

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

R.I.P. T.J. Murphy, Ardattin who died recently.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 27TH DECEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

Kathleen O'Brien, Tullowland. Edward Farrell Senior, Pairc Mhuire. Pat Sutton, Rath. James (Jimmy) Smithers, St. Patrick's Park and also his parents Johnny & Josephine Smithers, Myshall. Patricia Brien, Hillbrook Estate. Christine Norris, 8 Courtview. Connie Dunne, late of Tintean Phadraig. Eamon Hogan, Ballymurphy. Richard & Anne Farrell, Leaney. Seamus Coady, Mill Street. Sylvia Coughlan, 8 Courtlawns. Michael Lawlor, John St. Tullow.

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

MONTHS MIND: St. Beatrice Lakes, Brigidine Convent. James O'Toole, Ardoyne. Tom Lyons, Templeowen. Betty McHutcheon, Templeowen. Jim Byrne, 2 Hawkins Lane. Michael Abbey, Mary & John Abbey and Kitty Abbey, Ardoyne. Nell Canavan, Monacurragh, Carlow. Paddy Byrne, 12 Dublin Road. Martin Byrne, Wales. Sean Hade, 76 Pairc Mhuire. Paddy Keating, Thomas Traynor Road and deceased family members.

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

Nuala O'Toole, Shillelagh Road. Joey & Betty O'Neill, Tullowbeg. Alice O'Brien, The Abbey. Elizabeth Hogan, 73 Hillbrook Estate. Jane Tobin, St. Austins Terrace and deceased family members. Thomas Byrne, 9 Hillbrook Estate. Elsie & Tom McNabb, Church Street. Sally & May McNabb, Church Street. Nora & Michael McLoughlin, Barrack Street. Adrian Kelly, formerly of Crosskeys, Tullow.



MASS FOR SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY, 11 A.M.

Chappy Berry, Castlemore, Tullow.

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN

PARISH NEWSLETTER

28th December 2025

Feast of the Holy Family

4th January 2026

Second Sunday of Christmas

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Mass Times:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 am

Service of the Word & Holy Communion:

Tuesday at 9.30 am.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS: Thursday 11 am

A Family Prayer



God, our Father,

**We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
one family, in the Spirit of your love.**

Bless us with the joy of love.

**Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.**

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

**Protect all families with your loving care,
especially those for whom we now pray:**

[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

**Increase our faith, strengthen our hope,
keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful
for the gift of life that we share.**

This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.



Prayer for the World Meeting of Families, held in Ireland in 2018

Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

None on Tuesday 30th due to wedding. Wednesday 31st: 10am—3pm

PARISH COLLECTIONS W/E 20th/21st December

Envelope Collection: €2,870. Basket Collection: €960. Many thanks.

AVAILABLE AGAIN

'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.

Christmas Collection for The Clergy Fund

Please use your special envelope from your envelope box or from your seat in the church. Thank you for your support throughout the year.

PARISH ENVELOPES 2026

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

Tullow, Grange & Ardattin Flower Committees

Would like to thank all who donated money or flowers for decorating the churches for Christmas.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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



"Naomh Brid Gaelteacht Anios"

Irish Conversation Group in Teach Bhride resumes on Tuesday 13th January at 11am.

PARISH OFFICE

Will re-open on Monday 5th January at 9am.



MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY—Tuesday 6th January

Mon 5th: Vigil 7.30pm Tues 6th 11am

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS—FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Get the new year off to a good start by gathering for the first Mass of the New Year on Thursday at 11am.



Feast of Mary, Mother of God, January 1st

This oldest feast of Mary, comes on the 8th day of the Octave of Christmas, the World Day of Peace and at the start of a new year. It is a powerful reminder to us of the presence of Mary in the life of the Church and in our lives. Mary is our mother, too, and we can turn to her in every moment of need, knowing that she will intercede with God for us. Take time today to pause and think of what Mary means to you personally and to pray a Hail Mary. Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us. Mary, Helper of all in need, pray for us.

An Epiphany Ritual for the Home Chalking the Door of the Home and placing the Magi in the Crib

20 * C + M + B * 26

An Epiphany tradition in parts of Europe is for people to write a special sign in chalk over their front door, as a reminder of the Magi that visited the baby Jesus.

It's made using the year split in two, with the initials of the names that are sometimes given to the Magi, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, in the middle.

So, 2026 is written as: 20+C+M+B+26. The initials CMB also stand for the Latin phrase, 'Christus mansionem benedicat': 'May Christ bless the house'. The inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless the home and be with all those who dwell in it throughout the year.

Prayer as you chalk the lintel of your front door

Gather at the front door of your home.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
God of Light, bless our home. Make it a haven of rest for all in need of your warmth and care. Each time we go out from this place, may we never lose sight of that Epiphany star.

We mark our door with the symbols of the Magi. 20 + C + M + B + 26
May all who enter our home throughout the year find love and light;

For Christ has come to dwell in this home and in our hearts. Amen.

Having marked your door you may now like to place the Magi figures at the crib while praying the following:

Loving Jesus, may we be like the Magi and always look for you in our lives. Be with us, protect us and guide us. Help us to always show your love to one another and to all in need. Amen.