

**Join us for Seasonal Freshments** on Sunday 8th December from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Hosted by The Corrigan Family, Liscolman House (R93C899). Fundraiser in aid of St. Columba's Church, Tullow.

St. Columba's National School, Tullow **Christmas Tractor Run** on Sunday 22nd December at 5 p.m. Parking and Registration from 3 p.m. Children's Tractor Run starting at 3 p.m. (bring your own Tractor). Both leaving from Caldbeck's Farm R93DY71.

**Community Carol Service** on Sunday 22nd December at 7.30 p.m. in St. Columba's Church, Tullow. Special Guests: Tullow Singers. Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with our Carol Service. Join family and friends and enjoy the timeless carols that echo the joy of the Season.

**"Thank You"** The "Light up the Night Tractor and Car Run for Cancer" which was held in Ardattin on the 23rd November raised a total of €3,820. Thanks to all the organising committee. Multiple Myeloma, Eist Carlow and Carlow/Kilkenny homecare will all benefit from the funds raised.

**Tullow Active Retirement Association:** There will be a Twenty Fives Card Game on 20th December in Griffins Lounge at 8 p.m.

**THANK YOU:** On behalf of Ardattin National School students, staff and parents we would like to thank everyone who helped with or attended our Concert Fundraiser last week. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

### **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, in the Post Office Tullow, Tullow Credit Union and Tullow Parish Centre. These envelopes can be posted or dropped into the Parish Centre. Any envelope may be used. Donations may also be made on-line at <https://www.svp.ie/fundraiser/st-lazerian-tullow-appeal> All funds raised will be spent in this community-Tullow, Grange, Ardattin, Rathoe, Ballon, Ballyconnell and Coolkenno. Thank you for your continued support. Annual collection will be nationwide December 7th & 8th.

## **TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**8th December, 2024  
Second Sunday of Advent**

### **PARISH CONTACTS**

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### **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.

### **Justice and the Spiral of Evil**

If we live according to the law "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth", we will never escape from the spirit of evil. The evil one is clever, and deludes us into thinking that with our human justice we can save ourselves and save the world! In reality, only the justice of God can save us! And the justice of God is revealed in the Cross: the Cross is the judgment of God on us all and on this world.

But how does God judge us? By giving his life for us! Here is the supreme act of justice that defeated the prince of this world once and for all; and this supreme act of justice is the supreme act of mercy. Jesus calls us all to follow this path: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36).

I now ask of you one thing. In silence, let's all think ..... everyone think of a person with whom we are annoyed, with whom we are angry, someone we do not like. Let us think of that person and in silence, at this moment, let us pray for this person, and let us become merciful with this person.

*Pope Francis - Angelus address, September 15, 2013.*

**Reflection:** Take some time in silence to act upon the Holy Father's request, above.

### **MASSES FOR SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER, 7.30 P.M.**

**MONTHS MIND:** Stephen Abbey, 20 An Caisleán, Tullow.

Betty St. Ledger and deceased family members, Dublin Road. Connie Dunne, Tintean Phadraig. Matthew & Kathleen Kelly, Tankardstown and daughter Elizabeth. Annie Brennan, 3 Castledermot Road and grandson Sean Walsh, Kilrush. Jim Fogarty, Monacurragh. Paddy Doran, daughter Mary, son Patrick and Hugh O'Neill, Cannonsquarter. Mary Shannon, Dublin Road. William & Frances Behan, Quarry St., Shillelagh. John & Catherine Gahan, Ballykeenan, Myshall. James & Anna May Behan, Church Road, Myshall. John & Bridie Fitzgerald, Aghade and deceased family members. Roseanna Nolan, 24 Dublin Road. Ellen Guinane, London. Michael & Julia Murphy, 12 Pairc Mhuire.

**ANNIVERSARY:** May Maher, Thomas Traynor Road today Sunday 8th December at 9 a.m. in Grange Church.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Con and Peg Murphy, Grange and their sons Con and Hughie in Grange Church today Sunday 8th December at 9 a.m.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Kathleen Bolger, Crosslow in Ardattin Church today Sunday 8th December at 10 a.m.

### **MASSES FOR SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER, 11 A.M.**

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Simon Ronan, 10 Shillelagh Grove.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Peter Ronan, Shillelagh Road.

### **MASSES FOR SATURDAY 14th December, 7.30 p.m.**

**MONTHS MIND:** Peter Jackman, Crosslow.

**MONTHS MIND:** Margaret Corcoran, 3 Barrack Street.

Colum Doyle, Pairc Mhuire. Mick Stynes, Steepleview Crescent. James & Mary Roche and sons Billy & Jim and granddaughter Lisa, Tullow. Mary O'Neill, Dublin Road and sons Darren Rathrush, Ian, Dublin Road and daughter Geraldine Bolger, Hawthorn Drive and Mr & Mrs Bolger, Kearnstown. Frank Foley, Olivers Villas. Julia Kelly, Tankardstown. Breda Kenny, Abbey Street. Peter Ronan, Hillbrook Estate.

### **MASS FOR SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER, 11 A.M.**

Ger & Alice O'Brien, The Abbey.

The Feast of The Immaculate Conception is celebrated this year on Monday 9th December. It is **NOT** a holy day of Obligation. Mass as usual at 9.30 a.m.

### **Parish Collections**

**Envelope Collection:** €1,847. **Basket Collection:** €809. Many thanks.

**DTA** appeals for you to Keep Tullow thriving this Christmas - let's make parking work for everyone! With free parking all year round, we kindly ask long-term parkers to leave prime space free for customers and delivery drivers during business hours, helping local businesses stay accessible and vibrant. Businesses, now's the time to show the value of customer parking as we prepare for a busy future. Together, we can ensure Tullow remains welcoming and easy to shop for the festive season!

### **Eist Cancer Support Centre**

The Eist Cancer Support Centre has moved to 46 Idrone Park, Carlow. Eist continues to provide emotional support and practical help to all affected by cancer. To make an appointment or for more information please contact us on 085 8661499 or [info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie](mailto:info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie)

### **TULLOW RFC**

Christmas Family Novelty Bingo  
at The Blackgates today Sunday 8th December at 4 p.m.  
Great prize money and lots of Christmas prizes.

**The Flower Committees in Tullow, Grange and Ardattin** would be grateful for flowers, greenery or money towards decorating the Churches for Christmas.

### **Parish Envelopes 2025**

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

**Afternoon Christmas Concert** in Mount Wolseley Clubhouse on Sunday December 8th at 3 p.m. Featuring Regina Hanley, Debra Stuart, The Wolseley Singers, Rathmore National School, Carlow Ukulele Band, The Wellness Choir and many more. Tickets €10 Adults, €5 children, €25 family. Available from 087 6286288 or on the door. In aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare.

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

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