

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

Catherine Lonergan Doyle, St. Patrick's Pk. Pat Condrón, Laragh, Tinahely. Maureen Browne, Church Street. Pauline Canning, Dublin Rd.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 11.00 A.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: William Cummins (Jnr), Carlow. Martin Doyle, Ouragh Court. Tom & Martha Dawson, Rathbawn and their son Edward. Ellen Thompson, Castledermot Road. Edelio Robolledo.

MASSES FOR SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 9 a.m. GRANGE

MONTHS MIND: Rochelle (Blanchfield) Keane, The Granary, Grange.
ANNIVERSARY: Jennifer & Catherine Waddock, Kilamaster.

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Goretti Maher McGrath, Ouragh Rd. Willie Sheppard, Ouragh. John Sheppard, Ouragh. Tommy Hickey & The Lambe family. Paddy & Sheila McCall, Crosslow & grandson Brendan. Jim & Margaret Sheppard, Rathlyon. Annie Baird, Fr. Murphy Tce. Ann Doran, Castlegrace, Tullow. Elizabeth (Lila) Rogers, Waterford & Tullow. Caroline Byrne (nee Curran), St. Austin's Tce & St. Patrick's Pk. Jackie & Ann Sheeran, Station Rd. Eamon Walsh, Pairc Mhuire & Straboe.



MASSES FOR SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 11.00 A.M.

Patrick Joseph Griffin, Eileen Griffin & Cecilia Griffin, The Square, Tullow

Prayer for the New School Year

Loving God, we come to you at the start of a new school year. We bring you our hopes, our excitement, and our nervous feelings. Please bless our students.

Give them curious minds, sharp focus, and the courage to try new things.

When they feel stressed or overwhelmed, wrap them in your peace.

Please bless our teachers and school staff. Give them an abundance of patience, strength and joy as they guide and care for their pupils.

Please bless our families at home. Help us to listen more than we speak, and to pray more than we worry. Amen.

OPENING OF SCHOOL YEAR MASSES

Tullow 9.30am Wed 16th / Grange 9.30am Tues 22nd / Ardattin 11.15am Wed 23rd

Parents and members of the community are welcome to attend.

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th September 2026

Twenty Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am.

Service of the Word & Holy Communion: Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am.

Confessions: Saturday 7pm or by request



SEASON OF CREATION

According to the United Nations UN News, 1.7 billion people lack basic hygiene services at home, and 2.1 billion people still lack access to safe drinking water - that is 1 in 4 people on the globe!

As climate change intensifies, and groundwater extraction increases, several countries are now reaching a so-called "point of water bankruptcy", that is a condition marked by irreversible losses of natural water capital.

Although access to drinking water is a human right for all, the multifaceted water crisis disproportionately affects vulnerable communities, future generations, and non-human life that has no voice in political or economic systems.

These are some of the many challenges:

- Water becomes unaffordable for the poor.
- Impact on health of water borne diseases.
- Impact of industrial discharge of chemicals and other pollutants into rivers.
- Increasing water consumption fueled by the datacentres and energy production required by our digital activities, including for use of artificial intelligence.
- Poor governance and corruption by companies and governments.
- Impact on food security of droughts, floods, storms and desertification.
- Salination of the soil due to sea level rise or overexploitation of aquifers.
- Violence over competition over scarce water supplies.



These many issues are leading to migration, pushing people into exile, with loss of homes and culture. The impact on ecosystems and biodiversity is devastating: according to the World Wide Fund for Nature, we are facing catastrophic declines in aquatic wildlife, with freshwater populations dropping by a staggering 85 % and marine populations by 56 % in the last 50 years.

From a theological perspective, this crisis reflects broken relationships — between humankind and God, within the human family itself, and between human beings and other living beings. Furthermore, it is of paramount importance to stress that water pollution has implications related to social justice and equity.

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

PARISH COLLECTIONS W/E 29th/30th August
Envelope Collection: €1,614. Basket Collection: €686. Many thanks.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND
If you or someone known to you is housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion monthly please contact Fr. Ger or the Parish Office.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Confirmation:
Saturday 10th April: Grange 10.30am. Ardattin 12.30pm
Saturday 17th April: Tullow 10.30am (Boys) 12.30pm (Girls).
First Communion: 11am
Saturdays: 8th May: Ardattin. 15th May: Grange. 22nd May: Tullow.



ENROLMENT FOR FIRST CONFESSION & HOLY COMMUNION

Meetings with parents of children from second classes in our schools are currently underway. These meetings give parents the opportunity to hear what is involved in preparing their child and the role that they must play in it. After giving consideration to this and if they are willing to commit to supporting their child they may decide to have their child enrolled for these sacraments. **Enrolment will take place as follows:**

Sunday 20th Sept: Ardattin 10am Mass. Tullow 11am Mass.

Sunday 27th Sept: Grange 9am Mass.



Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

On Sunday 27th September
Bus leaving Church carpark at 7.30am. Fare: €35 p.p.
Contact Tullow Parish office to book on 0599151277

Slí an Chroí, St Patrick's Kiltegan – Autumn Grace Retreat

This weekend retreat offers an opportunity to look back on the year and on the journey of our lives, in the gentle light of God's grace. Through guided reflection, prayer, silence, time nature and shared conversation.
Friday 18th to Sunday 20th September, price €315 including accommodation and meals.
Enquires to Michele Sinnott, slianchroi@spms.ie or phone 089 4690508.



COFFEE MORNING

Tullow Culture Night Committee is hosting a Coffee Morning fundraiser today **after 11am Mass in Tullow Parish Centre.**



Culture Night—Tullow in Harmony—this Friday

Church of the Most Holy Rosary 7-9pm

A community celebration of music, song and dance. Come along and join us for a wonderful evening of entertainment. **FREE EVENT**



TULLOW DAY CARE CENTRE DRAW

Tickets now on sale, up to €900 to be won each week.

PRIZES: 1st - €400, 2nd - €200, 3rd - €100, 4th - €100, 5th - €50. Promoters prize - €50.

Tickets are €20 for the 4 draws or €5 per week.
Draw dates: Thursday 8th/15th/22nd & 29th October.

Tullow Day Care AGM

Tuesday 22nd September in Tullow Day Care Centre at 6pm.

Come along to hear what is happening in the centre. Share your ideas and help us shape the year ahead. Everyone is welcome. We would be delighted to see you.



Irish Cancer Society Volunteer Drivers

The Irish Cancer Society is expanding the volunteer driver service in the Carlow and Laois area, and we are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. We are specifically looking for drivers who can take patients to Naas Hospital, as well as St James' Hospital and the Mater Hospital in Dublin. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their life saving treatment.

If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most. For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.



PLÉ AGUS TAE

Irish Conversation Group continues in Teach Bhríde on Tuesdays at 11am. Fáilte go gach duine!