

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

R.I.P. Sr. Beatrice Lakes, Brigidine Convent and Michael Carroll, Dunboyne, Co. Meath and late of Killerig who died during the week.

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. Jim Fogarty, Monacurragh, Carlow. Radouane Laaraichi Byrne, 73 Park Gate and late of London.

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

ANNIVERSARY: Kathleen Bolger, Crosslow today Sunday 7th December at 10 a.m. in Ardattin Church.

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, Shillelagh Grove. Frank Foley, Olivers Villas. Michael & Margaret O'Donohoe and son Mick, Coppengh. Julia Kelly, Tankardstown.

ANNIVERSARY: Con & Peg Murphy and their sons Hughie and Con next 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.

The Flower Committees in Tullow, Grange and Ardattin would be very grateful for flowers, greenery or money towards decorating the Churches for Christmas.

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

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THIS WEEK

Mass Times: Monday 11am & 7.30pm

Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 am

Service of the Word & Holy Communion:

Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am.

A Central Figure of Advent: John the Baptist



Over the weeks of Advent, we encounter a number of key characters in the unfolding story of our salvation. In the Gospel this Sunday we are introduced to John the Baptist. An older cousin of Jesus, he was a prophet sent by God to prepare people for the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. His life was one of continually pointing others to Jesus. When his mother, Elizabeth, was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in his mother's womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was the Son of God.

John's desert ministry was all about calling people to be ready for Jesus and the change he would bring to their lives. John's call to repentance is not mere fire and brimstone, scare tactics, but is a call rooted in the belief that God is coming to His people, and we need to be prepared. John's message provokes us into action, calling us to turn back to God and to ready ourselves for Christ to come into our lives. Crucially, this personal readying involves looking beyond ourselves, to how we treat others and live with others. As followers of Jesus, it calls us to lives of justice and right relationship with one another; it calls us to acts of kindness and charity to neighbour and stranger. This Advent how am I preparing the way to truly let Christ into my life?

(Julie Kavanagh)

'Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as he desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring...the signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope.' (Pope Francis)

Looking Ahead to Next Sunday - Rejoice and Bambinelli Sunday

Families are invited to bring their figure of the infant Jesus from their family Christmas Crib to Mass next Sunday for a special blessing. This is a tradition begun in Rome by St John Paul II that continues today. As well as being Rejoice Sunday, in Italy the day is now also known affectionally as Bambinelli Sunday, the Italian for babies. In many places the blessed figure is wrapped and placed under the family Christmas tree to be unwrapped and finally placed in the crib on Christmas Eve night – reminding us of the first and most important gift of Christmas!



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE— Friday 19th December 7.30pm

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am to 6pm.

PARISH COLLECTIONS W/E 29th/30th November

Envelope Collection: €1,300. Basket Collection: €725. Many thanks.

Irish Conversation Group

Continues in Teach Bhríde every Tuesday from 11am—12noon. You don't have to be fluent! A 'cúpla focail' is better than none! Tá fáilte ar gach duine.

The Annual Christmas Concert

featuring Regina Hanley, Debra Stuart, the Wolseley Singers & many more will take place in the Mount Wolseley Hotel on Sunday December 7th at 3 pm. 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 their *Carol Service* in The Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Tullow Thursday 11th December at 6.30 pm.



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, Tullow on Tuesday 16th December at 6.30 p.m.

Tullow Day Care Centre: 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.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

On the 8th of December we honour Mary, Mother of God. Masses for the holyday will be at 11am and 7.30pm on Monday. The boys and girls from our schools will join us for the 11am Mass. If you are a parent we extend a welcome to you to come along.



Confirmation Preparation- FAMILY MASS

Next Saturday evening's 7.30pm Mass will be a special Family Mass for our Confirmation candidates. It was very encouraging to see almost all of them with family members for our Mass in November. It was really uplifting to have so many in the church celebrating Mass together. Hopefully we can look forward to having a good attendance **next Saturday 13th December**.

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.

Ardattin National School Parents Association have a 'Return' Collection point just inside the school gate for bottles and cans. All proceeds go towards the

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 and 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 Groups Company Limited by Guarantee AGM

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.

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 if you are a parent, guardian or a prospective parent of a primary school student that you participate in this survey. 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. Your voice needs to be heard if you want to influence the kind of school you wish for your child.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey which may be accessed at:

www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey.

The closing date is 16th December 2025