

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION 'Pro Terra Sancta Collection' will be held on Good Friday to support the struggling Christian community in the Holy Land. It is our response to "the cry of those who are suffering so much". The ceasefire has ended and Christians, like all communities there, are under serious attack and constant danger. In the words of Pope Francis in a letter to the Catholics of the Middle East (7 October 2024) "you, brothers and sisters in Christ who dwell in the lands of which scriptures speak most often, are a small, defenceless flock, thirsting for peace. Thank you for what you are, thank you for wanting to remain in your lands, thank you for being able to pray and love despite everything".

Tullow Community School are delighted to introduce their Lotto fundraiser.

This is a fundraising initiative, and all money raised from this will be spent in the area of extra-curricular activities and student support. Their first goal is to update the canteen facilities.

You can play 1 line for €2.50, 2 lines for €4.00 or 3 lines for €5 per week. There is a weekly prize of €20 & bonus prizes for the first draw. It would be hugely appreciated if you can contribute €5 for 3 lines, and you never know you might just win. To sign up *or for more info* please visit <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/tulowcs>

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.

Tullow Day Care Centre are delighted to announce that their Laundry Service is now open to the public. If you would like information on our Washing, Drying and Ironing facilities please contact the Centre on 059 9151833.

Ardattin Fundraisers are having a Table Quiz on the 26th April in the Ardattin Inn at 9 p.m. Table of 4 will be €40. All money raised will be going to the Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team.

Tullow Day Care Centre have 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.

**TULLOW, GRANGE
& ARDATTIN
PARISH NEWSLETTER**

13th April, 2025

Palm Sunday

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Mass Times: Monday and Wednesday at 9.30 a.m.

Service of the Word and Holy Communion: Tuesday at 9.30 a.m.



Officially Holy Week is the great week in the Church's year, a week in which Christians throughout the world recall and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The reality however, is that Holy Week goes unnoticed by some and has little or no impact on many. We may need to step back, to stop and reflect on what it means to be a Christian and who Christ is for us, and how we will celebrate that in this Holy Week.

Today, Palm Sunday, we recall Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem knowing that he was later to suffer and die. Later in the week we enter into the Easter Triduum.

On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper when we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and Christ's call to serve. Good Friday brings us in touch with the suffering of Christ and indeed the sufferings of many throughout the world. Finally in the liturgy of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night we celebrate with joy the resurrection of Jesus Christ, his victory over sin and death.

While there is no obligation on us to take part in any or all of the liturgies of Holy Week we should be drawn to celebrate the events that give meaning to our faith and to what we profess as Christians.

There was a time in the early Church when it was unthinkable for a Christian not to celebrate the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. In fact one could almost identify a Christian by his or her attendance at the great annual Christian victory celebration – Christ's victory and the Christian victory over sin and death.

Perhaps all of us might take some time out to consider how we will celebrate Holy Week this year. We might consider participating in the three liturgies in a way we haven't done so before and make it a time of renewal of our faith, a dying and rising to new life with Christ.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 12TH APRIL, 7.30 P.M.

MONTHS MIND: Una Bailey, Ballymurphy.

Tony O'Rourke, Pairc Mhuire. Pat Garry, Castledermot Road. Pat Whelan, Ballybit, Tullow. Margaret Maher and her son Billy and daughters Beth and Mary, Castledermot Road. Mary Keating, Mill Street. Billy & Teresa Roche, Tullowbeg. James & Eileen Cosgrove, Dublin Road. Brigid & Michael Purcell, St. Austins Terrace. Frances & Bernard Jackman, Liscoleman. James Dundon, Hillbrook Estate.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 13TH APRIL, 11 A.M.

Maureen Tobin, Courtlawns. Alec and Kathleen Young, Mill Street.

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



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: Parish Office 059 9151277 or 087 629 8881

Easter Collection for The Clergy Fund

Please use your special envelope from your envelope box or from your seat in the church. Thank you sincerely for your support throughout the year.

SHRINE CANDLES: Due to an increase from our candle supplier the Shrine Candles will increase to 50 cent per candle.

CHRISM MASS: You are invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass on Monday, 14 April at 7:30 pm. Please come early to ensure a seat. Refreshments afterwards in Carlow College, St Patrick's. Music led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

HOLY WEEK 2025

Monday 14th April: 9.30 a.m. Mass
7.30 p.m. *Chrism Mass in Carlow Cathedral.*

Tuesday 15th April: 9.30 a.m. *Service of the Word and Holy Communion.*
7.30 p.m. *Reconciliation Service in Tullow.*
Visiting Priests will celebrate Confessions with us.

Wednesday 16th April: 9.30 a.m. Mass
Reconciliation Service in Rathvilly Church at 7.30 p.m.

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY: *Tullow Church.*

Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper: 7.30 p.m. followed by Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament from 8.15 p.m. concluding with Night Prayer at 10 p.m.
Confessions after Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY: *Tullow Church.*

Stations of The Cross starting from The Parish Centre Carpark at 12 noon

Celebration of The Lord's Passion: Tullow: 3 p.m.
Confessions afterwards.

Silent Prayer around the Cross at 7 p.m. concluding with Night Prayer at 9 p.m. (Tullow).

HOLY SATURDAY: *Blessing of Easter Food at 11 a.m. in Tullow.*
(no 7.30 p.m. Mass).
Confessions: 10.30 a.m.—11 a.m.
The Easter Vigil with Mass of the Resurrection (Tullow) at 9 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS TIMES

Grange: 9 a.m.
Ardattin: 10 am.
Tullow: 11 a.m.