

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to all who donated to Daffodil Day last week and to all the volunteers. It was a great success.

**ART CLASS** with Therese will resume on Wednesday 9th April from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Tullow Parish Community Centre for 6 weeks. Contact 087 6859065.

**FORWARD STEPS RESOURCE CENTRE, TULLOW  
COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUP**

Would you like to volunteer in our Community Garden Group. Come and learn about gardening, enjoy some fresh produce, have a cuppa and a chat. We meet up every Friday morning from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please contact reception on 059 9152776 or Molly on 086 7937321 if you would like to join.

Bank of Ireland Provincial Towns Cup  
Semi-Final Tullow RFC V Athy RFC  
today Sunday 6th April at Cill Dara at 2.00 p.m.

**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**

6th April, 2025  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

**PARISH CONTACTS**

**Parish Office:** 059 9151277.  
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**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.

**Judges**

The highest paid sports pundits, TV stars and journalists are those who pass judgement on sportsmen, entertainers and public figures. We love being “judges” ourselves by voting for our preferences on singers, dancers or reality show contestants.

Our Gospel today has two important messages. The first message reveals God’s attitude towards those who act as “judges” of others. The second message is the very different way God will be a judge of us.

**Let’s hear what the Judges have to say**

The Scribes and the Pharisees bring a woman to Jesus who had been caught committing adultery. The judges have a question for Jesus:-Moses has ordered us to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?

Jesus tells the men “if there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.” The Scribes and The Pharisees went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman.

When Jesus reminded the Scribes and Pharisees of their own failings, they retreated. We too should not rush to judgement without remembering our own faults and failings.

**Mercy not condemnation**

When Jesus and the woman are left alone, he asks “has no one condemned you?” “no one sir” she replied. Jesus says ‘neither do I condemn you.’

Jesus is merciful towards the poor woman. Mercy is showing compassion towards someone who does not deserve it. Mercy is also an important part of our faith and we seek it at every mass we attend. May God Almighty have mercy on us.

**Repentance**

God will always show mercy to us, but we must be repentant - be sorry. The best way to show repentance is to change our lives and not repeat our mistakes and sins.

That is what Jesus tells us and tells the woman in our Gospel. ‘Go away, and do not sin anymore.’

The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none.

Of all the actions of man, repentance is the most divine (Robert Carlyle).

### **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.

### **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. Mary Keating, Mill Street. Billy & Teresa Roche, Tullowbeg. James & Eileen Cosgrove, Dublin Road.

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

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

**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 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>

### **SCOIL MHUIRE LOURDES NEEDS YOUR OLD CLOTHES**

Spring is here, so we're all getting ready for the brighter evenings. What better way to prepare than to clear out your wardrobe and get rid of any of those old clothes that you really don't want anymore. The Parents' Association of Scoil Mhuire Lourdes is holding a clothing collection to try to raise funds for school activities for the girls in our school. We DO accept: clothing, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves, ties, belts and soft toys. We also accept bedding curtains and towels but they **must be bagged separately**. We definitely DO NOT accept: duvets, pillows, cushions, charity shop items, carpets, rugs, mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats), soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, school uniforms with logos, corporate clothing and workwear, textile offcuts, yarns or threaded material. **WHEN:** Friday 11th April 2025, 12noon to 2pm & Saturday 12th April 2025, 10am to 12 noon. Access via Millstreet: R93Y960



**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**  
**Wednesday 27th Aug to 3rd Sept. 2025**  
**Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board. Cost: €865**  
**Spiritual Director: Fr. Ger Ahern**  
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