

DAFFODIL DAY: THANK YOU

The Tullow Healy Daffodil Day group would like to extend a huge thank you to the people and businesses of Tullow and surrounding areas for supporting us in 2025. A total of €10,000 was collected. We thank those who picked and wrapped daffodils, The Cairdeas Centre for facilitating us and to the sellers on the stalls around town. The money has been distributed to The Eist Centre, The Home Care team and to the Irish Cancer Society.

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/tulłowcs>

The Carlow Stroke Support Group meeting next Friday May 9th, 2.30 - 4 p.m., at St. Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow. Meetings are informative and social, open to stroke survivors and carers. Guest speaker attending. For further information call/text Lynda on 085 7331522.

SAVE THE DATE: WEEE IRELAND WILL BE COLLECTING IN TULLOW MART ON JUNE 28TH, 2025 - start gathering all your waste electrical items! It will save you a trip to Powerstown. Keep an eye on social media for more information closer to the time.



COFFEE MORNING at Eist Cancer Support Centre, 46 Idrone Pk, Carlow on Friday 23rd May, 10am-1pm. We will be joined by Rachel Doyle, Aboretum Garden Centre, who will give a talk. All are welcome!!

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 during the summer months. Our most recent development is our facility providing indoor Smart turbo training sessions during the winter months. We have all weathers covered! New members welcome, enquiries to slaneyvalleycc@gmail.com

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th May, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

PARISH CONTACTS

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Mass Times: Monday 5th May: **Bank**

Holiday: Mass at 11 a.m.

Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 am

Service of the Word and Holy

Communion: Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30 am.

Forgiveness . An invitation to a meal. Feed My lambs and sheep .

Following on from Mercy Sunday last week, forgiveness continues as one of the themes in our Gospel reading today.

Forgiveness: The Apostles have returned to being fishermen. Have they given up on Jesus I wonder?. However Jesus returns and “showed himself again to the disciples” . He calls them his “friends”. All the Disciples of Jesus had abandoned him as soon as he was arrested. Simon Peter denied even knowing Jesus. Yet Jesus still calls the Disciples his “friends”. He has forgiven them. This is very reassuring for us. We sometimes abandon Jesus too. He never abandons us . He is waiting for us and welcomes us back as “friends”.

An invitation to a meal: Jesus then does something hugely symbolic. He invites his Disciples to share a meal with Him. “Come and have breakfast” Jesus says. The disciples join with Him. People grow closer to those they regularly eat with. Jesus invites us to join him in a meal and every mass which is the Last Supper. Like the Disciples we can grow closer to Jesus through our willingness to join with Him at His table.

Feed My lambs and sheep: The Lamb is a symbol for the weakest and most vulnerable in society . Jesus says to the Apostles “Feed my Lambs” . The Disciples of Jesus are asked to support and nurture the Broken, sick and lonely people among us. Jesus also says “Feed my sheep.” Sheep are strong and tough animals. Unfortunately sheep are easily led astray. All around us there is evidence of people being led away from God. The Disciples of Jesus are asked to lead and feed their community spiritually by being good Christians - being charitable, decent , living good lives and worshipping God .

Finally: Our society measures the success of everything based on “the numbers”. A song, or a book is a success if the “numbers are good”. On this basis the Catholic Church is seen as failing because of the decline in numbers worshipping. It is important to see that in our Gospel today Jesus asks us to Feed his Lambs and Feed his sheep. He never said anything about counting them.

Our Prayer: This morning let us acknowledge the Divine Mercy of Jesus, accept His invitation to join Him at his table and focus on feeding his Lambs and sheep - not counting them.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 3RD MAY, 7.30 P.M.

May Roche, Pairc Mhuire. Thomas Hennessy, formerly Paulville. Helen Dunne, Crosslow. Madge McMahon, 27 Pairc Mhuire. Darren Doran, Crosslow. Eileen & Billy Croke, Maganey.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 4TH MAY, 11 A.M.

Brian Golding, Tullowland. John Nolan, Knocklow House and his wife Kathleen and daughter Gretta Whelan. Noel O'Connor, Dublin who died recently.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 10TH MAY, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: George Mernagh, Knocklow.

Lily O'Neill (nee Nolan), Ardoyne and Sonnie and Arthur O'Neill, Ardoyne and also Jackie Nolan, Knocklow. Nellie Byrne, 12 Dublin Road. Martin Byrne, Wales. George Mernagh, Rathoe. Margaret Brady, Old Chapel Lane. Nellie & Matthew Quinn, Ardoyne. Emma O'Donoghue, Butlersgrange. Frank & Catherine Mallin & their daughter Kay Currid, late of Templeowen.

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

Jack McGuinness, Knocklow and also his parents Bill and Margaret. Nicksie & Peggie Jackman, Barrack Street. James Jackman, London and formerly of Barrack Street. Siobhan O'Sullivan, Slaney Hotel, Tullow.

Eucharistic Adoration in Tullow Church will begin at a later time of 12 noon on Wednesday 7th May.



Sacrament of Confirmation: Best Wishes to the Girls and Boys from Scoil Mhuire Lourdes and Scoil Phadraig Naoifa, Tullow who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Saturday 10th May in Tullow Church.

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

Parish Collections

Envelope Collection: €2,222. **Basket Collection:** €1,048. Many thanks.

**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.

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.

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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