

STARS OF OUR BARS

The final of Stars of our Bars will be held in J.J.'s Bar on Thursday 31st March at 9 p.m. Over 18's. No cover charge. Phone 087 9342424 for further details.

Active Retirement

Trip to Rathwood on Thursday 31st March. Bus will leave Tullow Day Care Centre at 4 p.m.

Naomh Padraig Bowls

Benefit night was a great success. Special thanks to Step Ahead's Gary O'Neill and Tom Cooper who played fantastic music and also to Emer Lawler. The Club would also like to thank Red Apple, John Colgan and staff at the Tara Arms and all who donated prizes. Naomh Padraig Bowls achieved two firsts in the Springhill-Leighlin short Mat Bowls Competition 2011 with tow teams from the same club in a nail biting final and the winning beam being unbeaten in the tournament.

NOVELTY BINGO organised by the Apostolic Work Society in aid of the Missions will be held in Tullow Day Care Centre on Monday 28th March at 8 p.m.

Opportunity for women to Return to Education:

The following courses will be held in Forward Steps Resource Centre: Exploring a Career in Health Care starting on Thursday March 24th.

Exploring a Career in Secretarial/Administrative starting on Monday March 28th. Phone Jacqui on 086 8283637 for more information.

A night of Music and Dancing

in Mt. Wolseley on Saturday 2nd April at 9.30 p.m. in aid of Tullow Boys National School. Music by 2 of a kind. Tickets €10 are available from the school.

St. Anne's play Old Leighlin on Tuesday 28th March in Old Leighlin at 6.30 p.m. in the U18 championships. All girls to meet in Church Car Park at 5 p.m. We will need parents to bring players to and from the match.

Tullow Singers and Scoil Mhuire Lourdes.

The concert which was cancelled at Christmas will now take place on Sunday **March 27th** in Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Tullow at 8 p.m. Tickets €10 each, available from the School or the Parish Centre. All tickets for cancelled concert will be honoured.

THANK YOU: A special word of thanks to all who so generously contributed to the World Youth Day Church Gate Collection. €417.55 was raised.

CHARITY AUCTION today Sunday 27th March at 2 p.m. in Murphy Memorial Hall, Tullow. Any information to 087 9016273.

UNISLIM CLASSES IN TULLOW

Parish Centre: Every Wednesday morning at 9.30 a.m.

Mt Wolseley: Every Wednesday evening at 5.30 p.m. **AND** 6.30 p.m.

PLAYSCHOOL TO RENT for immediate start. Central location. For details call 059 9152825

Do you want your garage or attic cleared or your house cleaned. All rubbish removed. Reasonable rates. Phone 087 9614423.

TULLOW, GRANGE & ARDATTIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

27th March, 2011. Third Sunday of Lent.

"Anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again"

The woman in today's gospel could be any of us. In a very deep way, she thirsts for something more than the water at the well, or anything in this world would give her. There is something of that thirst inside all of us.

As Jesus offers her the possibility of a fresh start, so he offers the waters of new life to each of us. No matter what our past, no matter how much life has hurt or hardened us, Jesus offers us today a spring of living water in the deserts of our hearts, to turn what is dead and dry into a garden of new hope.

ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARY MASS for Jim Tynan, Rathbawn today Sunday 27th March at 9.30 a.m. in Grange Church.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS for Sr. Conleth Kelly, The Convent today Sunday 27th March at 8.30 a.m.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS for Rose Smith, Crosslow today Sunday 27th March at 11.30 a.m.

ANNIVERSARIES FOR FRIDAY 1st April, 7.30 p.m.

Catherine Murphy, Ouragh. Joe Gahan, Crosslow. Mary Carroll, Tankardstown. Michael Healy, Crosslow. Paddy & Sheila McCall, Crosslow and grandson Brendan. Eileen & Michael Lyons, Templeowen. David Lonergan, John Street. Frank Fleming, Dublin Road. Paddy Keogh, 11 Dublin Road. James & Julie Hickey, Thomas Traynor Road. John Kavanagh, Kill. Nana, Jimmy & Mary Ann O'Toole, Ardoyne. Margaret & Andy Timmins, Knocklow. Danny & Margaret Darcy, Coppengagh. Peter & Bridie Carroll, Coolkenno Cross. Michael & James Sheppard, Knockeen. Ned O'Neill, Knockeen. Kathleen Byrne, Ballyconnell. James Carroll, Ballyconnell.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS for Patrick Fagan, 28 Shroughaun Close next Saturday night 2nd April at 7.30 p.m.

IRISH CATHOLIC FOR SALE: €1.30.

This week we publish the Income and Expenditure Account for 2010.
PLEASE PICK UP A COPY AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

There will be **NO 9.30 a.m. Mass** on this Monday 28th March. Instead, there will be a Liturgy of the Lord with Holy Communion at the normal time of 9.30 a.m.

The 2 night course for **First Communion and Confirmation parents** concludes this Wednesday night in the Parish Centre from 8.00—9.15 p.m. Presented by Colette Furlong.

HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH

Fr. Andy will visit this Thursday and Friday.

Fr. Brendan will attend housebound on **THURSDAY 7TH APRIL.**

Towards Healing and Renewal

A pastoral response from the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference to mark the first anniversary of the publication of the pastoral letter of Pope Benedict to the Catholics of Ireland available at Church doors.

CLOCKS GO FORWARD THIS WEEKEND

ARDATTIN DRAMA GROUP

presents

Two One Act Comedies

in aid of

Tullow Day Care Centre and

St. Patrick's Cheshire Home on Friday 1st April in the Parish Centre, Tullow at 8.30 p.m.

SERVERS FOR THE COMING WEEK

GROUP 5 GIRLS

Sally Ann Connors, Liath Clark, Katie Ryan.

Elena Byrne, Niamh Bailey.

Niamh Flynn, Aoife Gahan

GROUPS FOR SUNDAY

8.30 a.m. Liath Clarke, Elena Byrne & Aoife Gahan.

11.30 a.m. Sally Ann Connors, Niamh Bailey, Niamh Flynn & Katie Ryan.

TULLOW PARISH

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

6th July, 2011—5 nights.

Return on 11th July. Full Board. €759.

(Single Room supplement €150).

Hotel Padoue.

Spiritual Leader: Fr. Andy Leahy.

Booking forms available from

Tullow Parish Centre

or phone Tully's Travel on 059 9136100.

Padre Pio Pilgrimage 2011

August 8th for 7 nights, Benevento and San Giovanni. Also visiting the Shrine of St. Philomena and St. Gerard and the Miracle of the Eucharist in Lanciano. Saving scheme is now open. Phone Brendan Byrne on 087 6349103.

COLLECTIONS

Offertory: €2,557. Development:

€1,966. Many thanks.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Intentions for Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th March. That the Holy Spirit may give light and strength to the Christian communities and the faithful who are persecuted or discriminated against because of the Gospel.

DIVINE INSPIRATIONS

Geraldine, an Irishborn mother living in Sydney receives message and inspirations from God the Father, Jesus and Mary, St. Joseph, the Saints and Angels. She will speak at the Church of the Holy Cross, Myshall, Co Carlow on Friday 1st April at 7.30 p.m.

Tullow Community School—Parents Association

would like to remind parents of all incoming students for September 2011 that there will be a sale and fitting of school jackets on Tuesday 29th March between 7—9.30 p.m. in the Community School. School Jackets are also on sale to existing students who may require them.

St. Lukes Hospital, Rathgar, Dublin.

Yvonne Dawson and Danielle McHutcheon are registered to take part in the forthcoming "Women's Mini Marathon" on June bank holiday. Their sponsorship cards are now in circulation.

They also hope to do a Car Boot/Jumble Sale. All their fundraising is in aid of St. Lukes Cancer Hospital as a thank you for all the wonderful care their Dad received recently. So when you are spring cleaning or de-cluttering your home please donate your items to this fundraiser. Items can be collected. Phone 059 9151515 or 087 2221434.

TRACTOR RUN AND VINTAGE WORKING DAY TRACTOR PULLING in aid of

CRUMLIN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (Cancer Unit) and BARRETSTOWN

today Sunday 27th March.

starts at 11.30 a.m. in Ardattin.

Organised by Crosslow Fundraisers.

Phone 087 2519097 or 087 8562617 for more details.

TULLOW BINGO

Every Thursday night at 8.30 p.m. in Murphy Memorial Hall. Hickson's jackpot will be €620 next week.

THANK YOU: The committee and members of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society would like to thank most sincerely all those who contributed in any way to the cake sale and raffle on Wednesday 16th March. It was a very successful event and the sum raised was €1,738. Congratulations to all.

Carlow County Enterprise Board in conjunction with Forward Steps, Tullow is hosting a unique event "Opportunity Carlow 2011" on Thursday morning 31st March from 9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m. in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow. This event is aimed at the unemployed, school leavers, graduates, early start up Enterprises and people looking at options for the future. The event is Free of charge. Phone 086 8283637. Free bus leaving Church Carpark at 8.45 and returning at 1 p.m.

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