

## 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.

### Window Decorating Contest

We invite all shops and premises in Tullow to decorate their windows for St. Patrick's Day. Grand Prize; €100 and a Perpetual Shield. Sponsored by FBD. Closing date is Friday March 15th. Judged by the residents of Signa Care, Killerig.

**CONGRATULATIONS** and best wishes to Bridget Meaney, Shillelagh Road, Tullow who will celebrate her 100th Birthday next week.

### LIFE OF PI

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.

### Community Connect Drive and Drop

**Donate to Help families in Need. Saturday March 9th from 2—4 p.m. in Tullow Church Car Park.** Help us to gather much needed essential items for pregnant mother and families with new babies around the country - just pick up a few extra items in your weekly shop: Community Connect is a registered charity that helps pregnant mothers, parents with new babies and young children who are in need. Items that can be accepted: Nappies, baby wipes, baby wash shampoo, nappy cream, hospital bag items, dark towels, babygros, vests (newborn to 6 months), unopened gift items for mothers for eg, hand cream, lip balm, body lotion, body wash, fluffy socks. **NEW ITEMS ONLY.** Financial donations also accepted on the day.

## TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

**25th February, 2024**  
Second Sunday of Lent

### PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Office: 059 9151277.

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Fr. Brian Maguire: 059 9181253.

### 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.

## Safeguardng Sunday Message from Bishop Nulty

I warmly welcome the holding of 'Safeguarding Sunday' once again in our diocese. The fact that 'Safeguarding Sunday' has become such a regular part of our Diocesan and Parish life, demonstrates how safeguarding has been so well embedded into every area of our diocese and its fifty-six parishes. Since Safeguarding Sunday last year, we have undergone a robust review conducted by the NBSCCCI which commended the diocese for our safeguarding practices. I thank all involved in this review and particularly priests and local safeguarding representatives at parish level who ensure best practice in safeguarding is adhered to in all parishes.

I welcome the appointment of our new Director of Safeguarding, Ailish Higgins.

'Safeguarding Sunday' allows safeguarding to rest at the heart of every parish activity, it is part of the culture that prevails across the diocese. This Sunday I thank all who insure safeguarding is so well embedded, our Director of Safeguarding, the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee, the Designated Liaison People, our Parish Safeguarding Representatives and very much our priests and people. Our parishes are safe places for young people to be part of, I pray that more will engages in the life of our fifty-six parishes over the coming year.

Every blessing on this great work.

*Denis Nulty.*

**R.I.P.** Mary Ann Roche, Ballynoe, Ardattin, Margaret (Peggy) Dreelan, Newstown, Ardattin and Mary Kennedy, Coppengh who died recently.

**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. Robert Kelly, U.S.A. Betty & Owen Dempsey, 33 St. Austins Terrace. M.J. & Mary Holden, Ouragh.

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

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Ada Cummins, 15 Hillbrook Estate.

**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 2ND MARCH, 7.30 P.M.**

John & Margaret Murphy, 37 Pairc Mhuire. Bridie Byrne, Dublin Road and Michael Curry, Hanover, Carlow. Mary Doran, Station Road. Jamie Kavanagh, Coolkenno. Mick Kelly, 21 Marian Terrace, Hacketstown. Jimmy & Mary Murphy, Ardoyne. The Whelan family, Liscolman. Michael & Elizabeth Dowling and sons Pat & Paul, Dublin Road. Breda Costigan, Carlow Road. Cheryl Doyle, Ballybit.

**MASS FOR SUNDAY 3RD MARCH, 11 A.M.**

**MONTHS MIND:** Antoinette Doyle, Steepleview Crescent.

**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.

**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).

**THANK YOU:** The Peter McVerry Trust would like to thank all those who donated to the Christmas Crib donation box in Tullow Church. A total of €1,280 was raised and forwarded to the above Trust.

**Parish Collections**

**Envelope Collection:** €2,107. **Basket Collection:** €918. Many thanks.

**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.

**Peace Mass in Carlow Cathedral** on Thursday 29th February at 7 p.m. Rosary, divine Mercy followed by Mass and Benediction . All are welcome.

**Tullow Community Group CLG—Community Employment Scheme**

Have part-time job vacancies based in the following locations in Tullow.

St. Patrick's Cheshire Home—Driver/Maintenance Worker.

St. Patrick's Cheshire Home—Healthcare Assistant

Parkville United AFC - Groundskeeper/Caretaker

St. Francis Farm - Farm Worker

St. Francis Farm - Admin/Accounts Assistant

Tullow Rugby Club—Caretaker/Grounds Person.

Tullow Parish Centre - Caretaker

Please note - you must be eligible to take part in a CE Scheme. Training will be provided.

Contact Liz or Jeni at 059 9180977 or [info@tullowcommunitygroup.ie](mailto:info@tullowcommunitygroup.ie)

**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).

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

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