

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.

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

DUCKETTS GROVE CHRISTMAS CRAFT & FOOD FAIR today Sunday 13th December from 12 noon—6 p.m. A winter wonderland of traditional Christmas Activities showcasing the best of Carlow in this magical setting which includes a large craft fair featuring Carlow producers, Christmas plants, wreath, decorations and artisan food producers. Car parking €5 per car.

CHIMNEY CLEANING SERVICE now available. Phone 085 7233897.

TULLOW RUGBY CLUB play Newbridge today at 2 p.m. at the Blackgates, Tullow.

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.

FOUND: Walking Aid found in Doyles Hardware, Tullow. Phone 9151107.

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

St. Patrick's Juvenile Hurling & Football Club will hold their Presentation Day today Sunday 13th December at 4 p.m. in the Tara Arms. Presentations will be made to the U16 football team as well as the U12 hurlers and the U10 and U14 footballers. Special guests will be Kildare's Johnny Doyle and Carlow's senior vice captain Shane Kavanagh.

TULLOW DAY CARE CENTRE

wishes to thank each and everyone of you for supporting our Novelty Bingos throughout the year and for your generous support for all our fundraising events throughout 2009.

The winner of "Guess the number of Buttons" was Colette Doyle who correctly guessed 622 buttons on the jacket. We wish you all a very happy Christmas.

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

TULLOW PHARMACY

Pre Christmas Sale on Thursday 17th December. 20% off all Christmas gift items all day including perfume sets and hampers. Free gift with every purchase.

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER



13th December, 2009. **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**

What must we do? That was the question that was posed to John two thousand years ago. It is still a valid question today. If we are getting ready to meet an important guest who comes to see us, we might well ask to know what we should do, how we should behave.

John answers the people by telling them simply to do their best, to behave as people should to each other. In order to meet this important guest, we should simply keep going, doing what we do well already, and leaving behind any type of action that is not worthy of our humanity. We prepare to meet the Lord by being good parents and friends, by working well at our jobs, by being honest and upright in our dealings.

Here are some phrases from today's readings that we can pray with in the week ahead:

- ◆ "May that peace of God, which is so much greater that we can understand, guard our hearts and our thoughts, in Christ Jesus".
- ◆ "The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me; he has sent me to bring the good news to the poor".

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

ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER, 7.30 p.m.

Seamus Tobin, Mill Street. Elizabeth Doran & daughter Mary, Hillbrook Estate. The Barron & Manzor families Mill Street and Bridge Street. Kathleen Maher, 14 Pairc Mhuire. Seamus Coady, Mill Street. Kathleen & Patrick Keogh, 11 Dublin Road. John & Kathleen Halpin & daughter Kathleen Roche, The Mullawn. Bridie Rooney, Knocklow. Kathleen O'Brien, Tullowland. Kathleen McEvoy, Ballymurphy Road. Edward Farrell Snr, 36 Pairc Mhuire. Ellen Guinane, London. Michael & Annie Stynes & daughter Peg, Grangeford. The Kirwan family, Mt. Wolseley Lodge. Eileen O'Keeffe, Hillbrook Estate. Mary Kealy, Rathglass. Owen & Elizabeth Wybrant, daughters Peig, Eileen & Michael Brennan and Betty & Joe Hickey, Ardoyne. Matt & Kitty O'Reilly & daughter Breda, Butlersgrange. Paddy Rooney, Dublin Road. Breda Kenny, Abbey Street. Kathy Byrne, Templeowen.

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



TULLOW GOOSE CLUB

will be held
today Sunday 13th December
in aid of

The Cairdeas Centre, Tullow

7.30 p.m. —10.30 p.m.

in Murphy Memorial Hall.

Please support this very worthy cause.



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

VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The annual collection will take place this 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.

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS

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

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Intentions for Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th December. For all people, as we prepare for Christmas: May we repent of our sins, and prepare to open our hearts in sincere welcome to the Infant Jesus.

COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €1,125. Development: €2,108. Many thanks.

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

Servers for the Coming Week

GROUP 2

- A: Vanessa Doyle, Kate Dunne.
B: Stephanie Holligan, Sally Ann Connors
C: Aoife Curry, Ciara Delaney.

Groups for Sunday.

8.30 a.m. Vanessa Doyle, Stephanie Holligan & Katie Dunne

11.30 a.m. Aoife Curry, Sally Ann Connors & Ciara Delaney.

GRAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

in aid of Breast Cancer Research in Mount Wolseley Golf Clubhouse

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

Featuring Regina Haley—The Celtic Divas, The Wolseley Singers, Sarah Keating—Soprano, Castlecomer Community School Choir, Martin Hennessey—Baritone.

Musical Director: David Munroe.

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

FOLK GROUP: A big thanks you to our Deanery Folk Group for singing for us at Mass last Sunday. To learn more about them, you can contact Shane at 087 6391015 or Clare at 086 8672381. Would you like to form a folk group here in Tullow? If you have any ideas, please talk to any member of the parish team. We would be delighted to have you sing for us at Mass.

CARE OF THE ELDERLY Meeting on Wednesday 16th December at 8 p.m. in Parish Centre.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE of Nine Lessons and carols in St. Columba's Church, Tullow with the Tullow Singers today Sunday 13th December at 7 p.m.

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Have you time? "Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of love". St. Brigid's Oratory, Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

TULLOW BINGO

Bingo every Thursday night at 8.30 p.m. in Murphy Memorial Hall. Hickson's Supervalu jackpot next week is €960.

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.

TULLOW I.C.A.: Members of Tullow ICA will visit the new George Bernard Shaw Theatre in Carlow on Thursday 17th December to see the Panto. Arrangements have been made to have a meal beforehand at the Theatre restaurant.

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 Wiloughby. Tickets available at the door or through Tullow Primary School and Parents Association. €10 adult. €5 child.

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