

TULLOW'S GOT TALENT COMPETITION

Commencing on 3rd January, 2010. JJ's Lounge 5 p.m.—8 p.m. Sunday 3rd January and Sunday 10th January and final in the Tara Arms on 17th January. Competition open to all ages. We want every type of entertainment as follows: Singing, Irish Dancing, Modern Dancing, Comedy, Musicians, Bands. Competition organised by Tullow Variety Group. Entry forms available at JJ's and the Tara Arms.

THEFT OF STATUES from Cemetery Plots:
We appeal to everyone to be very observant of statues or other religious objects on their own and neighbouring family plots. If you notice anything missing or suspicious behaviour by anyone visiting the cemetery, please report it to the Gardai.

ST. PATRICK'S G.F.C.

The club would like to extend its best wishes and congratulations to John Metcalfe and Bill Canavan who will be honoured at the forthcoming Carlow G.a.a. Awards night. John will be presented with the Junior Hurler of the year award while Bill Canavan will be inducted into the Carlow G.A.A. Hall of fame. The club would like to wish all its players, officials, members and supporters a happy, peaceful and sporting new year.

Fetac Level 5 Module at Tullow Community School

Child Development is one of eight modules required in order to gain a Fetac Certificate in Childcare. The course will commence as part of the night class programme in Tullow Community School on Wednesday 20th January 2010 and will run for 12 weeks. Please contact the school at 059 9151473 or email tulcomcw@eircom.net.

HOUSING—TINTEAN CURRENTLY HAVE THE FOLLOWING VACANCY:

A two bed unit in our housing for the elderly in Tintean Phadraig, Chapel Lane, Tullow. Applicants for this unit need to be in the elderly category. Application forms for the above can be obtained from Tintean Coille Community Centre, Pollerton, Carlow. Phone 9135934. Completed applications should be returned to Tintean on or before Wednesday 13th January, 2010. Persons who have previously applied to Tintean should apply again if they wish to be considered for housing in the above units.

TULLOW RUGBY CLUB

New Years Eve Disco in Tullow Rugby Club.

Tullow/Grange Community Games

Following a poor response to the last meeting another meeting will be held on **Monday 4th January at 8.30 p.m. in Tullow Parish Centre** at which a new committee will be formed. If we do not have enough members there will be no Community Games for our Area. This voluntary group has provided a lot of fun and sport for all the children in our area for many years. We would really like to keep it going with your support.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Bowls will start again on 4th January and all other activities will start again in week commencing the 11th January. Our next monthly meeting is Tuesday 5th January at 2.30 p.m. with guest speaker.

TALKING HELPS

Confidential Counselling Service available. Contact 087 6658405 or Email: talking helps@eircom.net.

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER



27th December, 2009. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

A PRAYER FOR THE HOME

*God of mercy and compassion,
You gave your Son a loving home
with Mary and Joseph.*

*Together they learned to be a family with all the challenges
and rewards that sharing a home can bring.*

*May their story inspire and give courage to all those
who share a home together.*

*May we, in our home, always try to be patient with each other.
Help us to love and cherish one another
and to be ready to forgive one another daily.*

May our home be a place of welcome

for all who come our way.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS for Sylvia Coughlan, 8 Courtlawns today Sunday 27th December at 11.30 a.m.
ANNIVERSARY MASS for Meta Browne, Laurel Lodge in Grange Church today at 9.30 a.m.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR FRIDAY 1ST JANUARY, 12 NOON.

Sylvester Goss, Hillbrook Estate. Nell Canavan, Monacurragh, Carlow. Phil McCabe, Bridge Street. Patricia Brien, Hillbrook Estate.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 28th December: 12 noon
Tuesday 29th December: 12 noon
Wednesday 30th December: 12 noon
Thursday 31st December: 12 noon
Friday 1st January: 12 noon
Saturday 2nd January: 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. (vigil)



TULLOW PARISH CENTRE OPENING TIMES

Monday 28th December: CLOSED
Tuesday 29th December: OPEN
Wednesday 30th December: OPEN
Thursday 31st December: OPEN
Friday 1st January: CLOSED.

**NEXT FRIDAY IS FIRST
FIRDAY** but the housebound **WILL
NOT** be attended this month.

PARISH WEB-SITE: Our brand new parish web-site is now up and running. Lots of new information and updates. Visit the web-site at : www.tullowparish.com

THANK YOU: Sincere thanks to all who helped in any way during the year to make our community a better place to live in.

A special word of thanks to all involved in parish activities: particularly all the Parish Pastoral Groups, readers, ministers of the Eucharist, sacristans, servers, choirs, organists, all who helped in distribution of parish envelopes, notices etc, throughout the year, all who helped in running the Parish Centre, FAS workers, collectors and counter and all who are involved in any way in our liturgies, those who helped with the sacraments, altar societies, church cleaner and grounds people bingo etc. etc. Thanks to all who have contributed so generously to the finances of the parish and of the priests during the year. Thanks also to the members of the Brigidine and Patrician communities for their support and encouragement. May 2010 bring us all closer together to help us make the Kingdom of God still more evident in our community to make a good parish still better.

Email: tullowparish@eircom.net

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10th—**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** is an appropriate time to reflect on our Baptism. All parents who have had a baby baptised during 2009 are invited to bring their child to the Church in which he/she was baptised for a special celebration Mass on Sunday 10th January:

Grange: 9.30 a.m.
Ardattin: 10.30 a.m.
Tullow: 11.30 a.m.

GRANGE CEMETERY GRAVES

Families who have booked individual graves or plots in Grange Cemetery are asked to mark them out clearly by kerbing or cornerstones so as to avoid any confusion at a future date.

COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €1,325. Development: €2,203.
Many thanks.

TULLOW COUNTRY MARKET

The committee would like to thank everyone for their loyal support since we started in April. We are taking a break for January and will re-open in February. New members welcome. Contact 087 9550210.

CRISP CENTRE, TULLOW are now taking enrolments for all computer courses for 2010. Contact Melissa or Anne on 9181759.

CARE OF THE ELDERLY CHRISTMAS PARTY

will be held on Sunday 10th January
in Murphy Memorial Hall
at 4.00 p.m. All are welcome.

Name to be given to the Parish Centre before Friday 8th January. Phone, 9151277.

The Care of the Elderly Group would like to say a sincere thank you to all who contributed to the collection last Sunday. €1,104 was collected.

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277. Fax: 059 9151624.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Intentions for Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th December. For people everywhere who are troubled by war, division or bitterness. May the Peace and Love of the Infant Jesus be experienced in all countries, communities and families.

Servers for the Coming Week

GROUP 3

- A: Diva Brien, Megan Akerman-Hughes.
B: Sorcha Frazer, Tammy Kelly.
C: Orla Jackman, Chloe McNabb.

Groups for Sunday:

8.30 a.m.: Diva Brien, Sorcha Frazer, Megan Akerman-Hughes.

11.30 a.m. Orla Jackman, Tammy Kelly & Chloe McNabb.

TULLOW BINGO

Bingo every Thursday night at 8.30 p.m.
in Murphy Memorial Hall.
Hickson 'Supervalu' jackpot is €980.
Next Bingo on Thursday January 7th.

TULLOW PLAYERS DRAMA GROUP

will perform
"A Bit of Land"
on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th January
in Tullow Parish Centre at 8 p.m.
Tickets €10.

All proceeds in aid of Carlow/Kilkenny
Homecare team. For booking contact
Joanne on 087 9856344.

Fetac Level 5: FIRST AID COURSE

in the Cairdeas Centre, Tullow on
6th, 7th and 8th January. Limited
place available. Contact Eileen
Doyle, Cairdeas Centre on 059
9152668 or 086 2651754. Cost
€100.