

MONTHS MIND: Nuala O'Toole, Shillelagh Road.

MONTHS MIND: Josie Nolan, Tankardstown.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Carroll, Hawthorn Drive. Elizabeth & Patrick Deegan and deceased family members, Rathglass. Matthew Doyle, Hillbrook Estate and his parents Larry & May Doyle, Pairc Mhuire and uncle Jim Green. Eddie Byrne, Laburnum Lodge.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY, 7.30 P.M.

Kathleen & Peter Rooney, 56Dublin Road. Dr. Pat Aylmer and his wife Veronica and Vera Longe, Carlow. John Keogh, The Mullawn. Paddy Flynn, Tinryland.

MASS FOR SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, 11 A.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Ada Cummins, 15 Hillbrook Estate.

TULLOW, GRANGE AND ARDATTIN PARISH DRAW

- ◆ We need your support to raise funds for the maintenance of the three Churches.
- ◆ All those interested in being a promoter please call to the parish office and collect your card.
- ◆ **4 Draws @ €5 per week.** The 1st Draw will be held on Thursday 4th April at 10.15 a.m. in Tullow Parish Centre.
- ◆ **Weekly Prize Money:** 1st: €400. 2nd: €200. 3rd: €100. 4th: €100. 5th: €50. **Promoter's Prize:** €50.

If you would like to buy a line please call to the Parish Office. Your support would be very much appreciated.

EASTER STATIONS: Please use your special envelope for Easter Stations (Collection for Clergy Fund) this weekend 17th /18th February. Thank you.

Parish Collections

Envelope Collection: €1,325. **Basket Collection:** €565. Many thanks.

Lenten Morning of Prayer and Reflection

Saturday March 9th, 2024: 10 a.m.—1 p.m. in Teach Bride.
Facilitators: Brigidine Sisters—Teresa Phelan and Teresa Carter.
All welcome.

To register call 083 3928708 or 089 9705761 no later than Thursday March 7th.
Suggested Donation: €15 (lunch included).

St. Vincent de Paul

The Tullow Area St. Vincent de Paul was generously supported again in 2023 and we thank everyone for their generosity. Thank you too to all the schools, clubs and organisations who raised funds for SVP.

Thanks to your generosity many more families were helped this year with vouchers for food, fuel, clothes and education.

Areas covered are Tullow, Grange, Ardattin, Rathoe, Ballon, Ballyconnell and Coolkenno. This work is carried on all year round. Requests for assistance should be sent to 051 350725 or email info.southeast@svp.ie.

Members of SVP are volunteers and do not receive any expenses. Donations received during 2023 amounted to €40,449.92. A grant of €40,000 was also received.

Income and Expenditure for 2023

Total Income: €80,449.92

Total Expenditure: €87,205.80.

Thank you again for your generous support for the work of SVP.

Scoil Mhuire Lourdes Needs your Old Clothes

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

Friday 22nd March, 1.40 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. and Saturday 23rd March from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. **LOCATION:** Scoil Mhuire Lourdes, Tullow (R93Y960).

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