

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

MONTHS MIND: Johnny Berry, Castlemore.

Peter & Mary Doyle, Clonmore Castle and sons and daughters and grandsons T.J. and Colin, Tullow. Mick Stynes, 1 Steepleview Crescent. James & Mary Roche, Tullowbeg and sons Billy & Jim and granddaughter Lisa Roche. Simon Ronan, Shilellagh Grove. Frank Foley, Olivers Villas. Michael & Margaret O'Donohoe and son Mick, Coppenagh. Julia Kelly, Tankardstown. Jim & Hannah Gartland, Dublin Road, daughter Kathleen, son in law Chris, son Sean and daughter in law Adrienne.

ANNIVERSARY: Con & Peg Murphy and their sons Hughie and Con today Sunday 14th December at 9 a.m. in Grange Church.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER, 11 A.M.

MONTHS MIND: Peter Pugh, St. Patrick's Park.

ANNIVERSARY: Peter Ronan, 36 Hillbrook Estate.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

Lar & Christopher Brophy, Nurney. James, Mary, Seam & Joe Brophy, Kilnock, Ballon. Mick & Maureen Brophy, Kilcool. Tony & Nellie Maher, 20 Pairc Mhuire. John & Catherine Maher & family, 8 Pairc Mhuire. Delia & Joe Maher, 8 Pairc Mhuire. Chris & Eileen Maher, 67 Pairc Mhuire. Michael & Mary Elliot & family, Hacketstown. Peter McCann, Armagh. Hannah Nolan, Rathoe. Colum Doyle, 74 Pairc Mhuire. Paddy Rooney, Dublin Road. Catherine & Bill Maher & deceased family members, Rathlyon. May Fitzgerald, Crosslow. Katleen McEvoy, Ballymurphy. Dr. Pat & Veronica Alymer & Vera Longe, Carlow. Mary Kealy, Rathglass. Jim & Kathleen Maher, late of Pairc Mhuire. Mary McDonagh, Ballymurphy Road. Peter & Marie Smithers, Mill Street. Ellen & Tom Guinane, London. Myles & Eileen O'Keeffe, Hillbrook Estate and grandson Kevin Doran.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER, 11 A.M.

MONTHS MIND: Martin (Sam) Savage, Bishop Street.

Jim & Rita Savage, The Square. Ger O'Brien, The Abbey. Mary O'Neill, 67 Dublin Road, son Ian, Dublin Road & Darren, Rathrush, Rathoe & daughter Geraldine Bolger (nee O'Neill) Dublin Road. Mr & Mrs Bolger, Kearnstown. Phil & Patty McCabe, Bunclody Road and formerly of Bridge Street.

The Flower Committees in Tullow, Grange and Ardattin would be very grateful for flowers, greenery or money towards decorating the Churches for Christmas. For Tullow Church we would appreciate if you could leave the flowers before the 22nd December please. We will be using Red and White flowers.

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th December 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

PARISH CONTACTS

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Registered Charity No: 20015848

Mass Times: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 am

Service of the Word & Holy Communion: Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am.

Confessions: Saturday 7pm or by request

'Gaudate Sunday' - Advent Joy



On this Advent Rejoice Sunday the words of the Catholic Priest and writer Henri Nouwen give us a good insight into what we mean by Christian joy. He writes that 'Joy is the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved [by God] and that nothing—sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death—can take that love away.

Joy is not the same as happiness. We can be unhappy about many things, but joy can still be there because it comes from the knowledge of God's love for us. . . .'

He goes on to write: 'Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day. It is a choice based on the knowledge that we belong to God and have found in God our refuge and our safety and that nothing, not even death, can take God away from us.'

As we ready ourselves to celebrate the coming of Christ, may these words of wisdom speak to us today. May we remember that joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day, firm in the knowledge of God's love for us.

Today's antiphon at the beginning of the Mass proclaims: 'Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.' Let us hear the advent call to rejoice, let's choose joy. (Julie Kavanagh)

Advent Scripture Sharing: Get this popular resource on www.kandle.ie



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Give yourself a gift by opening your heart to God's love and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Penance Service in Tullow on Friday 19th at 7.30pm
and in Rathvilly on Thursday 18th at 7.30pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—THIS WEEK
Tuesday (16th) 12-5.30pm and Wednesday (17th) 10am to 6pm.

PARISH COLLECTIONS W/E 6th/7th December
Envelope Collection: €2,131. Basket Collection: €901. Many thanks.



Preparation for First Communion—FAMILY MASS

On next Sunday (21st) we look forward to having the children, who are preparing for First Communion, from Grange school at Mass at 9am in Grange and for those from the Tullow schools at 11am Mass in Tullow. It was encouraging to see a good attendance at our last Mass and we look forward to a good turnout next Sunday.



SCOIL PHADRAIG NAOFA (Tullow Boys School)

Invites the community to come and join in their Carol Service in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary on Tuesday 16th December at 6.30 pm.

Christmas Community Carol Service
with Guests Singers from Cairdeas Centre Choir will be held in St. Columba's Church, Tullow on Sunday 21st December at 7 p.m. All welcome.



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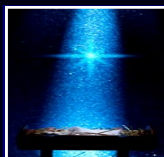
'TULLOW THROUGH THE AGES' by Christopher McQuinn

is back in the shops and on sale again in Supervalu, Tullow Discount Store, Tullow Museum, and Wards, Tullow. Cost: €35. It is also available instore and online from Woodbine Books, Kilcullen.

Website: woodbinebooks.ie, Email: woodbinebooks@gmail.com, Tel: 045 482777.

Advent Penitential Service

will be held in Tullow Church
next Friday night 19th December at 7.30 p.m.
and Rathvilly Church on Thursday 18th December at 7.30 p.m.



MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Masses will be celebrated in the parish as follows:

Christmas Eve: Tullow 6pm & Ardattin 8pm

Christmas Day: Grange 9am & Tullow 11am

PARISH ENVELOPES 2026

We would appreciate it if Distributors could collect their envelopes for distribution at the Parish Office.
Thank you to all distributors for your help.

#HaveYourSay about your Catholic School

For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start: The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before **16 December 2025**. See – www.gov.ie/primaryschools survey

St. Vincent de Paul

This Christmas, more and more local families are struggling with rising heating, electricity and food costs. As living costs continue to rise, **many families in our community are facing impossible choices**. By supporting our local fundraiser, **you can help provide warmth, nutritious food and a sense of hope** to families who are struggling to get through the cold months. Your donation—big or small—helps ensure a brighter Christmas for children and relief to parents who are doing their best. You can donate by using the special SVP blue envelopes at the back of the church, in the Post Office Tullow, Tullow Credit Union & Tullow Parish Centre. These envelopes can be posted or dropped into the Parish Centre. Any envelope may be used. Donations may also be made on-line please search: **SVP Tullow Appeal 2025**. All funds raised will be spent in this community – Tullow, Grange, Ardattin, Rathoe, Ballon, Ballyconnell and Coolkenno.

Tullow Community Safety Fora Meeting

An Garda Siochana will hold a Tullow Community Safety For a Meeting in Tullow Parish Centre on Tuesday 16th December at 5.30 p.m. The purpose for this meeting is for An Garda Siochana to meet with the public and listen to any issues or concerns that

Tullow Day Care Centre Christmas Raffle

Tickets are now available for the Day Care Christmas Raffle. Lines are €2 each or 3 for €5. You could win a shopping trolley **FULL** of goodies or any of the other fabulous prizes. Call into the Centre or ring us on 059 9151833.

"Naomh Brid Gaelteacht Anios"

Irish Conversation Group will have their last session in Teach Bhride on Tuesday 16th December and will resume on Tuesday 30th December.