

TULLOW BINGO: Bingo every Thursday night at 8.00 p.m. in Murphy Memorial Hall. Hicksons Super-valu jackpot next week is €580.

Christmas Cards are now on sale in Bethany House, Alzheimer Day Care, Barrack Street, Carlow. Pack of 12 beautifully quality assorted cards with envelopes €10 per pack. Call in or phone Hilda or Caroline on 9134736. Also our monthly support Group meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. in Bethany House. Next meeting is Tuesday 5th December at 11 a.m. All welcome.

STICKS FOR STOVES: Tullow area. Phone John 085 7509462 or James 085 2359747.

Items for the newsletter can be emailed to tullowparish@eircom.net

Christmas Fair will be held in Littlewood hall on Sunday 3rd December from 2.30—5.30 p.m. Stalls showcasing local talent and selling their wares.

Mill Street Pharmacy: For the month of December, The Family Pharmacy on Mill Street will open each Sunday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and a full prescription service is available. (Christmas eve Sunday 24th December opening hours from 9 a.m.—3 p.m.).

Tullow Active Retirement: Christmas Lunch: The Annual Christmas Lunch will be held in The Tara Arms on Thursday 7th December at 2 p.m. Subscription €20. Non members welcome to attend. Tickets available from Pat or Carmel on 087 2221434 or Mollie in Bowls in Town Hall Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 2 and 4 p.m.

IRISH CATHOLIC FOR SALE: €1.80

Physio Treatment available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from the Parish Centre, Tullow. €40 for 1 hour. Contact Edel on 087 2876363.

FOR SALE: Reclining Arm Chair for sale in perfect condition Phone 089 4614068.

Tullow Community School will hold a parent/teacher meeting for parents of 5th year and transition year pupils on Tuesday 12th December from 4.15 to 6.30 p.m.

Christmas Trip to Shamrock Lodge Hotel on 12th December. There are two places left. Phone Jim on 086 1200466.

Lady looking for another lady to share a three bedroom house in Tullow, near the town. €100 per week. Phone 089 2243996.

TULLOW LIBRARY: Please join us at Tullow Library on Wednesday 13th December at 6.30 p.m. for Christmas Carol Singing with Regina Hanley and The Nolan Sisters. All welcome.



TULLOW, GRANGE AND ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd December, 2017.
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Stay Awake”

The Season of Advent is an invitation to slow down, to take time to think about what is truly important in my life

It is a call to realize that our hearts have deep longings, - longings that no material possession can satisfy.

It's a time to open ourselves to something greater, - to the presence of God in our midst.

When we open our eyes and hearts, we can then see the presence of God in the wonder of creation and in the depth of human hearts.

“Let us walk in the light of the Lord”

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

All powerful God of Light, bless our wreath of evergreens with its candles.

May our Advent be a time of preparation. Help us reflect on the power of light to dispel darkness in our world and in our lives. Touch our hearts with the warmth of your love. May the increasing light of these candles brighten our minds and hearts to be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love, so that we are ready, again to receive in true peace, Jesus, the Light of the World, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.



PLEASE PRAY FOR Tony McEvoy, Cheshire Home, Patricia Fox, Castledermot Road, Kathleen Hennessy, Pairc Mhuire, Sheilagh Timmins, Station Road and Ann Kane, Courtview who died recently.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

Betty St. Ledger, Dublin Road. Kevin Moylan, Pairc Mhuire. The Butler family, Teresa Nolan & Elizabeth Nolan and James & Marian Nolan, Ballinastraw. Noel & Ella Ward, Clontarf. James & Mary Ann Farrell & deceased family members, 36 Pairc Mhuire. Vimy McQuinn, Pairc Mhuire. Tom & Peg Jackman, Paulville. Maura O'Brien Holohan and Paddy O'Brien, 41 Pairc Mhuire. Martin O'Neill, Bellwood Drive. Johnny Kelly and son Harry, Tankardstown. John Mulhall & deceased family members, Bridge Street. Joe Dwyer, Old Chapel Lane. John & Bridie Fitzgerald, Mill Street and daughter Attracta Doyle.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER, 7.30 P.M.

MONTHS MIND MASS for Mary Dempsey, 4 Hillbrook Estate next Saturday 9th December at 7.30 p.m.

Kathleen & Jim Maher, Pairc Mhuire. Mary Shannon, Dublin Road. Matt & Mary Halloran and deceased family members. Joe & Betty Wybrant & deceased family members, Ardoyne. Mick & Peggy Flynn, Pairc Mhuire. Julia Kelly, Tankardstown. Michael & Ellen Bergin, Ducketsgrove, daughters May & Eileen and sons in law Patrick Brennan and Ned Teehan. Annie Brennan, Castledermot Road and grandson Sean Walsh, Kilrush. Matthew & Kathleen Kelly, Tankardstown. Jim Fogarty, Monacurragh, Carlow.

HOLY DAY: Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass Times: Thursday 7th December: Tullow - 7.30 pm. (Vigil)
Friday 8th December: Tullow - 11 a.m.

Enrolment of Confirmation Candidates

takes place at the following Masses this weekend:

Sunday - Grange 9.00 a.m.

Sunday - Tullow 11.00 a.m.

Parish Preparation for First Holy Communion

Children and their families are invited to the following Masses next Sunday 10th December:

Grange: 9.00 a.m.

Ardattin: 10.00 a.m.

Tullow: 11 a.m.

Email: tulowparish@eircom.net

PARISH ENVELOPE BOXES for 2018

will be delivered to distributors in the coming weeks.

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

CHRISTMAS STATIONS

Please use your special envelope this week-end. This is one of the annual collections for the clergy fund. Thank you for your support.

COLLECTIONS

Development: €1,730.

Offertory: €925. Many thanks.

**Christmas Flowers
for Grange**

If you would like to make a contribution or donate flowers for the celebration of Christmas, please contact Dolores.

Ballon Rathoe Parish Goose Club

will be held in Ballon Community Centre on Sunday 10th December at 7 p.m sharp. (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE) Donation of vouchers, sweets, biscuits etc would be very much appreciated. Donations can be left into Ballon Hall any day or on Sunday 3rd December from 2-4 or in Rathoe Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass.

The Rosary will be recited at
The Blessed Well, Ballymurphy
on Friday 8th December at 3 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers

9th/10th December

7.30 p.m. Ger Farrell: Sr. Mary Dalton
Ava Fitzgerald: Andrea Cooper
11.00 a.m. Ann Rooney: Ann O'Brien
Ann Teehan: Trish Maher

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Church Gate Collection will be held on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th December. Your support would be very much appreciated.

**Christmas Flowers
for Ardattin**

The Altar Flower Group in Ardattin invite their friends and neighbours to make a small donation towards the cost of the flowers for celebration of the Christmas Masses. A donation box will be left on the altar rails. Thank you.

**Celebrating 25 Years of Music and Singing The
Tullow Singers and Guests**

will present their Annual Christmas Concert in Church of The Most Holy Rosary, Tullow on Sunday 10th December at 7 p.m. Tickets €10. Proceeds of the Concert to St. Vincent de Paul, Tullow.

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.