

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

RIP. Tom Keogh, Francis St., Dublin and formerly Rathbawn. Funeral will take place during the week.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Sr. Philomena Browne, Brigidine Convent. Pat, Mary & Christopher Quigley and deceased family members, formerly of Dublin Road. Anthony Gahan and his sister Christine, Crosslow. Joseph Norris, 8 Courtview. Tony & Nellie Maher, 20 Pairc Mhuire. Siobhan Mernagh, Upper Station Road. Jim Roche, 49 Hillbrook Estate. John & Elizabeth Maxwell, 32 Pairc Mhuire and deceased family members of The Maxwell family, Tullowland, The Wheeler family, Crosslow and The Cullen family, 25 Dublin Road. Sarah Brennan & baby Jason, Hawkins Lane.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY, 11 A.M.

MONTHS MIND: Ger Whelan, 1 Slaney House, Tullow and formerly of Hillbrook Estate.

Matthew Doyle, his parents May and Larry Doyle, his uncle Jim Greene, 13 Pairc Mhuire and deceased family members. Mary Carroll, Hawthorn Drive. Mick & Molly Byrne and deceased family members, Ouragh Cross.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Maura Sheppard Ouragh.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Paddy Hickey, Tullowland.

Kathleen and Peter Rooney, 56 Dublin Road. Mary Kennedy, Coppengh. Dan Nolan, Rath East. Jackie Nolan, Knocklow.



MASSES FOR SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 11 A.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Ann Halligan, Hillbrook Estate.

Ada Cummins, Hillbrook Estate. Elizabeth & Patrick Deegan and deceased family members, Rathglass. Eddie Byrne, Laburnum Lodge.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 10 A.M. in Ardattin

MONTHS MIND: Anne Hannaford (nee McGrath), Ardristan and formerly of Ballintemple.

ANNIVERSARIES: Paul Maher, Ballynoe, Ardattin, Mary Ann Roche, Ballynoe, Ardattin

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

16th February 2026

Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times: Monday at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday at 9.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
and Friday at 9.30 a.m.

Service of the Word & Holy Communion:

Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30 am

Confessions: Saturday 7pm or by request

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent - a special and sacred time of renewal of our identity as baptised Christians.

Lent is a time to rediscover what it means to say, 'I am baptised'. What difference does this make to who I am and how I am? What changes do I need to make in my life to live my baptism more deeply? With its disciplines of prayer, fasting and charity, the season gives us many opportunities for personal renewal. If we grasp these opportunities, we can arrive at Easter ready to truly commit to our baptism, to be renewed and ready to celebrate the joy at the centre of our faith - the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

How will you choose to live Lent this year?

Digging Deeper



18TH FEBRUARY
Mass at 9.30am & 7.30pm
Ash Wednesday
is a day of fast & abstinence.

TODAY IS TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

"Turning the other cheek"; "giving the shirt off our back"; "walking the extra mile." Relatives and friends of many people have "turned the other cheek" too often because of broken promises & relapse into addiction. They would 'give the shirt off their back' - or even 'the roof off their house' - if they could help a child, a spouse, a friend to "go on the dry". They have driven the extra mile to Primary Care centres seeking help, advice and treatment. Temperance Sunday is a day of prayer for them and for all who live under the shadow of addiction. We pray also for counsellors and staff in Primary Care Centres who help their relations towards recovery.

**DAY OF PRAYER
FOR
TEMPERANCE**

Temperance brings balance and
prevents excess getting a grip
- Bishop Eamonn Walsh

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am to 6pm.

PARISH COLLECTIONS W/E 7th/8th February

Envelope Collection: €1,405. Basket Collection: €795. Many thanks.

BUILDING OUR PARISH—WORKING TOGETHER

Last Sunday Bishop Nulty issued a pastoral letter, 'A Time to Pull in our Nets and Take Stock'. It reflected on efforts over the past few years to address the needs of our diocese in a changing reality and how we might see our parishes functioning in the future. He said: "A new model of Church is emerging with fewer clergy and greater lay involvement."

Some years ago this parish worked to produce 'Creating a New Vision of Parish Together'. It reflected on various areas of parish life and ministry' and a plan for the future. Unfortunately Covid came and that put many things on hold. It also meant that afterwards many groups and activities never resumed.

A LOT DONE. A LOT MORE TO DO!

The parish has been fortunate to have many people give of their time in various ways but unfortunately with the passing of time they have not been replaced by a younger cohort of parishioners, resulting in less active than in the past. Sometimes we 'leave it to others'. That's not good enough. All of us have so much to offer. Generosity is called for.

Consider your responsibility to respond to your baptismal calling to contribute to the life of your parish. Don't leave it to others!

Ask not what your parish can do for you, but what you can do for your parish.

PLEASE COME ALONG TO THE PARISH CENTRE ON MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY AT 8PM

TO BEGIN TO MOVE FORWARD *(The meeting will last no longer than one hour)*

The groundwork has been done. We need to move forward on what has been achieved and build a parish where lay involvement is to the fore working together with its priest.

TRÓCAIRE
Working for a Just World

Pick up a TRÓCAIRE BOX and contribute to this year's Lenten campaign. Last year's amount was €6,810.



Lenten Morning of Prayer and Reflection

Teach Bhríde on Saturday February 21st beginning at 10am and finishing with lunch at 1pm. Facilitators: Brigidine Sisters - Teresa Phelan and Teresa Carter. RSVP by calling 089 9705761 or 083 3928708 by Thursday February 19th. €15 fee.

Temperance Sunday, 15 February 2026

Parishioners who wish to take a short-term pledge for Lent are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie or to speak to a Pioneer in the parish. "Off the drink for Lent" is a reminder that "the bonds of friendship and affection do not unravel with death" ... or with addiction or sickness. Prayer and penance have been part of the response by many Irish families to the challenges which they have met across the centuries. The short-term Pioneer pledge for Lent is a gesture of solidarity with people who are living "one day at a time" according to the 12 Step AA programme.

NEW CHURCH OF IRELAND RECTOR

We extend a warm welcome to the Rev. Maria Carlsson who was instituted as the new Rector of the Tullow Group of Parishes last Sunday. We wish her every blessing and fulfilment in her ministry among us.

Baptised and Sent in Lent 2026

In Rathvilly Parish Centre, beside GAA football field, starting on Ash Wednesday 18th Feb at 7.30 pm and continuing each Wednesday of Lent. Join a Lenten Journey of prayer and reflection. Renew your faith, pray, reflect, serve and grow in mission. This programme encourages people to rediscover their baptismal calling, listen to Holy Spirit and take concrete steps to deepen their faith individually and as a community.

Join the Wolseley Singers & special guest Michael English

for their upcoming 20th Anniversary on the 2nd April at 7.30 p.m. in the Visual Carlow. Tickets available online or in person from Visual Box Office.

Rise and Shine invite you to a **Coffee and Cake Morning** in Cairdeas Centre, Tullow on Saturday February 21st from 10.30am to 1pm. A fundraising event to support our charity cycle from Parish to Lourdes Easter 2026. All funds raised go directly to pay for a fully supported pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes for young people with additional needs, giving respite to families.

THANK YOU: Focus Ireland would like to thank the Parish of Tullow for their donation of €1,560, the proceeds from the Christmas Crib display. (Please see letter from Focus Ireland on notice board in Tullow Church.)

Scoil Mhuire Lourdes—OPEN DAY

For all new Junior Infants & prospective families on **26th February 2 - 2.40pm**. Come visit the school, meet the teachers and get to know more about us.

HOLIDAY: Come and enjoy a great holiday on 27th April for 3 night and 4 days staying in the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan. Contact 086 3504351 for more information.

CHAIR YOGA with Maria will resume in Tullow Parish Community Centre on Friday 20th February at 10.30 a.m. 4 week course: €50. Drop in price: €15.

TULLOW ACTIVE RETIRMENT ASSOCIATION

A wonderful 4 night/5 day summer holiday to Cork. 24th May - 28th May 2026. For bookings please phone Jim on 059 9152925 or 086 1200466.

Tullow Community School Parents Association AGM on Tuesday 24th February at 8 p.m. in Tullow Community School. All parents and guardians, welcome to attend.

"Naomh Bríd Gaelteacht Aníos"

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