

**TULLOW DAY CARE CENTRE'S 'Good as New' Shop** is fully stocked with an array of fabulous clothing for Men, Women and Children as well as Shoes and Boots in all sizes. Get dressed for much less at Tullow Day Care Centre.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul:** Thank you very much to everyone who donated money, food, electricity and clothes vouchers and toys to SVP Tullow during 2024. The total amount of money donated in 2024 amounted to €46,778.31. Total expenditure in 2024 was €60,460. Thank you also to all the schools, clubs businesses and individuals that fundraised for SVP during the year and who donated food and electricity vouchers and toys. We very much appreciate the ongoing help of everyone. The area covered (Tullow, Grange, Ardattin, Rathoe, Ballon and Ballyconnell). For assistance please phone 051 350725. Email: southeast@svp.ie

**" 40th Tullow St. Patrick's Day Parade – Entries Now Open!**

Develop Tullow Association invites companies, groups, clubs, and organizations of all sizes to take part in the **40th Tullow St. Patrick's Day Parade**, celebrating the theme **"40 Shades of Green."** Entry is **free**, with special prizes on the day, including the **Simon Ronan Perpetual Cup**, cash prizes, and a **Best Window Display** being judged by residents of SignaCare Killerig. Get creative, go all out with your greens, and let's make this the most vibrant parade yet! To enter, text **089 435 8407** or DM us on social media – and don't forget to send details for our **celebrity MC** to announce from the viewing stand!"

**Zumba Class Teacher** needed to lead a class one morning per week in Tullow. Contact Tullow Parish on 059 9151277.

**Office Administrator.**

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is an agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It provides Sacramental Marriage Preparation Courses, Couples and Relationship Counselling. We are seeking to employ an Office Administrator (30 hours per week) for our Carlow Centre. The role involves dealing with enquiries and administrative work.

Please email C.V. (including references) together with a covering letter to Susan Shorten, Regional Director, sshorten@accord.ie. Closing Date for applications is Thursday 27th February, 2025.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**

Fully escorted trip: 12th - 19th April, 2025. €785.  
Contact Josie Duffy on 087 2543235 for more information.

**TULLOW, GRANGE  
& ARDATTIN  
PARISH NEWSLETTER**

23rd February, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PARISH CONTACTS**

**Parish Office:** 059 9151277.

**Email:** tullowparish@outlook.com

**Fr. Brian Maguire:** 059 9181253.

**Mass Times:** Monday,

Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 a.m.

**Service of the Word and Holy Com-**

**munion:** Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30 a.m.

**Pope Francis**

As we continue to pray for Pope Francis as he struggles with poor health we reflect on one of his reflections:

God is joyful. This is interesting: God is joyful! And what is the joy of God? The joy of God is forgiving, the joy of God is forgiving! The joy of a shepherd who finds his little lamb; the joy of a woman who finds her coin; it is the joy of a father welcoming home the son who was lost, who was as though dead and has come back to life, who has come home. Here is the entire Gospel! Here! The whole Gospel, all of Christianity, is here!

But make sure that it is not sentiment; it is not being a "do-gooder"! On the contrary, mercy is the true force that can save man and the world from the "cancer" that is sin, moral evil, spiritual evil. Only love fills the void, the negative chasms that evil open in hearts and in history. Only love can do this, and this is God's joy!

**REFLECTION:** God wants to forgive you. He wants you to know his mercy and to give this mercy to others. How can your life better reflect this reality? Do you need to go to confession more frequently? Do you need to more readily forgive others? Ask God what he wants you to do with this great gift of mercy.

**R.I.P.** Maura Sheppard, Ouragh, Ann Halligan, Hillbrook Estate and Paddy Hickey, Tullowland who died during the week.

**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 7.30 P.M.**

Kathleen & Peter Rooney, 56 Dublin Road. Patrick & Elizabeth Deacon and deceased family members, Rathglass. Arthur & Catherine Murphy, Ouragh. John (Jack) Keogh, The Mullawn. Robert Kelly, U.S.A. Dan Nolan, RATH East. James & Mary Sheppard, Ouragh. Kathleen & Edward O'Grady, Knocklow. May & Jack Lane, Tullowhill. John, Mary and Billy Garry, Castledermot Road. Vera & Arthur Byrne, Drumcondra. Mary and John Madden, Mill Street and grandson Cathal, Castlegrace.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Paul Maher, Ballynoe today Sunday 23rd February at 10 a.m. in Ardattin Church.

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**MASSES FOR SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY, 11 A.M.**

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Sheila Brennan, Kill.

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

**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 1ST MARCH, 7.30 P.M.**

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Mary Kennedy, Coppengh.

**MONTHS MIND:** Nick Carroll, Tankardstown.

Margaret Murphy, Pairc Mhuire. Mick Kelly, Marian Terrace, Hacketstown. Mary Doran, 8 Station Road. Jamie Kavanagh, Munny. Elizabeth & Michael Dowling and sons Pat and Paul, Dublin Road. The Whelan family, Liscolman. Joe & Lil Keating, 4 Castledermot Road. Brigid (Pat) Harrison (nee Keating) late of St. Olivers Villas. Breda Costigan, Tullowbeg.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Bridie Fleming, Dublin Road next Sunday 2nd March at 9 a.m. in Grange Church.

**MASSES FOR SUNDAY 2ND MARCH, 11 A.M.**

Mary Doran, 8 Upper Station Road. P.J. & Eileen O'Reilly, and deceased family members, Belturbet.

**THANK YOU FROM PETER MCVERRY TRUST**

The above would like to thank all at Tullow Parish for your extremely generous donation of €1,555 through your Christmas Crib 2024 Collection. During 2024, Peter McVerry Trust supported over 10,000 people across their many services. Your kindness and support for their work will ensure that they can continue to provide vital supports and services to people who are impacted by homelessness in communities around Ireland.

**Journeying in Hope Through Lent**

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Lenten Retreat**

**Morning of Prayer and Reflection in Teach Bhríde, Tullow.**

Saturday March 8th, 2025. 10 a.m. - Finishing with lunch at 1 p.m.

Facilitators: Brigidine Sisters - Teresa Phelan and Teresa Carter.

RSVP: Call 089 9705761 or 083 3928708 by Thursday March 6th.

€15 fee - includes lunch.

**Taking Action for Whole Health and Wellbeing** - what we can do to

support our health and wellbeing and improve our lifestyle.

Monday 3rd March from 6.30 - 8.30 p.m. in Forward Steps

Resource Centre for 6 weeks. Contact reception on 059 9152776. Open to everybody but spaces are limited.

**Grants available to Childminders**

The Childminding Development Grant of up to €1,000 is currently available to registered and unregistered Childminders caring for children in the Childminder's home, including those planning to open a childminding business in 2025. It aims to assist Childminders to enhance the safety and quality of their childminding service through the purchase of toys, safety equipment, childcare equipment and IT equipment. For further information or to receive an application form, please contact Eilish/Jean at Carlow CCC on 059 9140244 or email [eilish@carlowccc.ie](mailto:eilish@carlowccc.ie). Grant applications close on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**There will be a Card Game of 25's in Griffin's Lounge  
on Friday 28th February at 8 p.m. All welcome.**

**Fierce Crafty:** Join our over 60's Social Craft Group for all skill levels every Wednesday from 2 - 4 p.m. Call Gemma on 083 1489587 or just drop into Forward Steps Resource Centre.

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

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