



# TULLOW, GRANGE AND ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

9th December, 2018  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## TULLOW BINGO

Bingo every Thursday night at 8.30 p.m. in Murphy Memorial Hall. Hickson's Supervalu Jackpot next week is €520.

## STICKS FOR STOVES

Tullow area. Phone John on 085 7509462 or James on 085 2359747.

## Upcoming Events in Tullow Group of Parishes

**Friday 14th December:** Musical Concert in St. Columba's Church with West Wicklow Voices at 7.30 p.m. in aid of parish funds.

**Saturday 15th December:** Christmas Fair Littlewood Hall, 5—8.30 p.m., wide range of stalls involved to include a workshop with Mrs Claus and a visit from Santa. Phone Eric on 087 2776282 for more information.

**Sunday 16th December:** Festive Refreshments in Liscolman House 1—6 p.m. in aid of Tullow parish Funds.

**Thursday 20th December:** Christmas Whist Drive in Littlewood Hall at 8.30 p.m.

## Childminder Required

Killerig area, 4 days per week. Phone 087 6464917.

## FORWARD STEPS RESOURCE CENTRE

Volunteers for Forward Steps Charity Shop would be much appreciated in the run up to Christmas. If you have a couple of hours to spare, please contact Molly on 085 1180997.

## Parent & Toddler Group

will begin in the centre on Monday 12th November from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Contact 9152776.

## TULLOW LIBRARY

Please join Regina Hanley and guests for Christmas Carols at Tullow Library on Wednesday 19th December at 6.30 pm.

## Tullow Tennis Club CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets available from the clubhouse, any of our members or Club Representatives. €2 for line or €20 per card.

We would like to thank our sponsors for their generosity and we would ask you to support their businesses.

## ELVES WORKSHOP 2018

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, Face Painting, Make and Do festive activities and lots more. **Venue:** Tullow Youth Project, Bishops House, Tullow. **Date:** Saturday 15th December. **Times:** 1.30 p.m. - 2.30 p.m., 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.—5.30 p.m.

To book please phone Cathy on 085 8338732.

## The King is coming. Prepare.

In the time of Jesus, when a king was due to visit one of his cities, he would send someone ahead of him to alert the people of his arrival. This gave them time to prepare themselves for the visit.

In our Gospel, John the Baptist is the one sent ahead of our King Jesus. John cries out telling us that King Jesus is coming and we need to "prepare a way for Him". This season of Advent is our time for Christmas Preparations—the coming of the King.

Pope Francis believes that "the voice of John the Baptist still cries in the deserts of humanity today, which are deserts? - closes minds and hardened hearts". For the Pope, preparing the way means accepting "a pressing invitation to open one's heart and receive the salvation that God offers".

Mother Teresa puts it this way. "It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you...yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand".

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Frankie Quinlan, Ballynoe, Ardattin who died during the week.

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER, 7.30 P.M.**

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS** for Sheilagh Timmins, Station Road.

Kevin Moylan, Pairc Mhuire. Betty St. Ledger, Dublin Road. Harry Horshaw, Leeds, Mary Shannon, Dublin Road and her parents Matt & Mary Halloran and deceased family members. Jim & Mary Roche & sons Billy & Jim and granddaughter Lisa, Tullowbeg. Patrick & Mary Doran and Hugh O'Neill and family, Cannonsquarter. Johnny Kelly, Tankardstown and son Harry, Tankardstown. Annie Brennan, Castledermot Road and grandson Sean Walsh, Kilrush. Jim Fogarty, Monacurragh, Carlow. Des Pullen, Naas. Martin O'Neill, 5 Bellwood Drive. Paddy, Dymrna & Joe Haskins, Stratnakelly. Ellen & Tom Guinane, London. John & Catherine Gahan, Ballykeenan, Myshall. William & Francis Behan, Quarry Street, Shillelagh. James and Anna May Behan, Church Road, Myshall.

**MONTHS MIND MASS** for Maura Doran, Birmingham and formerly of Castledermot Road today Sunday 9th December at 11.00 a.m.

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER, 7.30 P.M.**

Mary Kealy, Rathglass. Matthew & Kathleen Kelly, Tankardstown. Margaret & Michael O'Donoghue, Coppengagh. Mick Stynes, 1 Steepleview Creset. Mick & Peggy Flynn, Pairc Mhuire. Lar & Christopher Brophy, Nurney. James & Mary Brophy, sons Seamus & Joe and daughter in law Maureen, Kilnock, Ballon. Delia & Joe Maher, 8 Pairc Mhuire. John & Catherine Maher & deceased family members, Pairc Mhuire. Michael & Mary Elliott & deceased family members, Coolamanagh, Hacketstown. Breda Kenny, Abbey Street. Julia Kelly, Tankardstown. Michael & Margaret Cannon & daughter Ann, Castlemore. Pierie Redmond, The Course. Robert & Margaret Flynn & deceased family members, Dublin Road. Paddy Hurley, The Course.

**MONTHS MIND MASS** for Maura O'Sullivan, Ardoyne next Sunday 16th December at 11.00 a.m.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

will be held on Monday 17th December  
in Tullow Church at 7.30 p.m.

**Thank you to Fr. Bernard**

On this his last weekend with us we thank Fr. Bernard for looking after the parish in the absence of Fr. Andy. Fr. Bernard did a remarkable job fitting in to our parish life. His Christian sincerity shines through his liturgies. We will miss him. We wish him well in his new work in our diocese. Thank you Fr. Bernard. Keep in touch.

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**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

will take place in the Mount Wolseley Clubhouse  
**today Sunday afternoon December 9th at 3 p.m.**  
Featuring Regina Hanley, The Celtic Divas, The Wolseley Singers,  
4th class girls from Scoil Mhuire Lourdes, The Brodericks and many more.  
Admission: Adults €10. Children €5. Proceeds will go to Eist in Carlow.

**REFLECTIONS 2018: Our Parish Magazine.**

The Parish Magazine will be on sale after the 11.00 a.m. Mass today Sunday 9th December in Tullow Church and in local shops and Tullow Parish Centre from Monday 10th December. Great value, €5.

**CHRISTMAS STATIONS**

Please use your special envelope marked  
"Christmas Stations" (Collection for  
Clergy Fund). Thank you for your support.

**Christmas Flowers  
for Ardattin Church**

The Altar Flower Group in Ardattin  
invite their friends and neighbours  
to make a small donation towards  
the cost of the flowers for the celebration  
of the Christmas Masses.  
Thank you.

**PARISH ENVELOPE BOXES  
for 2019**

will be delivered to distributors in the  
coming week. Thank you to all distributors  
for your help. If you have not  
received an envelope before and  
would like to use one to support the  
parish please contact the parish office  
on 059 9151277.

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**15th/16th December**

7.30 p.m. Sr. Mary Dalton: Ashley Shannon  
Ronan Jackman: Anita O'Brien  
11.00 a.m. Ann Rooney: Ann O'Brien  
Mia Byrne: Orna Brophy.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Church Gate Collection will be held this  
weekend Saturday/Sunday 8th and 9th  
December. Your support would be  
greatly appreciated.

**COLLECTIONS**

Development: €1,740  
Offertory: €1,005  
Many thanks.

**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** will

be held next weekend 15th/16th December  
in aid of the Parish Care of the Elderly for  
their Christmas Party which will be held on  
Sunday 13th January.

Items for the newsletter can be  
emailed to [tullowparish@eircom.net](mailto:tullowparish@eircom.net)

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.