

TULLAMORE UNION OF PARISHES

A CHURCH FOR ALL

Parish Groups meeting in The Charleville Centre

Indoor Bowling:
Mondays at 8 pm

Table Tennis:
Thursdays at 8 pm

Junior Table Tennis (4th class primary upwards): €1 a session
2nd & 4th Fridays from 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm

Friendship Club:
1st Wednesday of the month at 2.30 pm

Chat n Chill:
Afterschool group. Every Friday from 2 pm - 4 pm

Boys Brigade: 1st & 3rd Fridays from 7pm – 8:30pm

Our groups are always welcoming of new members. Why not invite a neighbour or a friend to come along?



December / January 2016 Newsletter

The Parish Office
The Charleville Centre
Church Avenue, Tullamore, Co Offaly

www.tullamoreunionofparishes.ie

Confirmation: On the 15th of November it was wonderful to welcome Bishop Pat to the parish for the confirmation of thirteen young people and two adults. Please continue to remember the newly confirmed in your prayers, photo above.



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FRIENDSHIP CLUB



Christmas Kids Club & Party (preschool and primary school children)

13th of December from
11.30 am to 1 pm
in The Charleville Centre

Songs, games,
Arts 'n crafts and
even Santa
will be dropping in

Parents are welcome
to stay and / or to
join us at 12:30pm for
some delicious food

To help us prepare
for the party please
text / call Michelle
0863449182 if you
can attend

If by any chance you
have never been to
kids club this would
be a great day to
come along!

Everyone welcome !

Friendship Club Christmas Party (for the young at heart)

Sunday 13th December @ 3 pm in
The Charleville Centre
Afternoon tea

Music by **Johnny Butterfield**

Friendship Club New Years Lunch

6th January
@ 1 pm
In

Tullamore Court
Hotel

Cost: €10
To book contact
Rosemary Colton

Well Being: A presentation
on health and well being by
Laura Bagnall &
Avril Watson
will be held on the
19th of January at 8 pm
in The Charleville Centre

CHARLEVILLE NS

FESTIVE FUN DAY & FAIR
6TH OF DECEMBER FROM
12.30 PM TO 5 PM
IN THE
CHARLEVILLE CENTRE

ALL YOUR FAVOURITE
STALLS INCLUDING WHITE
ELEPHANT, CRAFTS AND
BAKES

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS AS
WELL AS AN OPPORTUNITY
TO VISIT SANTA

JOIN US FOR A LIGHT
LUNCH OR A COFFEE

ALL SUPPORT, INCLUDING
DONATIONS OF ITEMS FOR THE
STALLS, GREATLY APPRECIATED

NEWS

For Charleville Centre
bookings ring
057 9349700 or email
charlevillecentre@gmail
.com

Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal:

Thank you to everyone who took the time to prepare shoe boxes. They truly are boxes of love which bring tremendous joy to children living in difficult situations throughout the world.

New Arrival: Congratulations and very best wishes to Steve and Melissa Dixon on the birth of baby Sarah.

Newly Weds: Congratulations to Denise Hayes and John Talbot on their recent marriage. We wish them God's continued blessing and every happiness.

Simon Casey Concert: Enormous thanks to everyone who supported the recent Simon Casey concert. It was a tremendously enjoyable night in support of St. Catherine's and Offaly Hospice.

St. Catherine's Bicentenary Dinner Dance: Thank you to everyone who supported our recent dinner dance. It was a most enjoyable and relaxing evening. Diarmuid Guinan had us all up dancing the night away. Enormous thanks to Vanda Fryday's social team comprising Ruth Thomas, Henry Pinkerton, Trevor Cobbe, Gail Thomas O'Connell and Lynda Kennedy for organising the event.

St Catherine's Flower Festival DVDs:



Flower Festival DVDs
are available for
€10 from Barbara
Wallace



New Year Kids Club:
Our first kids club of the new year will take place on the 10th January From 11.30 am to 12.30 pm in The Charleville Centre.

All pre school and primary school children are welcome to attend.

Tea / Coffee making facilities available for parents who wish to stay.

Please bring your child to the Centre and collect them there afterwards.

Quiet & Contemplative
Prayer in

Rahan Church

9th December at 8 pm

6th January at 8 pm
quiet prayer and
agape.

Agape is an
opportunity to pray
and share food
together.

Mothers Union:

Christmas Goodwill night
on the 15th of December
at 8 pm in
The Charleville Centre,
preparing Christmas gifts,
followed by mulled wine
and mince pies.



ADVENT MID-WEEK WORSHIP

2nd Dec @ 8 pm
St. Brigid's Clara
Evening Prayer

9th Dec @ 8 pm St
Carthage's Rahan, quiet
/ contemplative prayer

16th Dec @ 11 am
St Sinian's, Tyrrellspass
Service of Healing &
Wholeness

22nd Dec @ 8pm St.
Catherine's, Tullamore
Blue Christmas service.
This is a service which
acknowledges that for
many Christmas brings
mixed emotions of
sadness as well as
happiness. It's a gentle
service which gives
people space to
remember but above all to
hear the message of hope
which is at the heart of the
Christmas message.

Parish Giving

Time Prayer
Financial

Gift Day : We would
appreciate it if you could
return your donation as
soon as possible.

Envelope Scheme: If
you haven't done so
already, could you
consider signing up to
the envelope scheme.
It is a wonderful way of
encouraging regular
giving and helps the
parish meet its day to
day expenses.

Christmas Holy Communion / Pastoral Visit:

If for whatever reason you are not
able to attend church over Christmas
and would like to receive Holy
Communion at home please contact
the Rector.

Also if you would like the Rector to
visit you at home at any time during
the year please do contact him.

DATES FOR DIARY

Vestry Meeting: 13th January at 8 pm
in The Charleville Centre.

Concert: Midlands Youth Orchestra
Concert in St Catherine's, Tullamore
on the 12th of February at 8 p.m.

PAWS for Advent: As part of the
Diocesan Good for the Sole Appeal
you are invited to make a donation to
the appeal every time you walk your
dog during advent. The diocese is
aiming to raise €25,000 for The
Leprosy Mission. You can return your
fundraising proceeds to the parish and
we will forward it on for you.

Youth Event

(sixth class & secondary
school students) : Trip to
Dublin to go ice skating and
go-carting on the 29th of
December . Cost €30 which
includes travel.

All leaders are Safeguarding
Trust compliant.

Further details from Beth
Burns, Emma Raben, Canon
David & Rev. Isaac

Whist Drives:

**Tyrellspass: 18th December
& 15th January at 8.30 pm
in The Old School Hall**

**Clara: 30th December & 29th
January at 8.30 pm in The
Charleville Centre,
Tullamore.**

All support greatly
appreciated.



CHRISTMAS PRAYER

God of love, to show us how much You love us, Your
Son was born as an infant in a poor manger. As the
angels announced His birth to the shepherds, so Your
word once again proclaims His birth to remind us again
that You became one of us so that we could become
more like You. Look with love on us and on our world
which this Christmas is so in need of peace.
Let your peace, then, be with each of us, as
we ask you to bless our celebration.
We ask this in the Name of the Father and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Wishing
You
A
Happy
Christmas
and
A
Peaceful
New
Year.

13th Dec. @ 7.00 pm Tyrrellspass Christmas Carol service followed by festive refreshments in the hall.

20th Dec. @ 10.00 am Tyrrellspass Blue Christmas Service of remembrance & hope.

20th Dec. @10.00 am Clara Carol service followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

20th Dec. @ 4.00 pm Tullamore Community Carol Service featuring Cantoiri, Diarmuid Guinan, Laura Slattery, Rebecca Lindley and Charleville NS followed by mulled wine and mince pies in The Charleville Centre

21st Dec. @ 5.00 pm Charleville National School Carol Service in St. Catherine's, Tullamore.

22nd Dec @ 8.00 pm Blue Christmas Service in St Catherine's, Tullamore

24th Dec. @ 5.00 pm Children's Crib Service in St. Catherine's, Tullamore

24th Dec. @ 9.00 pm Tyrrellspass, Christmas Eve HC (Holy Communion)

24th Dec@ 11.30 pm Tullamore, Christmas Eve HC

25th Dec @ 10.00 am Clara, Christmas Day HC

25th Dec. @ 11.30 am Tullamore, Christmas Day HC

27th Dec. @ 4:00 pm Rahan Ecumenical Carol Service followed by festive refreshments

Simon Community: Donations of non perishable food items, toiletries etc can be brought to church throughout the year.

Material for the February & March Newsletter to be with the Rector by the 15th of January.