

## WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**R.I.P.** Martin Savage, Bishop Street who died recently.

### MASSES FOR SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

**MONTHS MIND:** Gavin Walker, 35 Ashbrook, Tullow.  
Kathleen Hennessy, formerly of Paulville and Pairc Mhuire. Des & William Pullen and Mary Johnston, Dublin. Siobhan Koop (nee Coogan) Tortonto and Castlemore. Sean & Patricia Fox, Castledermot Road. Michael Fitzgerald, Roscatt. Thomas & Peg Jackman, Paulville. Noel & Ella Ward, Clontarf, Dublin.

### MASSES FOR SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, 11 A.M.

**MONTHS MIND:** John Brien, Hillbrook Estate.  
Anthony & Vimy McQuinn, Pairc Mhuire. Jim Kealy, Russelstown. Sr. Margaret Mary Buncon, Poor Clare's Convent, Dublin. Ann Mock Kane, Barrack Street. Bill & Ciss Thompson & family, The Course.

### MASSES FOR SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

Betty St. Ledger & deceased family members, Dublin Road. Mary Shannon & deceased family members, Dublin Road. Annie Brennan, Castledermot Road and grandson Sean Walshe, Kilrush. Jack & Brigid Rooney, Knocklow. Matthew & Kathleen Kelly and daughter Elizabeth, Tankardstown. May, Matt & Breda Keogh, 17 St. Austins Terrace. Paddy Doran, son Patrick, daughter Mary and Hugh O'Neill, Cannonsquarter. John & Catherine Gahan, Ballykeen, Myshall. William & Frances Behan, Quarry Street, Shillelagh. James & Anna May Behan, Church Road, Myshall. Patrick & Roseanna Nolan, 24 Dublin Road.

**ANNIVERSARY:** May Maher, Thomas Traynor Road next Sunday 7th December at 9 a.m. in Grange Church.



## The Rosary

will be recited in St. Patrick's Cemetery at 3pm this Sunday.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**CONFIRMATION:** Saturday: 21st March (All schools)  
**FIRST COMMUNION:** Saturdays: 9th May (Grange)  
16th May (Ardattin)  
23rd May (Tullow)



## TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

30th November 2025

### First Sunday of Advent

## PARISH CONTACTS

**Parish Office:** 059 9151277  
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**Fr. Ger Ahern PP:** 059 9180222  
**Registered Charity No:** 20015848  
**THIS WEEK**  
**Mass Times:** Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 9.30 a.m.  
**Service of the Word & Holy Communion:** Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30 am.

### Entering into the season of Advent...



The traditional prayer of Advent, 'Come, Lord Jesus', brings us straight to the heart of what this season is about. The word 'Advent', stems from the Latin, 'Adventus', meaning coming' or 'arrival'. It speaks to our yearning for the presence of Jesus in our lives and to a deep-down recognition for the need of this presence above all things.

At the beginning of a new Church year, over the Four Sundays of the Advent season we ready ourselves for the joy of Christmas when we remember and commemorate the birth of Christ. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for His second coming, at the end of time. We are reminded of this second coming in many phrases that we hear or say at Mass, for example 'as we look forward to his second coming', 'when he comes again in glory', 'as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour'.

This second coming is a central theme from the beginning of Advent right up to 17 December. From that point, our attention and preparation move more exclusively to the commemoration of His first coming on the Feast of the Nativity.

'And yet, as we prepare to remember his coming at Christmas and to anticipate his Second Coming, we also recognise that the risen Christ is always coming to us. In these Advent days, Jesus, the Lord who is HOPE, PEACE, JOY & LOVE, reaches out to us and walks with us. As we journey through these days are we ready to welcome him again and again into our life? Are we preparing a way for the Lord? Are we prepared to pray, 'Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!'. (Julie Kavanagh)

*'Let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope.*

*Let us see visions of love and peace and justice.*

*Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage:*

*Jesus Christ -- the Life of the world.'* (Daniel Berrigan SJ)

**Advent Scripture Sharing: Get this popular resource on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)**

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am to 6pm.**

### **PARISH COLLECTIONS W/E 22nd/23rd November**

**Envelope Collection:** €2,141. **Basket Collection:** €962. Many thanks.

### **Irish Conversation Group**

Will continue in Teach Bhride on Tuesday 2nd December at 11a.m. and every Tuesday afterwards. Open to all levels. Tá fáilte ar gach duine.

**The Annual Christmas Concert** featuring Regina Hanley, Debra Stuart, the Wolseley Singers and many more will take place in the Mount Wolseley Hotel on Sunday December 7th at 3 p.m. Tickets available on 087 6286288 or on the door. Proceeds in aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare Team.

### **Scoil Mhuire Lourdes**

invites the community to enjoy our

#### ***Carol Service***

in The Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Tullow  
Thursday 11th December at 6.30 p.m.



### **SCOIL PHADRAIG NAOFA (Tullow Boys School)**

invites the community to enjoy our Carol Service  
in The Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Tullow  
on Tuesday 16th December at 6.30 p.m.

### **50th Anniversary Mass for Boards of Management**

This year marks the **50th anniversary of the establishment of the CPSMA**. To honour this milestone, a **special Mass of Thanksgiving** will be celebrated in **Portlaoise Parish Church on Monday, December 8th at 7:30pm.**

We warmly invite **all who are currently serving, and all who have served, on Boards of Management** in our Catholic primary schools across the diocese to join us for this celebration. Together, we will give thanks for the generosity, dedication, and quiet service that have supported our school communities for five decades.

**Tullow Day Care Centre** is having a Blowout Sale for all their Good as New stock on Wednesday 3rd December from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Amazing Style, Amazing Reductions, Amazing Value! Don't miss it!

### **Have Your Say on the Future of Catholic Education in YOUR SCHOOL**

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary schools will determine what schools will divest. As this survey is school specific and it relates directly to your school, this is an opportunity for all members of the school communities to 'have their say' and help shape the direction of your school for the next generation.

It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voices heard. It is equally important that those who are already satisfied with the current patronage model and who wish for a Catholic Education for their children, including sacramental preparation within school, would have their voices heard also.

For these reasons, and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, you are invited to participate in this survey if you are a parent, guardian or a prospective parent of a primary school student. Decisions on what schools will retain or lose their Catholic patronage will be influenced by the expressed opinions of those who participate in this survey. Therefore, your opinion and the values you hold dear are important, and your voice needs to be heard about your local school. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey which may be accessed at:

[www.gov.ie/primaryschools/survey](http://www.gov.ie/primaryschools/survey).

**The closing date is 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

**Bishop Denis Nulty**

*(As the survey is area specific the outcome of the survey will have a direct impact on the future of our parish schools.)*

### **Notice for The Annual General Meeting of Tullow Community Groups Company Limited by Guarantee**

Notice is hereby given to all that the AGM of Tullow Community Group Company Limited by Guarantee will be held on 9th December at 6 p.m. in Tullow Parish Centre.

### ***TULLOW TROUGH THE AGES***

by Christopher McQuinn, cost €35, is on sale in Supervalu, Tullow Discount Store, Tullow Museum and Wards, Tullow. It is also available instore and online from Woodbine Books, Kilkullen. Website: [woodbinebooks.ie](http://woodbinebooks.ie), Email: [woodbinebooks@gmail.com](mailto:woodbinebooks@gmail.com), Phone 045 482777.

### **St. Anne's LGFA AGM**

will be held on Monday 1st December in The Dereen Restaurant.  
All members, families and supporters are very welcome to attend.

### **Indoor Christmas Market/Car Boot Sale**

will be held in Murphy Memorial Hall on Saturday 6th December  
from 10a.m.—2p.m. €15 per table. Phone 085 7150412 to book.

**Cook Required** to prepare main meal on alternative weeks  
Monday-Saturday, 10.30am. - 1.30 pm. Contact 086 4038083.

Kind, reliable, mature lady available to care for a member of your family day or night.  
Please phone 087 9939731.