

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.

Ardattin National School will host a Race Night in The Half Way, Ardattin on Saturday 9th March at 9 p.m. Come along and join in the fun with our host Brendan Hennessy as we battle the bookies to pick the winners. All proceeds For Ardattin National School.

Tullow Active Retirement Association Summer Holiday to Donegal. 3rd to 7th June in the Historic village of Dungloe at the Waterfront Hotel. €400 per person sharing. Coach is €20 per day. We will have 3 days of tours with Paul our Driver. Contact Jim McCormack on 086 1200466.

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

3rd March, 2024
Third 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.

Excerpts from the Irish Episcopal Conference Message regarding the Referendums on March 8th

The Family Amendment - 39th Amendment (amending Article 41)

The Family, based on the exclusive, life-long and life-giving public commitment of Marriage, is the foundational cell of society and essential to the common good.....

While 'Marriage' entails a public and legal commitment, the term 'durable relationship' is shrouded in legal uncertainty and is open to wide interpretation. It does not make sense that such an ambiguous reality would be considered 'antecedent and superior to all positive law' and acquire the same 'inalienable and imprescriptible' rights as those ascribed to the 'family founded on marriage'. Various commentators have suggested that the term 'durable relationship' risks leading to unforeseen and unintended consequences.

The Care Amendment - 40th Amendment (deleting Article 41.2 and inserting a New Article 42B)

The proposed amendment would have the effect of abolishing all reference to motherhood in the Constitution and leave unacknowledged the particular and incalculable societal contribution that mothers in the home have made and continue to make in Ireland. The present constitutional wording does not in any way inhibit women from working or taking their proper place in social and public life. It does, however, respect the complementary and distinct qualities that arise naturally within the Family. The role of mothers should continue to be cherished in our Constitution.

R.I.P. Paul Maher, Ballynoe, Ardattin and Sheila Brennan, Kill who died recently.

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. James Matthews Senior and sons Willie and George, Thomas Traynor Road. Frances Black, Steepleview Crescent and John Black, Hillbrook Estate and Cork. Esther Byrne, Knocklow.

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

MONTHS MIND: Antoinette Doyle, Steepleview Crescent.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 9TH MARCH, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Joe Gahan, Paulville House.

Michael Brennan, St. Patrick's Park. Breda Maher and her father in law Paddy Maher, 11 St. Austins Terrace. Matthew Rossiter, Bishop's Street. Ger Delaney, Pairc Mhuire. Natalie McDonnell, Ballybit. Pat Edwards, Castlemore. Thomas Goodison, Pairc Mhuire. Kathleen Hennessey, Paulville.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 10TH MARCH, 11 A.M.

P.J. & Eileen O'Reilly, Belturbert.

ANNIVERSARY: Deceased members of The Brown family, Ballintemple next Sunday 10th March at 10 a.m. in Ardattin Church.

ANNIVERSARY: Betty Murphy, Ardattin next Sunday 10th March at 10 a.m. in Ardattin Church.

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.

Morning of Prayer & Reflection for Lent

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).

Parish Collections

Envelope Collection: €1,741. **Basket Collection:** €837. Many thanks.

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

The Graveyard Maintenance Team will be starting up soon. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 p.m. 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

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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