

## WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**R.I.P.** Mark Holmes, 25 Gortnahowen and formerly of Tinryland who died during the week.

### MASSES FOR SATURDAY 28TH MARCH, 7.30 P.M.

**MONTHS MIND:** Tim Sutherland, 15 Hawthorn Drive.

Joe Gahan, Crosslow. David Lonergan, Senior and David Lonergan Junior, John Street. Garrett O'Brien, Tintean Phadraig. Michael Healy, Crosslow. Sheila & Paddy McCall, Crosslow and grandson Brendan. Paddy & Rose Kearney, St. Austins Terrace and John Street, Tullow. Annie Broughan, Copenagh. Katie Kealy, Tullowhill. Frank Fleming, Dublin Road. Joseph & Mary Molloy, Rath. William Matthews and deceased family members, Thomas Traynor Road.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Joe Waddock, Killamaster today Sunday 29th March at 9 am in Grange Church.

### MASSES FOR SUNDAY 29TH MARCH, 11 A.M.

Jim Tynan, Rathbawn.



### MASSES FOR SUNDAY 5TH APRIL, 11 A.M.

John Pullen, Ardattin. Patsy Mernagh and deceased family members, 3 Station Road and grandson Patrick.

## WASHING OF FEET ON HOLY THURSDAY

Volunteers still required for Thursday's Mass at 7.30pm.  
Contact Fr. Ger or Parish Office.

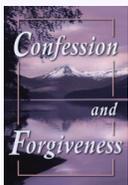


## CHRISM MASS



Carlow Cathedral on **Monday at 7:30 pm.** During this Mass, the oils for use in the celebration of sacraments in the coming year will be blessed and consecrated, and the priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises.

## PENANCE SERVICE



The celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is encouraged during the season of Lent in preparation for the liturgies of Holy Week when we commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. On **Tuesday at 7.30pm in Tullow Church** we will have a Service during which people will have the opportunity to individually receive absolution for their sins. Service in Rathvilly on Wednesday at 7.30pm

## BLESSING OF FOOD

In many Eastern European countries, it's a tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday. This Catholic ritual has been cherished for centuries among many families.  
**Saturday at 11am in Tullow.**



# TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

29th March 2026



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**PLEASE SEE INSIDE FOR LIST OF MASSES FOR HOLY WEEK.**

**Confessions:** Saturday 7pm or by request

## "Celebrating Holy Week is not an obligation, but it is an opportunity"

In one sense, there's nothing special about "Holy Week." Just another sequence of eight days each spring — nothing is intrinsically holy about this Sunday to Sunday that moves around the calendar each year. We have no mandate from Jesus or his apostles to mark these days for particular observance.

### Opportunity, Not Obligation

Celebrating Holy Week is not an obligation, but it is an opportunity. It is a chance to walk with the church, throughout time and throughout the world, as she walks with her Bridegroom through the most important week in the history of the world. It is a chance to focus our minds on, and seek to intensify our affections for, the most important and timeless of realities.

### Seize the Week

Without any arm-twisting or conscience-pressing, consider how you might make the most of this week for yourself and others. These are some of the darkest and brightest days in the history of the world, and they are rich with soul-sustaining food and life-clarifying vision. In the chaos of our increasingly fast-paced and hectic society, Holy Week is a reminder to pause and ponder, to carefully mark each day and not let this greatest of all weeks fly by us like every other.



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am to 6pm in Parish Church.

## PARISH COLLECTIONS W/E 21st/22nd March

Envelope Collection: €2198. Basket Collection: €997. Many thanks.

## Easter Collection for The Clergy Fund

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

## The Flower Committees

in Tullow, Ardattin and Grange would be grateful for flowers, greenery or money towards decorating the Churches for Easter.

## Tullow Active Retirement Association:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st March at 2 p.m. in Tullow Parish Centre. Guest speaker will talk on Alzheimer's Awareness.



## 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



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## Ardattin Fundraisers

Table Quiz on Saturday 4th April in the Ardattin Inn starting at 9 p.m.  
Table of 4: €40. All money raised will be going to the Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare Team.

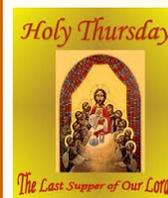
**TROCAIRE**  
Working for a Just World

Please return Trocaire Boxes during the coming week. It would be helpful if coins were converted to notes but we are happy to get it whatever way you choose.



**Monday:** 9.30am Mass  
**Tuesday:** 9.30am Service of the Word  
7.30pm Reconciliation Service in Tullow  
**Wednesday:** 9.30am Mass

7.30pm



At the heart of **Holy Thursday** is Jesus' command to serve others, modelled by Jesus in the washing of feet and the gift of himself in the Eucharist. 'Do this in memory' is a call to us as members of the Christian community to be a Eucharistic people. This means not only receiving the precious gift of Christ in the Eucharist but living Eucharist in our daily actions of care and service to one another.

**Mass followed by Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament until Night Prayer at 10 p.m.**

3pm



On **Good Friday**, a day of fast and abstinence, the Church gathers in silence as we take up our prayer from the liturgy of Holy Thursday. In his Passion, Christ has taken upon himself the sufferings and the sins of our world.

**Stations of the Cross from The Parish Centre Carpark at 12 noon**  
**Stations of the Cross followed by silent prayer around the cross concluding with Night Prayer at 9 pm**

9pm



On this greatest of nights in the life of the Church we keep vigil with the Lord. The Easter Vigil is rich in symbol and ritual action. It typically unfolds in four parts. The celebration begins around the light of the Easter fire. The fire is blessed, the Easter Candle is lit and this light is shared before we sing our great proclamation of Easter, the Exsultet. In the second part of the night we vigil with the stories of our salvation, the great stories from the Old Testament proclaimed in the light of our Easter faith and culminating in the proclamation of the resurrection in the Gospel reading. Now in the third part we are ready to do what our whole Lenten journey has been about – to welcome new members in baptism and to renew our own baptism before we complete our celebration of the vigil with the Liturgy of the Eucharist in which we receive the nourishment and grace of the Body of Christ to sustain us in the Christian journey.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**CONFESSION**  
(Tullow)

Holy Thursday 8.15pm  
Good Friday 4pm  
Holy Saturday 11-12



**LITURGIES in TULLOW**

**Holy Thursday: 7.30pm**  
**Outdoor Stations 12noon**  
**Good Friday: 3pm**  
**Stations of the Cross: 7pm**  
**Holy Saturday: 9pm**

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**

**Grange 9am**  
**Ardattin 10am**  
**Tullow 11am**

