

## 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.

**CAIRDEAS CENTRE:** The Cairdeas Centre would like to thank all who were associated with the Goose Club last weekend and to all who supported and helped in any way. Amount raised was €2,315.

**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.ie](http://www.tullowparish.ie)

**GRANGE GAA** are running a table quiz in Brannigan's Bar in the Killerig Resort Hotel on Monday 21st December at 8 p.m. Table of 4: €20.

**KILLERIG RESORT** would like to thank all of our locals for their loyal support throughout the year. And to show our appreciation we would like to invite all locals and friends to a complimentary evening of fine finger food and live music on Wednesday 23rd December at 8 p.m.

### 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.

**CALAMITY JANE:** If anyone has a copy of Tullow Community School's production of Calamity Jane please contact 087 7701384.

### TULLOW RUGBY CLUB

New Years Eve Disco in Tullow Rugby Club.

**THANK YOU:** Lena Kirwan would like to thank the management and staff of Supervalu, Tullow for allowing her to sell Santa Bears in aid of Central Remedial Clinic and thanks to all who supported the collection. €920 was collected.

**MORGANS CHEMIST,** The Square, Tullow will be open from 11—5 p.m. today Sunday 20th December.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to Branigans Bar, Killerig Golf Club after Grange Mass today Sunday 20th December for some Christmas Cheer, mince pies and refreshments.

**FOR SALE:** Flanagan/Kirwan Irish Dancing starter costume—red skirt and white blouse. Age 5 years approx, 30. Phone 086 8189657.

## TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER



20th December, 2009. FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

A welcome for the wayfarer has long been a part of the Irish Christmas tradition, particularly on Christmas Eve when a candle in the window, bid traveller to reset from their journey, the belief that in welcoming the wayfarer, we are welcoming the wandering Joseph and Mary with the child Jesus.

Poet Maire Mac an Tsaoi captured the idea beautifully in her poem "Oiche Nollag":

*With candle of angels the sky in now dappled,  
the frost on the wind from the hills has a bite,  
Kindle your fire and go to your slumber  
Jesus will lie in this household to-night.*

*Leave all the doors wide open before her  
The Virgin will come with the child on her breast  
Grant that you'll stop here to-night Holy Mary  
that Jesus to-night in this household may rest.*

*The lights are all lighting in that little hostel  
there were generous servings of vituals and wine  
From merchants of silk, from merchants of woollens  
But Jesus will lie in this household to-night.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Sean Gartland, 57 St. Patrick's Park and Lil Walter (nee Canning), England and formerly of Mill Street who died recently.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS** for May Fitzgerald, Crosslow today Sunday 20th December at 11.30 a.m. in Tullow Church.

**ANNIVERSARY MASS** for Patrick & Mary Bolger, Grange and Dr. Oliver Bolger in Grange Church today at 9.30 a.m.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS** for Sylvia Coughlan, 8 Courtlawns next Sunday 27th December at 11.30 a.m.

## TULLOW, GRANGE AND ARDATTIN

### CONFESSIONS

**Tullow:** Penitential Service: Monday 21st December at 7.30 p.m.  
After Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.  
Thursday 24th December—Christmas Eve 6.30—7.00 p.m.

**Grange:** Tuesday 23rd at 6.30 p.m.

**Ardattin:** Tuesday 23rd at 8.30 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

**Tullow:** Vigil at 10 p.m.

Christmas Day: 8.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

**Grange:** Vigil at 12.00 midnight

Christmas Day: 9.30 a.m.

**Ardattin:** Vigil at 8 p.m.

Christmas Day: 10.30 a.m.



**St. Stephen's Day:** 12 noon and usual 7.30 p.m. (vigil Mass for Sunday)

**Sunday 27th December:** Usual Sunday Masses.

*Monsignor Brendan Byrne,*

*Fr. Andy Leahy*

*and The Parish Pastoral Council*

wish you peace and joy for Christmas  
and every blessing for the New Year

### **CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

Please make your contribution on Christmas Day or use your special Christmas envelope, or pick up and use one of the envelopes marked "*Christmas Collection*" at the back of the Church. Thank You.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** The newsletter deadline next week is Wednesday at 12 noon.

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

## TULLOW SINGERS PRESENT

### *Christmas Concert*

on Sunday 20th December at 7 p.m. in Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Tullow.

#### Special Guests:

Tullow National School, Roisin Jackman, Robert Tobin, Quade Quartet, Des Willoughby. Tickets available at the door or through Tullow Primary School and Parents Association. €10 adult. Children **FREE**.

### **PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS**

Monday 21st December  
at 7.30 p.m.  
in Tullow Parish Church.

### **HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH**

will be attended this week:  
Fr. Andy will visit on Monday and Tuesday.  
Fr. Byrne will visit on Tuesday.

### **CAROL SINGING**

Tullow mens choir are presenting an afternoon of carol singing in Rathwood today Sunday 20th December from 2.30 p.m.—4 p.m.  
Proceeds in aid of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Church Gate Collection** this weekend 19th and 20th December in aid of Care of the Elderly Christmas Party. Your support would be very much appreciated.

### **Servers for the Coming Week**

#### GROUP 2 BOYS

Shane Dowling, Corey Bowes, Jamie Farrell, Brandon Moore, Cormac Flynn, Jason Dowling, Gregory Phelan, Jack Sheeran, Ross Hanley, Cathal Murray.

### **THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE**

will be in Murphy Memorial Hall on Monday 21st December, from 4.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

### **TULLOW BINGO**

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

### **COLLECTIONS**

Offertory: €1,205. Development: €2,830. Many thanks.

**DONATIONS** of Flowers and greenery for Grange Church for Christmas would be appreciated any day from Sunday 20th December.

### **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.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Intentions for Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd December. For all those travelling home for Christmas. That they will arrive home safely and have a peaceful, safe Christmas.

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