

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

RIP. Kathleen Jordan, Park Gate, Tullow and Timothy Sutherland, Hawthorn Drive, Tullow who died recently.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 7TH MARCH, 7.30 P.M.

MONTHS MIND: Pauline Kehoe, Rathlyon Ger Delaney, 12 Pairc Mhuire. Mary, John & Billy Garry, Castledermot Road. James Matthews Senior and sons George and Willie, Thomas Traynor Road. Bridie Byrne, Dublin Road. Mikie Curry, Avondale, Carlow. Mick Kelly, Marian Terrace, Hacketstown. Mary Doran, 8 Station Road. Jamie Kavanagh, Munny, Coolkenno. The Whelan family, Liscoleman. Margaret Murphy, Pairc Mhuire. Bridie & Tommie Fleming, Dublin Road. Michael Jackman, Nurney and formerly Liscoleman and Brian Jackman, Cloneybyrne, Bunclody and formerly of Liscoleman and deceased members of the Jackman family. Cheryl Doyle, Ballybit. Esther Byrne Knocklow. Breda Costigan, Tullowbeg. Deceased members of The Gahan family, Paulville. Breda Maher and her father in law Paddy Maher, 11 St. Austins Terrace.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 8TH MARCH, 11 A.M.

Natalie McDonnell, Ballybit. Margaret & Peter Sutton and son Pat, Rath East.

ANNIVERSARY: Veronica Norton, Rathglass. Deceased members of The Brown family, Ballintemple today Sunday 8th March at 10 a.m. in Ardattin Church.



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

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Una Bailey, Ballymurphy. James, P.J., Eileen and Cecelia Griffin, The Square. Betty Doran, 8 Station Road. Dick Dempsey, Hillbrook Estate. Elizabeth & Pat Edwards, Castlemore. Peig Wybrant and her brother Pat, Ardoyne.

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

Fergal Shannon, Barrack Street. P.J. & Eileen O'Reilly and deceased family members, Belturbet.

ANNIVERSARY: Tom Berry, Carlow Road and Michael and Brigid Berry, Carlow Road on Monday 16th March at 9.30 a.m. in Tullow Church.

Baptised and Sent in Lent 2026

In Rathvilly Parish Centre, beside GAA football field, each Wednesday of Lent at 7.30pm. 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.

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

8th March 2026

Third Sunday of Lent



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Mass Times: Monday, Wednesday 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

Who Belongs?

Today's Gospel is a pivotal reminder as we make our Lenten journey that Jesus is the source of our life. It is the first of three Gospels from John we listen to in Lent that draw on central symbols in baptism – in this instance the symbol of water.

In the encounter between Jesus and the woman we see God's mercy in action. The woman is an outsider, left to draw water at the hottest part of the day, alone. Jesus actively reaches out to her, ignoring the social norms of the time that would keep her in isolation. And in doing so the woman comes to know Jesus as the source of our life, as the living water that dwells within us, as our saviour. Not only that, she becomes a messenger of that Good News. In Jesus, all belong and all are renewed.

As we welcome this reading into our hearts this Lent, may we follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ who reached out to the marginalised and to those who felt on the outside, who shattered the narrow definitions of 'who belongs'. May we recognise, that, in Christ, we belong. May we welcome Jesus into the very circumstances of our life to heal us and bless us. May we recognise Jesus as our saviour who brings us to eternal life. And may we bring this good news to others without borders - recognising also when others are bringing it to us. *(Julie Kavanagh)*

Digging Deeper – Living Lent: Some suggestions for this week

- † Reflect on next Sunday's Gospel using the material from 'Baptised and Sent in Lent'. Resources on www.syond.ie
- † Get some holy water for your home and use it as you come and go to bless yourself
- † Share with the hungry and set aside some of your weekly shop for a food bank or donate the cost
- † Do a Friday penance
- † Be a happy presence in your home
- † Find ways to conserve & reduce your use of water in the home. (See water.ie/conserve)



**Our lives are very busy
—lots of noise and activity.
Take 10 minutes out.**

*Realise you are
surrounded by God's love.*

**JUST
BE**

**Do nothing!
Say nothing!
JUST BE!**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am to 6pm.

PARISH COLLECTIONS W/E 14th/15th February
Envelope Collection: €1,730. Basket Collection: €847. Many thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CONFIRMATION: Saturday: 21st March: Grange & Tullow Boys: 11am
Tullow Girls: 2pm

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



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the boys and girls who made their First Confession during the week. Please remember them in your prayers as they continue their preparation for First Holy Communion in May.



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PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK

As part of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday it is usual to include the washing of feet, recalling how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. We would like to hear from anyone willing to volunteer for this. Please give your name to Fr. Ger or to the Parish Centre.



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

**Join the Wolseley Singers
and special guest Michael English**

for their upcoming 20th Anniversary on the
Thursday 2nd April at 7.30 pm in the Visual Carlow.

Tickets available online or in person from Visual Box Office.

Captain Murphy Memorial Hall AGM

Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

We encourage people to attend and help in the running of this great facility in our town.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 2026 – March 17th



This year's parade will begin at the new time of 1pm.

Participants are asked to assemble from 12pm and be in place by 12:30–12:45 p.m. sharp.

Please send a short paragraph about your group to Develop Tullow Association in advance, and ensure all music is submitted well ahead of the day.

Homeowners in Carlow and the wider region are being encouraged to drop into the Carlow Home Energy Expo on **Wednesday, 25 March, from 10:30am to 5pm** at the Seven Oaks Hotel. This once off, free event organised by Carlow County Council in partnership with South East Energy Agency, Carlow County Development Partnership and Carlow Town SEC, will bring together independent experts, retrofit professionals, financial advisors and contractors – all under one roof – to help householders learn how to make their homes warmer, more comfortable, and more affordable to heat. Improving the energy efficiency of our homes can seem complicated, but this event will highlight the wide range of grants, supports and financing options available to help homeowners. Drop in anytime between 10.30a.m. and 5p.m.

Scoil Mhuire Lourdes: Please come support Scoil Mhuire Lourdes Fundraising Raffle on Friday 27th March in Supervalu, Tullow. Our Parents Association will be there from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. selling lines. Fantastic prizes to be won.

The Rise & Shine Trust

would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped organise, support, and donate to the recent Coffee & Cake Morning in the Cairdeas Centre. Thanks to your generosity and kindness, a fantastic total of €2170 was raised in support of the Trust Charity Cycle, **From Paris to Lourdes 2026**. All funds raised will go directly towards providing a fully supported pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes for young people with additional needs. This special trip not only offers a memorable and meaningful experience for the young people, but also provides much-needed respite and support for their families. *Thank you on behalf of the Trust. Eileen Doyle & Michael Cleary.*

Carlow County Council – Are you registered to vote?

Even if you receive a polling card, you now need to add your PPSN, date of birth and Eircode to the register. You can update your details at checktheregister.ie or by paper form. If you need assistance, Carlow County Council Register Staff will be happy to help you on 059 9170332 / 059 9170308 / 059 9172448 or email register@carlowcoco.ie.