

Rathoe Parents Association Vintage and Tractor Run on Sunday May 25th from Rathoe Car Park at Rathoe National School R93XY18. Registration opens at 11.30 a.m. Run starts at 12.30 p.m. Donations on the day. All donations go towards Rathoe School Development. Come along for a great day out. For more information contact Parents Association on 087 7522614.

Tullow RFC AGM will be held on Thursday 29th May at 8 p.m. at The Blackgates. New members welcome.

BUS TO KNOCK: Bus will be going to Knock on Sunday 22nd June, leaving Tullow Church Carpark at 7.30 a.m. Price €30. Phone Brendan on 087 6537753 or Josie on 087 2543235

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



Parish Collections

Envelope Collection: €1,476. Basket Collection: €676. Many thanks.

Parish of Tullow, Grange and Ardattin

Registered Charity Number: 20015848

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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 every Thursday leaving Aldi carpark at 7 p.m. New members welcome, enquiries to slaneyvalleycc@gmail.com

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th May, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Office: 059 9151277.

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Mass Times: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 am

Service of the Word and Holy

Communion: Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30 am.

PEACE

“My peace I give to you.”

The word for peace in our Gospel today is ‘Shalom’, a Hebrew word used to say hello and goodbye in ordinary usage. Yet, it also carries a much deeper meaning. ‘Shalom’ signifies the peace that people long for, that peace that brings wholeness, completeness and fulfilment. Jesus tells us that this ‘shalom’ is a peace that the world does not give. It comes through cultivating a deep awareness of the Divine Spirit within our hearts, ‘our home’. This is the true peace we long for, but there are many obstacles and distractions in our way.

For example, one of the causes of the ecological crisis our world is currently facing is over-consumption. In *Laudato Si’*, the encyclical of Pope Francis on the environment, he notes that the roots of this crisis are deeply spiritual. We are constantly trying to bring fulfilment to our lives by having the next upgrade, the next new gadget. This over-consumption is driven by the market, but it only succeeds because we are not at peace with ourselves. Goods are marketed to fill a gap, which they never can fill. At its heart, unbridled consumption is driven by a lack of peace.

In contrast, the peace that Christ offers is freely given, waiting for your acceptance. It comes from a loving interior relationship with God, which brings with it wholeness and a loving peace.

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MASSES FOR SATURDAY 24TH MAY, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Eamon O'Neill, Paulville and his sister Rose Curry whose First Anniversary also occurs at this time.

Brigid & William O'Leary, Ballymurphy and 17 Courtlawns. William & Brigid Shannon, Grangeford. Pat Keogh, Hillbrook Estate. Edward & Jane O'Neill, St. Olivers Villas and their son Jim O'Neill, U.K. and formerly of Ballon. Paddy Nolan, Tankardstown. Joe Gahan & Mary Brophy and deceased family members, Abbey Street. Johnny Shannon, Hillbrook Estate. Jack & Teresa Rooney, Bishop Street. Brigid Byrne (nee Cosgrove) Bennekerry and formerly of Templeowen.

ANNIVERSARY: Pat Butler, Rathbawn today Sunday 25th May at 9 a.m. in Grange Church.

MONTHS MIND: Mary Hade, 13 Oakley Park, Graiguecullen and also her son Seamus and grandson James today Sunday 25th May at 9 a.m. in Grange Church.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 25TH MAY, 11 A.M.

MONTHS MIND: Eileen Flynn, Ashbrook, Tullow.

Mary Dunne, formerly of Dublin Road, Tullow. Lawrence (Larry) O'Brien, Castledermot Road. Dan Bolger, Templeowen. Elizabeth & Alfred Smith and deceased family members, Crosslow. Bill & Helena Keegan, Dublin. Sean Cunningham, 21 Slaney View Drive, Tullow.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 31ST MAY, 7.30 P.M.

John & Mary Whelan, Elmgrove. John & Margaret Shiel, Kill, Tullow. William & Elizabeth Ryan, Butlersgrange. Esther & Michael Murphy, 4 Courtview and formerly 16 Thomas Traynor Road. Jimmie Keating, Courtlawns.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 1ST JUNE, 11 A.M. (Tullow)

ANNIVERSARY: Baby Killian Kelly, Knocknatubrid.

ANNIVERSARY: Johnny Dillon, Killerig and Sr. Winnie Dillon next Sunday 1st June at 9 a.m. in Grange Church.

A Time of Reflection and Prayer for Students sitting State Examinations in Church of The Most Holy Rosary, Tullow on Thursday 29th May at 7.30 p.m. Students with families are invited to attend along with our parish community.

First Holy Communion: Best wishes to the Girls and Boys from Ardattin National School who will receive their First Holy Communion next Saturday 31st May.



Retired Priests Fund: Please use your special envelope marked "Retired Priests Fund" this weekend 24th/25th May. Thank you.

Columban Day Celebrations

All paths lead to Carlow this July when the town hosts the XXVI Columbanus Day celebration from 11th July to 13th July 2025. This significant occasion honours St Columbanus, one of Ireland's most influential early missionaries, recognised for his contributions to the spiritual and cultural foundation of Europe. St Columbanus, patron saint of the Missionary Society of St Columban, was born in Myshall. The three-day event promises a rich blend of cultural, spiritual and communal experiences. Highlights include the launch of the exhibition Ireland and the Birth of Europe, a symposium exploring the relationship between creation and spirituality given by Columban missionary Fr Sean McDonagh, and a walk along the picturesque Columban Way. Visitors can also look forward to engaging talks, such as Columbanus, the Man from Myshall, by former President Dr Mary McAleese, taking place in the Holy Cross Church in Myshall. The celebrations culminate with the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Sunday 13th July. We very much look forward to hosting the International Columbanus Weekend, when pilgrims from all over Europe will gather here in our diocese to honour this great Saint.

Parishes Alive - Moving Forward in Hope!

Bishop Denis, together with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, will host a day for lay people and clergy to explore the direction of the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin and how it impacts on the day-to-day life of a parish. We are building on the work done previously by the DPC, the Council of Priests, Faith Development Services, and across parishes. The day will comprise inputs from guest speakers, along with prayer, general discussion, and intentional listening. The keynote speaker will be Prof. Fr Michael Conway, Professor of Faith & Culture at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. It takes place on Saturday, 21st June 2025 in Carlow College with registration at 9:30am, starting promptly at 10am and concluding at 4 pm. Lunch is included. Booking essential by email to parishdevelopment@Kandle.ie, providing your name and parish, or by phoning 083-8305681.

What did the Final Document of the Synod actually say?

The School for Synodality in England is hosting a weekly online book club 'Reading the Final Synod Document Together' from 21st May - 25th June 2025 | 7:30pm - 9:00pm. Join them each week as Avril Baigent and invited speakers take sections of the Final Synod Document and unpack it, with time for questions afterwards. These webinars can be joined live or watched in your own time. It's easy to take part just register for access at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/schoolforsynodality/1592165>