

TULLOW BINGO

Bingo every Thursday night at 8.30 p.m. in Murphy Memorial Hall. Hickson's Supervalu Jackpot next week is €400.

St. Patrick's GAA Club

registration for underage teams from U6s to U17s takes place on Wednesday 27th February from 7—8 p.m. in Bro. Leo Park in the main hall. All new members welcome. Free socks for the first 5 who register on this Wednesday night. All players who register on the night go into a draw for a club windbreaker.

"Lets Make Music"

Ukulele Lessons in The Tara Arms every Wednesday night at 8 p.m. A fun evening for beginners or advanced players. Contact Kris on 086 3816442 for details.

BRIDGE: If you are interested in learning how to play Bridge please give your name and phone number to Margaret Kirwan 087 8538596. Venue and commencement date will be confirmed in due course.

Kettlebell Class will resume in Rathoe Hall on Monday 25th February from 7—8 p.m. 12 classes 40 (to be paid on first night. Contact Liz on 086 1621858 for more information.

Forward Steps

The Community Café and Cup of tea project at Forward Steps will be launched by one of Ireland's best known food writers, Fiona Dillon, a seasoned broadcaster, certified trainer and speaker on Wednesday 27th February at 10.30 a.m. All welcome.

RACE NIGHT

in Ardattin Inn
on Saturday 2nd March at 9.30 p.m.
All proceeds in aid of Ardattin National School. Compere Brendan Hennessey.
All welcome.
Spot prizes on the night.

Celebrate Women's Day at Forward Steps

A free event for women to celebrate International Women's Day, Friday 8th March 10 - 1 in Forward Steps. Art and relaxation workshops, fun activities and refreshments. Booking is essential. Phone Chelsea on 059 9152776.

Missing Relic: A relic of Pope St. Pius X was loaned by a parishioner some years ago. The parishioner has forgotten who borrowed it. It is in a small brown felt box. If the relic is in your possession please hand it into the parish office.

TULLOW MUSEUM

will re-open today
Sunday 24th February from 2—5 p.m.
Weekdays: Tuesday - Friday 11 - 1
and 2 - 4 p.m.

CLONFERT: Day of Prayer for Healing will be held in Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert on Saturday 2nd March.
Speakers: Fr. Michael Kennedy and Eddie Stone. Bus departs Church Car Park at 8.00 a.m. sharp via Killerig Cross, Closh Stores and bus stop Barrack Street, Carlow. Bring packed lunch. To book a seat phone Lily on 059 9151245.

TULLOW, GRANGE AND ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th February, 2019.
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

MEETING "THE PROTECTION OF MINORS IN THE CHURCH" Rome 21st -24th February 2019

At the Penitential Rite of the Mass in the Phoenix Park, Pope Francis prayed:

"We ask forgiveness for the abuses in Ireland, abuses of power, conscience, and sexual abuses perpetrated by members, with roles of responsibility in the Church.

In a special way we ask pardon for all the abuses committed in various types of institutions run by male or female religious and by other members of the Church and we ask for forgiveness for those cases of exploitation through manual work that so many young women and men were subjected to.

We ask forgiveness for the times that as a Church we did not show the survivors of whatever kind of abuse, compassion, and the seeking of Justice and truth through concrete action.

We ask forgiveness for some members of the Church's hierarchy that did not take charge of these painful situations and kept quiet. We ask for forgiveness".

In his introduction to the Rome conference, Pope Francis prayed that those taking part:- "might listen and hear the cry of the little ones who plead for justice....The holy People of God looks to us, and expects from us not simple and predictable condemnations, but concrete and effective measures to be undertaken. We need to be concrete".

We join with Pope Francis in prayer.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY, 7.30 p.m.

Eddie Byrne, Bunclody Road. Margaret Julian Marshall, 51 Esker Lawns & late of Pairc Mhuire. Kathleen & Peter Rooney, 56 Dublin Road. Betty & Owen Dempsey, 33 St. Austins Terrace. Vera & Arthur Byrne, Drumcondra, grandson Cathal Madden, Castlegrace and John & Mary Madden, Mill Street. Robert Kelly, U.S.A. M.J. & Mary Holden, Ouragh. Dermot Doyle, 12 Templeowen. James & Bridget Connors, Dublin Road. Benny, Mary & Lilly Connors, Dublin Road. Willie Brown, Tullow. John Keogh, The Mullaun. Dan Nolan, Rath East.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS for Noel Walsh, Duckettsgrove today Sunday 24th February at 9.00 a.m. in Grange Church.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 2ND MARCH, 7.30 p.m.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS for Mary Doran, Station Road.

MONTH MIND MASS for Sean Doran, 11 Hillbrook Estate.

Breda Costigan Byrne, Carlow Road. Jamie Kavanagh, Munny. Jimmy & Mary Murphy, Ardoyne. Joe & Lill Keating, 4 Castledermot Road. Pat Harrisson (nee Keating) St. Oliver's Villas. The Whelan family, Liscoleman. Mick & May Kelly, 21 Marian Terrace. Mick & Elizabeth Dowling & son Pat, Dublin Road. Geraldine Bolger, Hawthorn Drive & Edward Bolger, Keranantown. Margaret, Peter & Patrick Sutton, Rath East. Frances Black, Steepleview Crescent.

MONTHS MIND MASS for Elizabeth Mahon, 1 Pairc Mhuire next Sunday 3rd March at 11.00 a.m. in Tullow Church.

Annual Prayer for Christian Unity

St. Patrick's, Kiltegan on Wednesday 27th February at 8 p.m. Speaker will be Rev. Robert Jones, Rector of Kiltegan Group of Parishes. All welcome.

Care for Our Common Home

"The external deserts in the world are growing because the internal deserts have become so vast": (Pope Benedict).

"For this reason the ecological crisis is also a summons to profound *interior conversion*. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's creation is *essential* to a life of grace; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience". Pope Francis.

Welcome to Rev. Brian O'Rourke who has been installed as Rector of the Tullow Group of Parishes. We wish Rev. Brian every blessing in his ministry in St. Columba's and neighbouring parishes.

DTA - St. Patrick's Day Church Gate Collection will take place this weekend 23rd/24th February. Proceeds will go towards this years St. Patrick's Day Parade. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Email: tullowparish@eircom.net

Towards Peace

Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support to those who have experienced abuse perpetrated by Church personnel, individually or institutionally. Towards Peace provides spiritual support, through one-to-one spiritual direction session, with a qualified spiritual companion. If you would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, Towards Peace is here for you, www.towardspeace.ie Telephone 01 5053028. Mobile 086 7710533. Up to twelve sessions are available and there is no fee.

Eucharistic Ministers

2nd/3rd March

7.30 p.m. Brendan Dowling: Aishling Gartland
Ava Fitzgerald: Lauren Byrne
11.00 a.m. Ann Rooney: Ann O'Brien:
Mia Byrne: Orna Brophy

Parish Radio System

is currently out of order.

Instead you can use the live stream on our parish website
<http://www.tullowparish.com/> and/or
www.churchservices.tv/

You will see the link to the webcam at the top of the homepage on the left hand side.

COLLECTIONS

Development: €2,016. Offertory: €1,265
Many thanks.

Men's Choir: Experience the health, social and spiritual benefits of singing in a church choir. New members are very welcome to join the Men's Choir as it prepares for Easter Sunday 11 a.m. Mass. Choir practice takes place on Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. in the Church Gallery.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society
Meeting on Thursday night 7th March at 7 p.m. in Tullow Parish Centre. All welcome.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019

1st August - 6th August. Contact Joe Walsh Tours, 01 2410802.
Booking forms also available at Tullow Parish Centre. Cost €759.

Change Your Habits Change Your Life Evenings

Thursday 28th February at 7.30 p.m.

in Tullow Parish Community Centre. €10 per night.

Laois All Time Greats!

Bishop Daniel Delany, founder of the Brigidine Sisters and Patrician Brothers has reached the final! To vote please click on <https://www.leinsterexpress.ie/poll/alltimegreats>

Tullow Parish Community Centre. Phone: 059 9151277.