

TULLAMORE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“Tullamore parish is a community of God’s people centred on the Eucharist and the Word of God. We gather in prayer and celebrate the sacraments. We strive to be Vibrant, Inclusive, Nurturing and Encouraging, and in our own lives we aim to live justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God.”

Pastoral Area of
KILBEGGAN, TULLAMORE, RAHAN, KILCORMAC, EGLISH

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass		Sunday Mass	
- 6pm	Rath	- 8.30am	Tullamore
- 6pm	The Island	- 9am	Mucklagh
- 6.30pm	Tullamore	- 9.30am	Mount Bolus & Rahugh
- 7pm	Kilcormac	- 10am	Tullamore
- 7.30pm	Kilbeggan	- 10.30am	Killina
- 7.30pm	Mucklagh	- 11am	Eglish & Kilbeggan
		- 11.30am	Tullamore & Durrow
		- 12noon	Kilcormac & Mucklagh
		- 1pm	Tullamore

WEEKDAY MASSES - Church of the Assumption, Tullamore
Mon-Fri (Lent) 7.30am, 10am, 7pm; **Saturday** 10.00am
First Friday 7.45am, 10.00am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2.00-3.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Mon-Sat 11am-6pm; Sun 2-6pm
 Enquiries 085 1162668.

GET IN TOUCH

St Mary’s Parish Centre, Benburb St, 0579321587

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9.30-1; 1.30-5pm

Email: tullamoreparishsecretary@gmail.com

Web: www.tullamoreparish.ie

Reception service Monday to Friday, 9.30am-5.00pm

Priest available for emergencies 24 hours daily

Meeting Rooms available: Contact Administrator

Teas after 10.00am Mass Tuesday & Friday

Bereavement Listening Support: [Ph 0579321587](tel:0579321587)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms take place monthly on the first Sunday in Tullamore, second Sunday in Durrow, third and fourth Saturday in Tullamore. **Pre-Baptism Meetings** are on the third Wednesday monthly. **Contact the Parish Secretary.**

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

To book the Church for weddings, contact the Parish Secretary at least three months in advance. All couples getting married must complete a pre-marriage course. Contact **ACCORD** 0579341831 or www.accord.ie.

NB: NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN must be in the Parish Centre by 9.30am Wednesday. Only notices from parish groups, non-profit making organizations & clubs included.



Please pray for **FIONA PENDER**, our parishoner who has been missing since 22nd August 1996

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon 16 10.00** Anies Mathew
 Nicholas Forbes
6.30pm Noel Connolly
Tues 7 10.00 William Dunne
 Dan & Brigid Molloy
11.30 Christy Kilroe
Wed 18 7pm Sean Quinn
 Jimmy Dunne & Family & daughter Karen
Thurs 19 7pm Mossie Mahon & Parents
 Johnny Carroll
Fri 20 10.00 Paddy, Ellen & baby Julie McDonagh
 William, Mary, John & Josie Kerrigan
7pm Peter & Julia Leonard & Guinan Family
Sat 21 10.00 Nan O’Shea
6.30 Billy White, 1st Ann
 John O’Beirne
Sun 22 8.30 Cleary Family, Ballinamere & Geoghegan
 Family
 Gerry McGee
10.00 Paddy, Kathleen, Noel, Anne & Rona
 Cunningham & Family & James O’Connor
 Ber & Patsy Gorman, Davis & Kirwan
 Families
1.00 Pat Grennan, Mon Mem

Durrow Sun 22, 11.30am: Noel Dunne

RESOURCES FOR LENT AND HOLY WEEK: The Good News weekly resource for Children through to Palm Sunday; <https://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/lenten-resources-2026>
 Easter Resources: Blessing of the Home with Easter Water & Stations of the Cross
<https://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/pastoral-resources-1>
 Guide to Holy Week

<https://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/lenten-resources-2026>

DAFFODIL DAY: Volunteers needed for Dunnes Stores, Church Rd, 8am-9pm, Fri 20. Ph Joan 0872221355

IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOC (Offaly Branch): AGM Tues 24, 8pm Bridge House. All members & anyone interested in volunteering welcome.

CHAIR EXERCISE – AGE 50+ (Free) Mon 16 & 23, 11–12noon, Charleville Centre. Ph Leona 087-6028801

AA: Tanyard Resource Centre, R35V5W4, Mon, Wed, Thurs, Sat, Sun, 8.15 pm; Tues, Wed, Fri, 1pm; Sun 12 noon.

PILGRIMAGE TO PARAY LE MONIAL, NEVERS AND ARS, July 6 to 10, led by Fr Fergal Cummins. €795. Visiting the shrine where the Sacred Heart appeared to Sister Margaret Mary, the incorrupt body of St Bernadette of Lourdes and the shrine of St Jean Vianney. For more information, please email: info@myriam.ie or phone 057 93 55050.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Plate: Tullamore €3137; Durrow €238

Envelopes €3836

Thank you for your continued support

LENT IN OUR PARISH



- **Weekday Masses:** 7.30am, 10.00am, 7.00pm
- **Weekend Masses:** Saturday 10.00am, 6.30pm.
 Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am. 11.30am, 1.00pm.
 Durrow: 11.30am
- **Lectio Divina:** Wednesday 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Parish Centre

- **“Baptised & Sent” Programme:** Tuesdays 7.30pm, Parish Centre. (Not on Tuesday 17th March).
- **Evening Prayer:** Sundays 5.30pm, Tullamore Church
- **Stations of the Cross:** before 10am Mass each morning
- **Bible Class:** Wednesdays, 7.30pm, Parish Centre
- **Youth 2000 Holy Hour (16-35 yrs):** Thursday, 7.30pm Day Chapel (access via Parish Centre), followed by refreshments in Parish Centre.
- **“Living Lent”:** Monday 23rd March, 7.30pm, Parish Centre.

DEATHS

We offer our sympathy to the family of **Catherine Sheridan.**

BAPTISMS

Welcome to God’s family **Noah Jason Corcoran, Lennox Leo McDonagh & Lyla May O’Sullivan** who were baptised recently.



CHURCH REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Repairs were carried out during the week to the high-level windows in the church, where a number of panes had been damaged during the recent storms. The damaged glass has now been safely replaced.

Thank you to parishioners for your continued support and generosity, which makes it possible for us to carry out this essential maintenance and to care for and preserve our church for the whole community. Your support is always very much appreciated.

A PRAYER FOR MY MOTHER



Lord, I thank you for my mother. Thank you for placing her in my life, and for the blessing she is to me and my family. Thank you for the wisdom that she has instilled in me. Words cannot express the gratefulness I have in my heart for her beauty and spiritual influence in my life. Please continue to bless her and surround her with your grace and favour. Amen.

HAPPY MOTHERS’ DAY TO ALL MOTHERS, ESPECIALLY REMEMBERING THOSE NO LONGER WITH US

ST PATRICK’S DAY MASS TIMES



Tuesday 17th is the Feast of St Patrick. Mass times are as follows: Vigil 6.30pm, 8.30am, 10.00am (as Gaeilge) and 11.30am in Tullamore Church. 11.30am in Durrow Church.



“Beannachtaí na Féile Phádraigh oraibh go léir”



St Patrick’s Breastplate

Christ be with me, Christ be beside me
 Christ be before me, Christ be behind me
 Christ be at my right hand, Christ be at my left hand
 Christ be with me wherever I go
 Christ be my friend, forever and ever
 Amen.

POINTS TO PONDER

The simple fact is that Jesus healed the blind man. Someone who previously could not see was blessed with the gift of sight. What happens after that in today’s Gospel is a sharp warning against following the letter of the law but forgetting why we are following it in the first place.

It’s true: what Jesus did would have been seen as contentious, and not only by Scribes and Pharisees. The religious laws and actions that the people of that culture followed were incredibly specific. Even now, for some modern-day religions, the punishments for what may seem like very small omissions are punishable by real and lasting violence, not least by being shunned by your own community, let alone physical violence. It was even worse then, though.

So, what Jesus did was extraordinary. He knew this. He understood that the repercussions of healing someone on the Sabbath would have led to hot and dangerous debate in the community. He didn’t back down. The real blindness that Jesus is trying to heal is that of the Pharisees and Scribes. And this can invite us to question ourselves.

Can our personal understanding of God, of Jesus, make us blind? Can the way that we might bend the Gospel so that we follow it in a more comfortable way undermine our status as Christians? Can we be pleasant to some but unpleasant to others, welcoming to some but dismissive of others? After all, what is a Christian but someone who follows Christ and tries to be his ambassador?

Lent is a wonderful opportunity to realign ourselves with Christ. How are we going to do this today?