**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.

#### "40th Tullow \$t. 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!"

**THANK YOU:** John and Aileen Byrne would like to thank everyone for their prayers, good wishes and support during John's illness. A mass will be offered for your intentions.

# Bank of Ireland Provincial towns Cup Round 2 Tullow RFC V Skerries RFC

today Sunday 9th March, 2025 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.

# **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

9th March, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

#### PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Office: 059 9151277. Email: tullowparish@outlook.com Fr. Ger Ahern: 059 9181253.

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.

# Pope Francis: Message for Lent

This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance.

Let us journey together in hope, for we have been given a promise. May the hope that does not disappoint (cf.Rom5:5), the central message of the Jubilee, [5] be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. As Pope Benedict XVI taught us in the Encyclica ISpe Salvi, "the human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Rom8:38-39)". Christ, my hope, has risen! He lives and reigns in glory. Death has been transformed into triumph, and the faith and great hope of Christians rests in this: the resurrection of Christ!

#### MASSES FOR SATURDAY 8TH MARCH, 7.30 P.M.

Brigid Byrne, Dublin Road. Michael Curry, Hanover, Carlow. Joe Gahan, Paulville House and deceased family members of The Gahan family. Michael Brennan, 56 St. Patrick's Park. Michael & Margaret O'Donohoe and deceased family members, Coppenagh. Jimmy & Mary Murphy, Ardoyne. Breda Maher and her father in law Paddy Maher, 11 St. Austins Terrace. Esther Byrne, Knocklow. Ger Delaney, Pairc Mhuire. Cheryl Doyle, Ballybit. Natalie McDonnell, Ballybit. Annie Miley, Abbey Street.

### MASSES FOR SUNDAY 9TH MARCH, 11.00 A.M.

Kathleen Hennessy, formerly Paulville.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Patrick Dillon, Killerig next Sunday 16th March at 9a.m. in Grange Church.

**MONTHS MIND**: Mick Sinnott, Coolroe next Sunday 16th March at 10 a.m. in Ardattin Church.

#### MASSES FOR SATURDAY 15TH MARCH, 7.30 P.M.

Betty Doran, 8 Station Road. Patrick & Brigid Doran, Crosslow. Mary Byrne, 2 Hawkins Lane. Brian Jackman, Bunclody and formerly of Liscolman. Mike Jackman, Nurney and formerly of Liscolman. Peig Wybrant and her brother Pat, Ardoyne.

#### MASSES FOR SUNDAY 16TH MARCH, 11 A.M.

MONTHS MIND: Sr. Philomena Browne, The Brigidine Convent.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Fergal Shannon, Barrack Street.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY**: Liz Edwards, Castlemore and also for her husband Pat whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**ANNIVERSARIES**: Betty Doran, late of 55 Hillbrook Estate. James, P.J., Eileen and Cecelia Griffin, The Square, Tullow. Brian Flynn and deceased family members, Grangeford and Church Street. Tom Berry, 2 Carlow Road and also his parents Michael and Brigid, Carlow Road. James & Catherine Murphy & deceased family members, Church Street.

### **TULLOW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS**

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**EASTER STATIONS**: Please use your special envelope for Easter Stations (Collection for Clergy Fund) this weekend 8th/9th March. Thank you.

### 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.

## 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 <u>Tea/Coffee Morning</u> 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.

**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.

#### **Parade Entries Invited**

Develop Tullow Association is calling on companies, groups, clubs, organisations and associations of all shapes and sizes to sign up and become involved in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Theme '40 Shades of Green' ENTRY IS FREE with special prizes on the day. To PLEDGE your entries please reach out via text on 089 4358407 or DM on social media to Develop Tullow Association CLG facebook page or @developtullowassociationclg instagram. Please don't forget to send some details for our celebrity MC to announce from our reviewing stand on the day.

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