

**THANK YOU:** A big thank you to all the distributors who delivered the parish envelopes during the week.

**Tullow/Grange  
Community Games**  
A.G.M. on Monday night  
7th December at 8 p.m.  
in Parish Centre.

**THANK YOU:** Garden Haven Florist would like to say thank you to Tullow Parish Centre and all who attended their flower demonstration on Wednesday 2nd December. Total raised was €910 for Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare Team. A great night was had by all.

**TULLOW LIBRARY:** Christmas Crafts—'Card making for Kids' on Tuesday 8th December at 11 a.m. Please book by calling 9136299.

Tullow Library's **Annual Christmas Carols** on Wednesday 9th December at 6.45 p.m. sharp. Everybody most welcome.

### **CHRISTMAS YOUTH 2000 Retreat**

A National Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat for Young People aged 16-35 takes place at Newbridge College, Newbridge from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th December. Contact 01 6753690 or 086 3025442 for information.

**Tullow Tennis Club:** Thanks to everyone who gave so generously to our recent bag pack in Supervalu. €1,330 was raised.

**THANK YOU:** J.G. O Connor Branch, O.N.E. wish to say thank you to all who helped in anyway for our unveiling last Sunday 29th November.

**COFFEE MORNING** in aid of Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin on Friday 11th December in Teach Bride from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

### **St. Patrick's G.F.C.**

Congratulations are extended to Shane Rohan and Jack Kennedy who received the player of the year award and the man of the match award respectively at the recent Slaney Rangers award night.

### **Tullow Flower and Garden Club**

A Floral Demonstration by Frances Cosgrove (club member) will take place on Tuesday 8th December at 8 p.m. in Mt. Wolseley Hotel. All are welcome.

### **Active Retirement Association**

Reminder: Christmas Party on 10th December in Killerig Resort Hotel. Extra places still available. Members and non members intending going to party please leaves name plus fee of €30 to Forward Steps Office tomorrow Monday 7th December. Bus will leave Tullow Day Care Centre at 12 noon. Further information from Tom on 059 9159248.

### **Conor Ward, Fruit and Veg**

Shop closed on Monday 7th and re-opening on Tuesday 8th. Please call in and view the range of **new stock:** nutritional supplements, natural body-care, homeopathis medicines, weight loss aids, aromatherapy and much more.

## **TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER**



**6th December, 2009. SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**

### **"Prepare a way for the Lord"**

"Prepare a way" cries John the Baptist. In these days of Advent, we are called to prepare for the coming of Jesus. John says we must build a road to allow the Lord to come straight. The road we prepare is a road to our hearts. Here we can offer this loving guest, our Lord, a direct way into our lives.

Below are some phrases taken from today's readings that we can pray with each day in the week ahead: -

"Put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of integrity around you"

"Prepare a way for the Lord, make straight a path. And all will see the salvation of God".

"God will guide us in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and integrity for escort".

"What marvels the Lord has worked for us!

Indeed we are glad".

"Come Lord Jesus".

### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 7.30 p.m**

Andy Kehoe, formerly of Knocklow who died in England recently. Eileen Brennan, Ardoyne. James & Mary Roche and granddaughter Lisa, Tullowbeg. Julia Kelly, Tankardstown. Peter & Pat McGrath, Dublin Road. Michael & Julia Murphy, 12 Pairc Mhuire. Mick Stynes, 1 Steepleview Crescent. Billy Doyle, Convent Lodge. Patrick, Margaret & May Kinsella, Knocknatubrid. Patrick & Dymrna Haskins, Stratnakelly, Tinahealy. Deceased members of the Carroll family, Rathglass. Paddy O'Brien, late of 41 Pairc Mhuire. Maureen Kelly, late of Pairc Mhuire. Owen McCoy and deceased family members, Ardattin. Winifred & Thomas Byrne & Anne & Garrett Lawler, Elmgrove. Molly Doyle and deceased family members, Ballyredmond. Kathleen Kelly, 12 St. Austins Terrace. Matthew Kelly, Paulville. Stephen Jackman, Rathbawn. Bridget & John Gorman, 46 Dublin Road.

**ANNIVERSARY MASS** for Annie Brennan, Castledermot Road next Sunday 13th December at 9.30 a.m. in Grange Church

## TULLOW PRIMARY SCHOOLS

(fundraiser)

today Sunday 6th December, 3p.m.-6p.m.

KILLERIG HOTEL, GRANGE, Co.CARLOW.

### GIFT VOUCHER SALE

All Vouchers have been kindly donated by Local Businesses, there is fashion outlets, beauticians, hair studios, toy shops, music shops, hotels, restaurants, travel providers, heat merchants, landscapers, activity providers with hundreds more to choose from.

**Vouchers up to 50% less than face value...**

**All proceeds go to fund Tullow Boy's and Girl's Primary Schools.**

### Tuesday 8th December is a Holy Day

Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

**Masses: Tullow:** Vigil on Monday night at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday: 8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

**Grange:** 9.30 a.m.

**Ardattin:** 10.30 a.m.

**FOLK GROUP:** We warmly welcome our Deanery Folk Group who sing for us at the 11.30 a.m. Mass in Tullow today.

**Ardattin Pastoral Group** Meeting on Wednesday night at 8 p.m.

## TULLOW GOOSE CLUB

will be held

**next Sunday 13th December**

in aid of

**The Cairdeas Centre, Tullow**

from **7.30 p.m. —10.30 p.m.** in Murphy Memorial Hall.

Please support this very worthy cause.

Someone will call to you during the week, 7th—11th December so if you would be good enough to have some Groceries, Cakes, Fruit, Biscuits, Bottles of Christmas Cheer, it would be gratefully accepted.

**ITEMS FOR THE GOOSE CLUB CAN ALSO BE LEFT INTO THE PARISH CENTRE.**

### FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The First Communion Programme for children in 2nd class continues next weekend.

**Tullow:** Saturday 12th December at 7.30 p.m. Mass

**Grange:** Sunday 13th December at 9.30 a.m. Mass.

**Ardattin:** Sunday 13th December at 10.30 a.m. Mass.

### Servers for the Coming Week

#### GROUP 1 BOYS

A: Jack Sheeran, Calvin Condron.

B: Cathal Murray, Keith Doyle.

C: Ross Hanley, Jack Timmins.

#### Groups for Sunday.

**8.30 a.m.** Jack Sheeran, Calvin Condron & Cathal Murray.

**11.30 a.m.** Keith Doyle, Ross Hanley & Jack Timmins.

### Tullow Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting on Monday 7th December at 8.15 p.m. in Parish Centre.

### TULLOW LITURGY GROUP - MEETING

on Tuesday 8th December 8.15 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

### COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €1,099. Development: €2,003. Many thanks.

### 'Reach Out' Christmas Gift Pack

Available after Masses in Tullow, Grange and Ardattin this weekend.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Intentions for Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December. That at Christmas the peoples of the earth may recognise in the Word Incarnate the light which illuminates every human person and that the nations may open their doors to Christ, the Saviour of the world.

### VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The annual collection will take place next weekend 12th and 13th December. Your support would be very much appreciated especially in this very difficult time for many people.

If you wish to support our **GIVING TREE** please call to Morgan's Chemist, The Square, Tullow.

1. Take a gift tag from the tree.
2. Purchase gift—leave unwrapped
3. Attach tag to gift and return to basket at tree.

Thank you for your support. Phone 083 3478914.

### St. Patrick's G.F.C.: Table Quiz:

The club will hold a Table Quiz in aid of the Players Injury Fund on Friday night December 11th in the Hogan Stand Bar. Team of 4: €40.

### TULLOW BINGO

Bingo every Thursday night at 8.30 p.m. in Murphy Memorial Hall. Hickson's Supervalu jackpot next week is €940.

### Free Public Lecture in Carlow College

Professor Patricia Casey, the distinguished psychiatrist (UCD/Mater Hospital), will give a public lecture on the topic: 'Psycho-social benefits of Religion—the scientific evidence', in Cobden Hall, Carlow College, on Thursday, 10th December at 7.30p.m. The lecture will be followed by a question and answer session. This is the first of a new series of public lectures at the college. Admission is free. Details of other lectures in the series on the night.

### TULLOW COUNTRY MARKET

will hold a **Special Christmas Fair** today **Sunday 6th December** in Tullow Parish Centre

**9 a.m.—3 p.m.**

**We are also open for business after Mass on Saturday evening 5th December.**

**LIVE CRIB AT KILLERIG:** Visit the Live Crib at Killerig Resort, Carlow. See the Life Size Nativity Scene with live animals bring the story of Christmas to life. Every weekend in December from December 6th. Entrance Free—Donations to Carlow Hospice.

### GRAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

in aid of Breast Cancer Research

in Mount Wolseley Golf Clubhouse

**on Friday 18th December** at 8 p.m. sharp.

Tickets now available from Tresor in Rathwood, at the Golf Desk in Mt. Wolseley, Regina Hanley or contact 087 6426725. Tickets €20.

### St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Meeting on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in Parish Centre.

### COFFEE MORNING

in aid of Pestalozzi World (educates and trains very poor children at secondary level in Africa) on Friday 11th December from 9.30 a.m. in Rathoe Hall.

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