

We are thrilled to announce the winners of this year's Tullow St. Patrick's Day Parade, celebrating our 40th parade with the theme "40 Shades of Green!"

Overall Winner: Ballyconnell National School – for their fantastic entry embracing the theme! They will receive the Simon Ronan Perpetual Cup and a €100 prize.

Additional Prize Winners (€50 each):

Jason Kelly - Hero Recovery, Carlow Concrete Tanks, Grange Juvenile Football Club, Cairdeas Centre, Ninja Cubz, Kirwan School of Dancing, Miley Cosgrove - Vintage Car, DCM Hire.

A huge thank you to Benni's Takeaway, whose generosity helped us award so many prizes in this special milestone year!

Congratulations to all our winners and a massive thank you to everyone who took part and made the parade such a fantastic celebration!

**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 **AsIam** - 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>

Provincial Towns Seconds Cup J2 Round 2

**Tullow V Rathdrum**

today Sunday 30th March at 3.00 p.m.

At The Blackgates, Tullow

#### **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**

**30th March, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

#### **PARISH CONTACTS**

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**Email:** [tullowparish@outlook.com](mailto:tullowparish@outlook.com)

**Fr. Ger Ahern:** 059 9181253.

**Mass Times:** Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 a.m.

**Service of the Word and Holy Communion:** Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30 a.m.

### **Be reconciled to God.**

In our Gospel today Jesus uses the Prodigal Son parable to assure us of God's patience and love - "who once was lost and is found."

**A Prodigal Son's journey** . John Newton was born in 1725. His mother died when he was seven and by age eleven he was accompanying his father on sea voyages. He was pressed into service with the Royal Navy at eighteen. He deserted his ship but was recaptured and flogged as punishment. When his service with the Navy ended he began working on slave transport ships.

In 1748 on a voyage aboard the ship Greyhound, a frightening storm arose near Lough Swilly in County Donegal. With the ship close to sinking John began to pray for God's mercy. The storm gradually began to weaken. This miraculous event marked the beginning of John's return to Christianity. His conversion was not immediate and total . Between 1750 and 1754 John still worked as a slave trader and captained three voyages transporting slaves to the West Indies. But gradually he changed.

He retired from the slave business in 1755. Nine years later, in 1764, he was ordained into the Anglican ministry. Each week he wrote a hymn which was sung at his Thursday service. One of these hymns is the best known Christian hymn in existence.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I am found, Was blind but now I see.

In 1788, forty years after his conversion, John became a very strong advocate for the abolition of slavery. John's faith and the way he lived his life, including his attitude to slavery, had evolved and developed over the years. The same is true of The Prodigal son who took some time to understand his relationship with his Father and the impotence of rebuilding that close relationship . The Prodigal Son's Father was waiting patiently for him. God is waiting for us.

Let us pray that God's Amazing Grace will renew our relationship with Our Father.

**R.I.P.** John (Jack) Doran, Hillbrook Estate, Frances Murtagh, Pairc Mhuire, Joe Waddock, Killamaster and Sean Forrestal, Galway and formerly of Tullowbeg who died recently.

**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, Coppengh. Frank Bailey Junior, Ballymurphy. Maud & William Nicholson, The Square, Tullow. Laurence & Roseanna Condren, Laragh, Tinahely.

**MASS FOR SUNDAY 30TH MARCH, 11 A.M.**

Jim Tynan, Rathbawn.

**MASSES FOR SATURDAY 5TH APRIL, 7.30 P.M.**

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** John Pullen, 4 Templeview, Ardattin.

Eileen Lyons and son Michael, Templeowen. Joseph Gahan, Crosslow. Alice & Kevin Moylan, Pairc Mhuire. Mick Healy, Crosslow. Philip (Stan) Gorman, St. Austins Terrace. Sheila & Paddy McCall and grandson Brendan, Crosslow. David Lonergan, John Street and son David, John Street and Kildare who died recently. Mike and Ann Byrne, Ouragh Cross and son Patrick, Ouragh Cross and Cork. Patrick Brennan, 3 Castledermot Road and grandson Sean Walsh, Kilrush. Jim & Bridie Keating, Old Chapel Lane. Mary Carroll, Tankardstown. Teresa Carroll, Tankardstown. Katie Kealy, Tullowhill. Joseph & Mary Molloy, Rath. Pat Garry, Castledermot Road. Patrick McDonnell, Ballybit.

**MASS FOR SUNDAY 6TH APRIL, 11 A.M.**

Herbert & Dolly Finlayson, Barrack Street.

**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.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Best wishes to the Boys and Girls in Grange National School who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Saturday 5th April.

**Annual Bus to Knock** will take place on Sunday 4th May, leaving from Tullow Church Carpark at 7.30 a.m. If you would like to book a place please contact Brendan on 087 6537753 or Josie on 087 2543235.

**Carlow County Council Sports Partnership** will hold a community event in Ducketts Grove on Thursday 3rd April. The below are FREE activities on the day:

10.15 - 11 a.m. Mat based Pilates—Low impact but floor based.

11.15 - 11.45 a.m. Adapted Chair Activity - Inclusive and accessible to all  
1 - 2 p.m. Activator Poles Garden Walks - Casual drop in and join in.

Email: [jdempsey@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:jdempsey@carlowcoco.ie)

Please note all of the above are outdoor activities and are weather dependant.

**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/>



**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**

**Wednesday 27th Aug to 3rd Sept. 2025**

**Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board. Cost: €865**

**Spiritual Director: Fr. Ger Ahern**

**For information contact:**

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