

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

RIP: Ger Whelan, 1 Slaney House and Anne Hannaford (nee McGrath), Ardristan and formerly of Ballintemple who died recently.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 24TH JANUARY, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Carmel Round, Barrack Street.

MONTHS MIND: Bridget Doran, Ouragh.

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Billy O'Neill and son Eddie, Ballymurphy. Molly & Billy Maher and deceased family members, Castledermot Road. Kathleen & John Kavanagh, Kill. P. Kavanagh, Templeowen. Pat Murphy, Rathbawn and deceased family members. John (Johnny) Shannon, Ardristan. Arthur & Catherine Murphy, Ouragh. Mary Lucas, Ballymurphy Road. Brigid Shannon & deceased family members, Grangeford. Patrick & Rose Kelly, Knocklow.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY, 11 A.M.

Martha & Tom Dawson, Rathbawn and son Edward. John William Jones, 43 St. Austins Terrace. Bernard Flynn, The Course.

MONTHS MIND: T.J. Murphy, Ardattin today Sunday 25th January at 10a.m. in Ardattin Church.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Nick Carroll, Tankardstown.

John Foley, The Square. Patrick Connolly, 3 Bellwood Drive.

Joe Nolan, Hillbrook Estate. Joseph & Bridie Healy, Deerpark. Michael & Carmel Durnam (nee Healy), formerly of Deerpark, Tullow.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY, 11 A.M.

Padriag Cunnane, Shillelagh Grove. Mike Holden, Ouragh.



40 YEARS A PRIEST

Fr. Ger will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination on the 2nd February. All are invited to refreshments in the Parish Centre after the 11am Mass next Sunday (1st Feb).

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th January 2026

**Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

PARISH CONTACTS

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Mass Times: Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

NO MASS ON MONDAY

Service of the Word & Holy Communion:

Tuesday & Thursday at 9.30am

Confessions: Saturday 7pm or by request

Third Sunday in Ordinary time - The start of the ministry of Jesus.

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah. An extract from this reading also appears in the Gospel of Matthew.

The details of the First reading

Naphtali and Zebulun were two border areas in the far north of Israel. In 700 BC the Assyrians invaded Northern Israel and took most of the population into captivity as slaves. These slaves are the Lost tribes of Israel. This event was a humiliation for the Israelites. The prophet Isaiah says :- "In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali." Then Isaiah consoles his people. Someone great is coming and "in days to come he will confer glory." The humiliated people "that lived in darkness" will see "a great light."

The Gospel

Jesus Christ grew up in, and started his ministry around, the districts of Naphtali and Zebulun. In the Gospel Matthew points out this fact. He quotes the prophet Isaiah's words from the first reading and then declares :- In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Jesus is the Messiah - the chosen one.

Message for us

In these times, when religion and Faith are marginalised by modern wisdom, we believers should remember that the God we worship was first venerated four thousand years ago. Modern wisdom may not endure as well.

Start of Ministry

Now Jesus must take on his own mission. Upon "Hearing that John had been arrested" Jesus set out on his ministry in the world. One most important step was the gathering together of his apostles. This gathering is the beginning of Christianity.

Pope Francis commented on this Gospel in 2017:- We, today's Christians, have the joy of proclaiming and witnessing to our faith because there were those humble and courageous men who responded generously to Jesus' call.

Let us pray that we can be humble and courageous people who respond to the call of Jesus and carry on the 4,000 year old worship of our God.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am to 6pm.

PARISH COLLECTIONS W/E 17th/18th January

Envelope Collection: €1,975. Basket Collection: €891. Many thanks.



ALTAR SERVERS

It is some years now since we have had Altar Servers at Mass. We are hoping to re-introduce this ministry to boys and girls from 3rd class upwards. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in participating in this Ministry.



St. Brigid's Crosses

If anyone would like to help make St. Brigid's Crosses please contact the Parish Office on 059 9151277.



PARISH ENVELOPES

We would appreciate if you have not already received your parish envelopes to please call to the Parish Office to collect them. We would also be glad to hear from anyone willing to help with distributing envelopes to a number of areas in the par-



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CONFIRMATION: Saturday: 21st March : Grange and Tullow Boys: 11 a.m.
Tullow Girls: 2 p.m.

FIRST CONFESSIONS: Wednesday 4th March: 7.30 p.m.

FIRST COMMUNION: Saturdays: 9th May (Grange): 11am
16th May (Ardattin): 11am
23rd May (Tullow): 12 noon for all.



PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2026

Wednesday 26th August to 2nd September 2026
Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board. Cost: €895
Spiritual Director: Fr. Ger Ahern. For more info contact:
Parish Office 059 9151277 or 087 629 8881
€50 discount if deposit paid before 31st January.

Yoga for All Levels: Welcome to the new year! Are you aiming to improve your overall health, be stronger and more flexible, manage your stress better and learn relaxation techniques? Yoga is a practice that does all of this. Tullow yoga begins on Tuesday January 20th, Teach Bhride, Tullow, at 7pm. 9 week term, €99. More booking options at pambutleryoga.com/shop, or contact 086 089 1141.

SCOIL MUIRE LOURDES

We are still accepting enrolments for the coming year. Enrolments Forms are available on our website smltullow.ie or by calling into the school during school hours.

Tullow Active Retirement Yoga every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Tullow Parish Centre.

Art Class with Therese will resume in the Parish Centre, Tullow next Wednesday 28th January from 11 - 1 p.m. Phone Therese on 087 6478080.

Menopause Café: Come join us for support with Peri-Menopause, Menopause and all issues related. All welcome. Thursday 29th January from 6.30 - 8.30 p.m. In Forward Steps Resource Centre, Chapel Lane, Tullow. R93 CY68. Contact Gemma on 083 1489587 or Pameal on 083 2052462.

Tullow Day Care Centre CLG have vacancies for the following positions: *Kitchen Assistants, Befrienders, Vanette Driver, Healthcare Assistant.* If you would like to explore new career opportunities, please contact us. These are developmental opportunities. No experience necessary as training will be provided. **Must be in receipt of a qualifying Social Welfare Payment** For full details please contact Dolores at Tullow Day Care Centre CLG 059 9151833 or 059 9181410 doloresgorman@tullowdaycare.ie

St. Anne's LGFA Annual Table Quiz

31st January at 8 pm. in Walshe's Pub, Killerig. €40 per team of 4. This quiz proves to be a great night of fun and friendly competition, all to raise much need funds for the local ladies football club. To register your team, contact Meghan on 085 7451035.

Captain Murphy Memorial Hall

Times during the week available. The rates for the use of the hall are as follows: Up to 6pm: €20 per hour. After 6pm: €25 per hour. Heating is an additional €20 per hour. Bookings can be made by calling: (Nicola) 085 7150412.

"Naomh Brid Gaelteacht Anios"

Irish Conversation Group in Teach Bhríde every Tuesday at 11am.