

## TULLOW BINGO

Bingo every Thursday night at 8.30 p.m. in Murphy Memorial Hall. Hickson's Super-  
valu Jackpot next week is €500 .

**St. Brigid's National School Grange** are taking enrolments for September 2020.

Please phone the school on 059 9163881 or email

msmulhall@stbrigidsgrange.ie for an application form before 3 p.m. on Friday 6th December.

**Thank You:** The Doran Family wish to thank everyone who supported "The Paddy Doran Memorial Fishing Competition and Raffle". A cheque for €1,200 was presented to The Irish Heart Foundation. The winner of the Memorial Shield was Kevin Keegan. Thanks also to J.J.s Bar & Supervalu.

**Please join us at Tullow Library for Christmas Carols with Regina Hanley & guests on Wednesday 11th December at 6.30 p.m.**

**Carlow's Irish Wheelchair Association Resource and Outreach Centre, Kilkenny Road, Carlow.** Open Week will be held on Monday 2nd December until Friday 6th December from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be a showcase of all the crafts made at the centre with an option to buy any of the items on show. Please drop in and support this great community event and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with us.

## MICHAEL ENGLISH IN CONCERT

in Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Tullow  
on Wednesday 19th August, 2020 at 8 p.m. Proceeds in aid of Tullow Parish.  
Tickets are €25 and are now on sale from The Parish Office, Tullow.

## Carlow Regional Youth Service ELVES WORKSHOP 2019

What's it like to be an Elf in Santa's Workshop? For a magical Christmas experience come along to our fun and exciting workshop where Mrs Claus and Santa's Elves are ready to greet all the children with Songs, Stories, Games, including Face Painting, Make and Do festive activities.

**Venue:** Tullow Youth Project @ Bishop House, Tullow

**Date:** Saturday 14th December.

**Times:** 2 p.m.—3 p.m. and 3.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m.

Admission: €5 per child. Booking is advised to avoid disappointment. For further information contact Cathy on 085 8338732 or 059 9152297 between the hours of 12—6 p.m. Monday—Friday. Child/Children are to be accompanied by at least one adult. Workshops are subject to a minimum demand.

# TULLOW, GRANGE AND ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st December, 2019.  
The First Sunday of Advent

## First Sunday of Advent

The shops are filling up with Christmas stock. Christmas decorations and lights are appearing everywhere. There is a positivity about Christmas that is very welcome. We are not talking about Brexit and all the other issues that dominate our news feeds, and newspapers, for the last while.

So it's the First Sunday in Advent and surely there will be gentle readings today in our mass, on the theme of Love and maybe angels. But no. Our Scripture readings today are about the "end of days".

In Saint Paul's letter to the Romans we are encouraged to "live decently". The reading from Isaiah advises us "let us walk in the light of the Lord". Finally in the Gospel we are told that our final encounter with the Lord will come suddenly when we least expect it.

Pope Francis has wise words on the themes in our Gospel today. He asks us *not to be controlled by the things of this world, by material reality, but rather to govern them. If...we allow ourselves to be influenced and overpowered by these things, we cannot perceive that there is something very important: our final encounter with the Lord: this is important.*

We Christians try to live our lives today based on a promise of a new tomorrow with God if we "live decently". The Pope in his words, and the Scripture readings today, are trying to re-focus us on this truly essential message.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** William Ryan, Grange who died recently.

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, 2019**

Mock Kane, 6 Barrack Street. Kathleen Hennessy, Pairc Mhuire. Sheila Timmins, Station Road. Richard & Anne Sinnott, Ballywilliamroe, Bagenalstown. Joe Brophy, Moutmellick & Kilnock, Ballon & parents Jim & Connie Brophy & brothers Lar & Seamus Brophy. Jim Kealy, Russelstown. Tom & Peg Jackman, Paulville. Anthony & Vimy McQuinn, Pairc Mhuire. Conor Broughan, Copenagh. James, Alice & Peter O'Neill, Grangeford. Patricia & Sean Fox, Castledermot Road. Nancy & Sammy Smith, Templeowen. Maura O'Brien Holohan and Paddy O'Brien, 41 Pairc Mhuire. Dan, Nancy & Christine O'Brien, The Hollow. Tom & Kathleen Murphy & deceased family members, Knocklow. Michael & Dora Fitzgerald, Roscatt.

**MONTHS MIND MASS** for John Brennan, Blackloin will be held today Sunday 1st December at 10.30 a.m. in Ardattin Church.

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER, 7.30 P.M.**

Kevin Moylan, Pairc Mhuire. Annie Brennan, Castledermot Road & grandson Sean Walsh, Kilrush. Mary Shannon, Dublin Road. Harry Hornshaw, Leeds. Mary & Martin O'Halloran, Ducketsgrove. James & Mary Ann Farrell & deceased family members, 36 Pairc Mhuire. Matthew & Kathleen Kelly, Tankardstown. Paddy Donoghue, Paulville. Jim Fogarty, Monacurragh, Carlow. Tom, Kathy & Lou Dwyer, late of St. Austins Terrace and deceased members of The Dwyer Family, Fair Green. Betty St. Ledger, Dublin Road.

**Parish Magazine—"Reflections" - Now on Sale**

The Parish magazine will be on sale after all Masses this weekend, also on sale in local shops and in Tullow Parish Centre during office hours.

Great value: €7.

Sincere thanks to Tullow Marathon Runners for their donation of €500 towards the cost of the magazine.

Well done to all the Parish Magazine Art Competition winners!

**HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH**

will be visited on Friday 6th December.

**CHRISTMAS STATIONS**

Please use your special envelope marked "Christmas Stations" (Collection for Clergy Fund) this weekend 30th November/1st December.

Thank you for your support.

Email: [tullowparish@eircom.net](mailto:tullowparish@eircom.net)

**COLLECTIONS:** Development: €2,150. Offertory: €1,204. Many thanks.

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**7th/8th December**

**7.30 p.m.** Betty McHutcheon: Teresa Keogh

Rachel Broughan: Ben Dowling

**11.00 a.m.** Kieran Coughlan: Ann O'Brien

Ann Teehan: Ann Hennessey.

**Befriending:** If you are interested in supporting people with a disability to do activities in the evening can you please call Eileen on 086 2651754.

**CLONFERT:** Day of Prayer for Healing will be held in Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert on **Saturday 7th December.** *Speakers: Fr. Michael Kennedy and Eddie Stone. Bus departs Church Car Park at 8.00 a.m. sharp via Killerig Cross, Cosh Stores and bus stop Barrack Street, Carlow. Bring packed lunch. To book a seat phone Lily on 059 9151245.*

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Church Gate collection will be held on 7th and 8th December. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**ANNUAL GRAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Regina Hanley and The Wolseley Singers present their Annual Christmas Concert in The Mount Wolseley Clubhouse, Tullow on Sunday December 8th at 3 p.m. featuring Celtic Divas - Regina Hanley, Debra Stuart, Caroline O'Brien. Regina Hanley, The Wolseley Singers. Grange NS Choir, Sing Aloud Choir, John Swan, The Nolan Singers, The Broderic Family, Ben Nolan - tenor. Adults €10, Children €5. Tickets available from Regina on 087 6286288, Bernie on 087 6426725 or any members of the Wolseley Singers. In aid of Breast Cancer Research & Irish Pilgrimage Trust.

**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION**

Pro Life Trust Church Gate Collection this Saturday November 30th and Sunday December 1st.

All funds collected go towards supporting mothers and babies in difficulties through registered charities: Gianna Care (practical help with baby equipment etc.) and Hugh's House (for families with babies not expected to survive long after birth). Please support.

**Tullow Active Retired**

The next meeting of Tullow Active Retired will take place on Tuesday December 3rd at 2.30 p.m. in The Parish Centre. A guest speaker will address the meeting. A committee meeting will take place at 1.45 p.m.

**Tullow Day Care Centre** would like to remind everyone that they have a Second-hand clothes shop in the Centre. The shop is open Monday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. All are very welcome to come and browse. The ongoing support of the local community is very much appreciated.

**The Rosary** will be recited at our Lady's Shrine, Ballymurphy, Tullow on Sunday 8th December at 3 p.m.

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.