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March 2019

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Lenten Course

Lent is an important time in the church year, a time to reflect about what our faith means to us and how we apply it to our lives. To help with this process of

reflection there will be a Lenten Course based on material produced by the Bible Association of the Church of Ireland (BACI). Each session will focus on the weekly Lectionary readings in order to gain a deeper insight into the chosen passages. Each session was written and devised by a collection of young adults and incorporates some of their thoughts and concerns, however the material will appeal to all ages. The course will start at the Ash Wednesday evening service at 8pm on 6th March and will continue every Monday evening at 8pm in the Rectory concluding on Monday 1st April (five sessions in total). For more information contact the Rector or come along to the evening service on Ash Wednesday.

The Rector Writes

The uncertainty which engulfs the European political landscape could be seen as amusing if it was not so potentially serious. Even the most cursory look at our media headlines will tell us that the outcome of Brexit still remains far from certain. The entrenched positions appear irreconcilable and time is rapidly running out to find an acceptable compromise. Who would want to be a politician? It is obvious that politics can often be a very cruel and precarious occupation with rapidly shifting loyalties and little gratitude. Those who put themselves forward into the public eye as public representatives offer themselves as servants of the people they represent. There is an implicit responsibility to ensure honesty and integrity underscore all their dealings. And let us not forget that these are essentially all Christian concepts as all of us are called by Baptism to be servants to each other and to treat each other with dignity and respect. We are called to love our enemies and to do good to those who hate us. (Luke 6:27) As we embark on the season of Lent, we are encouraged once again to examine our individual and corporate identity as Church to ensure that we reflect the teachings and life of Christ in all that we are, say and do. May it be our prayer that mutual respect and dignity will once again be brought to bear in all the uncertainties of our present time.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Service of Celebration of Wholeness and Healing 10.30am Sunday 31st March

This Service has proven popular in recent years and usually takes place on the fifth Sunday of a five Sunday month. The 31st March is such an occasion and is also Mothering Sunday. This is very appropriate as all good mothers only wish for health, happiness and wholeness of being for all their children.



Beckett in Foxrock 2019

How many villages have a play written about them by a Nobel Laureate? That rare distinction applies to Foxrock Village. *All that Fall*, which will be performed in the church on Saturday 23rd March, features the characters and sounds of a re-imagined Brighton Road, Leopardstown Racecourse, Foxrock station and village. A cast of eight will bring to life what has been called 'Beckett's best play'.

Tickets €30 include a wine reception, sponsored by The Gables Restaurant and Bar, and photographic exhibition showing the many links between Beckett's work and the Foxrock area.

Booking essential on Eventbrite.ie - search for Beckett in Foxrock. If you prefer not to book online contact Jane Bowes 086 8418138 however act quickly as tickets are nearly all sold.

Before the performance treat yourself to a meal for €19.95 for two courses in The Gables. Book on 01 2892174



Evergreens Walking Club Walk Sunday 10th March

Our next walk will take in the delights of Glendalough from an airy viewpoint on the Spink mountain overlooking the Upper Lake. There is a longish climb on a staircase and board walk to the top which we negotiate at a gentle pace. But it is worth it!

We depart from the church car park at noon. Bring appropriate clothes, hat, gloves and footwear, and a light lunch. Dogs are welcome. We end the day in the Glendalough Hotel.

Donald Gill 087 1270592



Tullow Friends

Next outing is on **Monday 18th March** to the Mermaid Theatre in Bray to see the comedy drama film *The Favourite*. Olivia Colman, the star, won the Oscar for Best Actress for her role as Queen Anne. 'A wildly entertaining, bracingly cynical comedy of royal manners' *New York Times*. Full details on list in church porch or phone Cleo Ellis.

The very popular Swop Shop will be on **Thursday 11th April** in the Ellis house in Cabinteely. This is always a great social evening. Full details in the April newsletter.

Following our recent EGM, chaired by Rev. John Tanner, we now have a new committee: Cleo Ellis, chairperson, Marian Sutherland, secretary, Janet Moore, Iris Weir, Rebecca Ellis. Our thanks to Owen Driver who is continuing to look after our finances. Thanks to all who attended the meeting and for giving us great encouragement.

Cleo Ellis, chairperson 087 2648775

NEWS

Sexton Bernard Browne

Bernard, our sexton, has resigned, and if you haven't yet contributed to a collection for his benefit and wish to do so, please put your contribution in an envelope marked 'Sexton' and give to the Churchwardens Joyce Buckley or Heather Swanwick as soon as possible.

Uniformed Organisations Service

This service, which took place on Sunday 10th February, saw over 50 young

people under the age of 16 at the 10:30am Service. As is usual, there was an ecumenical dimension as we welcomed leaders and members from other Christian denominations. Thank you to the members of the various uniformed organisations who led the readings and prayers, their input was greatly appreciated. The service was followed by tea and coffee in the Parish Hall during which the Guides held a cake sale raising €180 in aid of 'World Thinking Day Fund'.

PARISH ORGANISATION

TULLOW PARISH CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY March 2019							
DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	READINGS	READERS	FLOWERS	COFFEE
SUNDAY	3rd	8:30am	Holy Communion				
The Sunday before Lent		10:30am	Parish Communion	2 Corinthians 3:12- 4:2 Luke 9:28-36	Ken Gregory		Heather and Ken Gregory
ASH WEDNESDAY	6th	10:15am	Holy Communion	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21			Wednesday Rota
		8:00pm	Service for beginning of Lent/ Lenten Course				
SUNDAY	10th	08:30am	Holy Communion				
The First Sunday in Lent		10:30am	Family Service	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Luke 4:1-13	Leslie Ellis		Cleo and Leslie Ellis
WEDNESDAY	13th	10:15am	Matins with Litany				Wednesday Rota
SUNDAY	17th	08:30am	Holy Communion				
St. Patrick's Day The Second Sunday in Lent		10:30am	Morning Prayer	Deuteronomy 32:1-9 John 4:31-38	Barbara Cooper		Barbara and David Cooper
WEDNESDAY	20th	10:15am	Holy Communion – St. Joseph of Nazareth	Romans 4:13-18 Matthew 1:18-25			Wednesday Rota
SUNDAY	24th	08:30am	Holy Communion				
The Third Sunday in Lent		10:30am	Morning Prayer	Isaiah 55:1-9 Luke 13:1-9	Geraldine Poff		Iris Weir, Geraldine Poff, Patricia Stewart
		7:00pm	'Sundown'				
WEDNESDAY	27th	10:15am	Holy Communion The Annunciation of our Lord	Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38			Wednesday Rota
SUNDAY	31st	08:30am	Holy Communion				
Mothering Sunday The Fourth Sunday in Lent		10:30am	Service of Celebration of Wholeness and Healing	2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Jonathan Morton		Meta and Jonathan Morton

Dates for the Diary
Monday 4th March at 8:00pm – Meeting of the Select Vestry
Wednesday 6th March at 8:00pm – Service for the beginning of Lent/Lenten Course

Sunday 10th March at midday – the Evergreens will leave the Church Grounds for a walk in Glendalough

Saturday 23rd March at 8:00pm – Beckett Evening 'All that Fall'
Sunday 24th March – Daffodil Day collection during Coffee after Church.

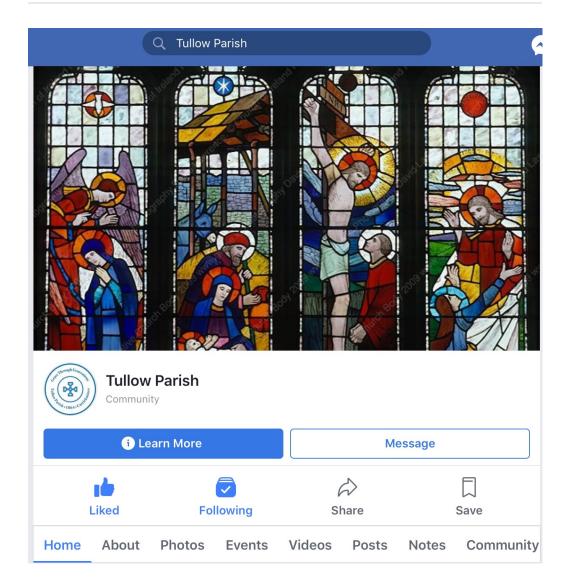
Lent

Lent starts this year on Wednesday 6th March with Easter Sunday on 21st April. A special service will take place in the church at 8pm on Ash Wednesday. The normal Wednesday morning service in the church will be at 10.15am followed by coffee in the Coffee Room at 10.30am. All welcome.

Parish Change Programme – Service of the Word Family Service

As part of the changes happening as a result of the parish consultation process, the 10.30am service on the second Sunday of the month is a family service with a wide age appeal. What this actually means is that everyone in the congregation is given a service sheet rather than using prayer and hymn books, the hymns are chosen to ensure wide appeal, the sermon is usually more informal and given from the chancel steps rather than the pulpit. There are plenty of visuals and congregational participation.

If you haven't been to this service why not try it? The next one is Sunday 10th March – it's the day Ireland play France at the Aviva to help you remember!



Parish Facebook

Facebook is an important communication method and the parish Facebook account has a growing following. The account is kept up to date with news, photos, videos and comment. Like the website, it is how many people make their first contact with the parish. Search for Tullow Parish and click Like.



Parish Photographic Archive

Everyone loves looking at old photos – do you have photos of the church or parish activities over the years? We will scan and print, you keep the original. Present and future generations will thank us.

Email <u>bowesjane91@gmail.com</u> or phone Jane Bowes 086 8418138

The above photo is of Kerrymount with the church in the background. Date unknown but probably the early part of the 20th century. Thanks to Foxrock Local History Society for the photo.

Outreach

<u>Down Syndrome India</u> – please pray for the continued health of Vedashya, Kovinesh and Aishani, the children whose lifesaving heart surgery was funded by donations from parishioners.

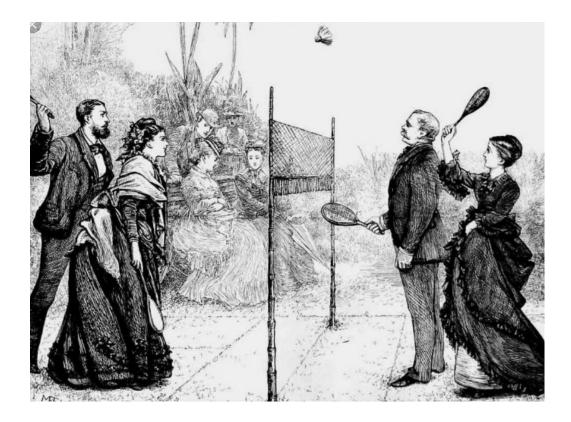
Joyce Buckley

<u>Bray Women's Refuge</u> – the new extension with two family rooms, a sitting room and storage facilities was officially opened on 15th February. Please continue helping by leaving non-perishable kitchen store cupboard foodstuffs in the basket at the back of the church.

Hilary Cran

Website

The parish website is how many people first view us. Thanks to the hard work and skill of Alan Rhodes and Thantap Pankhao (aka Samm) www.tullowdublin.org has a new appearance. Take a look – you won't be disappointed!



Tullow Almost 100 years Ago – from the minutes of the Tullow Select Vestry

The Parish Hall is an asset both for the parish and the local community – 100 years ago it had some similar, but also some strikingly different uses.

29.10.1914 Request agreed to for the hall to be used two nights each week for the purpose of military drill. Permission granted on the understanding that the object was to 'organise this drill for the sole purpose of fitting men in this district to join Lord Kitchener's Army'. Further that the 'organisation shall be entirely non-political and non-sectarian and that this proviso shall appear on any poster or circular which may be used.'

5.11.1919 Miss Constance Read of Craigholm asked for the use of the Parochial Hall twice a week, one afternoon and one evening for a Badminton Club. Select Vestry levied a rent of 10/= (equal to €28 nowadays) a week. Miss Read to be responsible for proper care of the hall and such extra pay for the sexton as may be arranged with the club for his work in cleaning up the hall, lighting lamps etc. Miss Read later wrote saying the rent was excessive and couldn't be afforded. A compromise was reached.

3.3.1921 Letter from Mr Sparrow, Kerrymount Avenue, wanting to use the hall five or six mornings a week for a school. Request denied.

30.1.1924 Miss Manders, who used the hall for Irish dancing classes, wrote a letter complaining about 'insufficient heating'.

28.1.1930 An offer from Carrickmines Ping Pong Club to install electric light in the hall at the club's expense was gratefully accepted. (Offer rescinded 8.4.1930)

7.12.1934 Ping Pong Club offered £10 (€760.19 in today's money) towards the installation of electric light in the hall.

28.1.1935 Permission granted to Carrickmines Juvenile Badminton Club to use the hall during school holidays 3-7pm at 7/6 per week (€29.13 in 2019)

8.9.1939 Necessary measures were being taken to darken the windows of the hall to comply with the blackout regulations. Enquiries were being made to see if the regulations applied to the church.

With thanks to the RCB where the minute books are held.

Badminton 8.30pm Every Thursday Parish Hall

We now have more white lines than Theresa May has red ones, though our white lines don't seem to be as long-lasting as her red ones. We won't blame the marauding line dancers or the other hall users, however if we find out who's nibbling at the lines the backstop will be re-negotiated! Another new member appeared out of the woodwork (in this case bribed by a flapjack) but nevertheless is most welcome – as are all new members, especially those who don't need to be bribed.

Paddy Bowes 086 2585194

Tullow Book Club

The verdict on *The Return* by Victoria Hislop, which was February's read, was that it was an easy way to learn about the Spanish Civil War and the Franco era. The choice for March is *Our Friends in Berlin* by Anthony Quinn which has been called the 'best spy novel set in wartime London'.

Teen Corner

Shrove Tuesday, maybe better known as Pancake Tuesday, will be on Tuesday 5th March. If you don't normally make pancakes have a go this year, they are really easy and you can have great fun tossing them (just make sure the floor is clean first!). Lent starts the next day on Ash Wednesday when many people give up something for Lent – what will it be this year? Chocolate? Crisps? Even social media?

See you at the Sundown Service on Sunday 24th March at 7pm – note that it's a different Sunday to the usual 3rd Sunday of the month.

William Moulton still has space in his work diary to help with spring cleaning in the garden or in the house. Contact him on 083 8252629 Thanks are due to all these people who help to keep Tullow an active, vibrant parish. Let the Rector know if you would like to contact any of them.

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