

THANK YOU: The St. Patrick's Day Committee would like to thank all of our Sponsors, Parade Guests, Dignitaries, Entertainers, Local Businesses, Schools, Sport and Social Groups and Clubs, Participants, Volunteers and our entire community for joining us in Celebrating our 40th St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Forward Steps are taking part in Same Chance Walk for Autism. We will be meeting outside Forward Steps Tullow Church Carpark at 10 a.m. on Saturday 5th April. We will be walking up to the Tennis club and back to Forward Steps for some refreshments. Fundraiser for **Aslam** - Ireland's National Autism Charity. All funds raised will go directly to this great cause. Come along with your families for a fun morning. Children must be supervised for this event. If you would like to Donate by link <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/pamelamurphy336>

Slaney Valley Cycling Club based in Tullow caters for cyclists of all fitness levels aged 18 plus. We provide weekly training spins every Sunday throughout the year and Mid Week Evening spins during the summer months. Our most recent development is our facility providing indoor Smart turbo training sessions during the winter months. We have all weathers covered! New members welcome, enquiries to slaneyvalleycc@gmail.com

Bank of Ireland Provincial Towns Cup Quarter Final
Gorey RFC V Tullow RFC
today Sunday 23rd March, 2025 at 3.00 p.m.
in Clonattin, Gorey.

TULLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Tuesday 13th May - A fantastic day outing to Athlone and Banagher. Our first port of call is the Shamrock Lodge Hotel for Tea/Coffee/Scones. Then onto Banagher where we board the River Queen, we head to Victoria Lock and take a walk in the weir. Back to Athlone, to visit the oldest bar in Ireland and then to the Shamrock Lodge hotel for a four course meal. Maximum capacity of boat: 50. Bus leaves Tullow Church Car Park at 8.45 p.m. Cost is €75. Contact Jim McCormack on 086 1200466 or 059 9152925.

Mat Pilates: Grange GAA, Mondays at 7.30 p.m. Suitable for all levels. Contact Sue on 087 2288156. Qualified ITEC Pilates Instructor.

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday of Lent

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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.

Repent and be converted

Our Scripture readings today contain words of caution and words of comfort.

Should I be afraid?

Words of caution or warning in the Scriptures can upset some people. They ask, surely an all powerful God could save everyone? This concept ignores the fact we each were born with free will. There are people who willingly opt to commit terrible crimes. There is no place in the Kingdom of God for people who decide to commit grievous sins and prefer not to repent. For the majority of good struggling Christian people, warnings in Scripture are reminders that repentance and conversion are part of the continuous and ongoing process. The most common sentiment found in the Bible is "do not be afraid".

Words of caution.

In the first reading we listen to God committing himself to Jesus. They became the chosen people. God promised "to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them to land where milk and honey flow". He would be their God and they would be his people. However we learn in the second reading that not all the Jews kept their side of the agreement and most had "failed to please God".

The words of caution continue in the Gospel. We are called to repentance. Jesus says "unless you repent you will all perish as they did".

Words of comfort.

In the Gospel parable about the fig tree the vine tender is willing to be patient with the fig trees to allow them time to produce their fruit. In the same way God is prepared to give us time to repent and be converted, time to show God we acknowledge the Christian message and display our Christianity in the way we live everyday.

Pope Francis' thoughts on conversion.

We all need to convert ourselves, to take a step forward; and God's patience and mercy accompanies us in this. Despite the barrenness that marks our lives at times, God is patient and offers us the possibility to change and make progress on the path towards good.

R.I.P. Una Bailey, Ballymurphy and Thomas Byrne, Hillbrook Estate, Tullow who died recently.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 22ND MARCH, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: John Sheppard, Ouragh.

MONTHS MIND: Paddy Hickey, Tullowland.

Dick Dempsey, Hillbrook Estate. Paddy & Rose Kearney, St. Austins Terrace and John Street. Luke Thompson, Rathoe and formerly of Castledermot Road. William & Kathleen Murphy, Ouragh. Tom & Maura Murphy, Ouragh. Myles Fitzpatrick and family, Rathlyon. Bridie Ralph and family, Rathlyon. Cillian Gorman, 19 Hawthorn Drive. William Matthews, Thomas Traynor Road. Rose Gorman, 8 Rathsillan.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 23RD MARCH, 11 A.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Mary Horan, The Shroughan and also her husband Jim whose anniversary occurs at this time.

MONTHS MIND: Ann Halligan, 26 Hillbrook Estate.

ANNIVERSARIES: Garrett O'Brien, Tintean Phadraig. Dan, Nancy and Christine O'Brien, The Hollow, Tullowland.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 29TH MARCH, 7.30 P.M.

MONTHS MIND: Maura Sheppard, Ouragh.

Patrick and Anna Mary O'Brien, Ballymurphy Road. Frank Fleming, Dublin Road. Annie Broughan, Copenagh. Frank Bailey Junior, Ballymurphy.

Tullow Day Care Centre has wonderful prizes to be won for their up-and-coming Easter Raffle. Tickets are €5 for 3. If anyone would like to buy tickets and support our charity please call in to see us. The draw will take place on Thursday 10th April in the Centre. Many thanks in advance.

Daffodil Day: Friday 28th March

Daffodil Day will be celebrated on Friday 28th March. Volunteers will be selling merchandise on the streets of Tullow, outside some of the supermarkets and in Tullow Parish Centre. We will be contacting the volunteers who have supported us in the past but if you would like to join with us for the first time please contact Jen on 087 9953184. Donations of fresh daffodils will be very welcome.

There will also be a **Tea/Coffee Morning** on Friday 28th March in Tullow Parish Centre in aid of Daffodil Day. Fresh Daffodils can be left into the Parish Centre the day before Daffodil Day or on the morning of the 28th March.

Tullow Active Retirement Association

The next General Meeting of Tullow Active Retirement Association meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th March at 2 p.m. in The Parish Centre. A guest speaker from AIB will speak to our group.

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration - Knock Pilgrimage

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration – Knock Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday April 6th 2025. Coach departing Athy (St Michael Carpark) 7.45 am sharp

Pick-ups in Ballylinan-Stradbally-Portlaoise can be arranged, please see <https://eucharisticadoration.ie/kildare-leighlin-bus-times/>

Cost €25.00 Adults (children free)

For further information please also visit <https://eucharisticadoration.ie/>

'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry

Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University etc.?

We invite you to join us for 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26th April 2025 at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am.

In the prayerful setting of Lough Derg, this day will provide space for the power of music to nourish our spirit and allow us to give praise to God through the beauty of sound, song and silence. There will be various inputs as well as time to pray, connect with others and explore this Sacred place. The day will conclude with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 5pm (open to the public), info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk

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