



TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

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December 2019/ January 2020



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All

Christmas Services

Christmas is a busy time in the church but you might like to note these

particular services:

Junior Carol Service 10.30am Sunday 15th December

Child friendly carol service - a family favourite.

Carols by Candlelight 7pm Sunday 22nd December

Singing is a wonderful way to ease stress. Sing your heart out, listen to the choir, enjoy a seasonal reception afterwards and get in the Christmas spirit - stress free!

Carols Around the Crib 10.30am Christmas Eve

Singing carols around the crib on Christmas Eve is a lovely way for the whole family - close and extended - to begin Christmas. It's particularly enjoyable for children so bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews etc along.

The Rector Writes

As we embark on the 'preparation' 'season of Advent we often find ourselves on the fast slippery slope to Christmas without either time or space to reflect on what exactly it is that we are preparing for. That is very unfortunate as we can miss the kernel of 'Christ' in Christmas. The incarnation of God's son, Emmanuel, 'God with us', is one of the greatest miracles of our faith. 'For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.' John :3:16 May we truly celebrate Christ with us this Christmas.



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From the Register - Holy Baptism

Sunday 17th November - Emma Sarah, daughter of Jessica Plower and Andrew Fitzpatrick

May Emma grow in the faith into which she has been Baptised.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY





Parent and Baby Group Coffee Room Every Thursday 3.30-5pm

With lots of young families moving into the area a drop-in parent and baby group is a good way for new parents to relax, network and exchange ideas. This group is open to all with babies up to 8 months old. Come for as long or as short a time as you wish, just bring a changing bag with you. Contact Caroline Jolley jolleycaroline@yahoo.ie, the parish development worker, if you have any queries.

Tullow Friends Christmas Lunch 12th December

Our annual Christmas Lunch will take place in Fitzpatrick's Killiney Castle Hotel on Thursday the 12th Dec. A mulled wine reception at 12.30 will precede lunch. Please add your name to the list in the church porch. Enquiries to Cleo 087 2648775 or Janet 086 1713564

***The Year in Tullow* Parish Hall 22nd December until January**

Don't miss *The Year in Tullow*, a photographic record of parish activities in 2019, which will be on display in the parish hall during the mulled wine reception following the Carols by Candlelight Service on 22nd December through until early January.

Evergreens Walking Group Sunday 5th January 12 noon

Killiney has many varied and scenic tracks and walks around the two main summits and its many coves and harbours. Just the place for some bracing sea air after the festive season!

We leave the Church grounds at 12.00 noon after coffee following Morning Service. The walk is about 2 hours long. Please wear appropriate clothing and

footwear and bring a small lunch and drink for sustenance. The walk ends at a local hostelry, Killiney Castle Hotel.

All walkers are invited to the home of Hilary Cran for supper afterwards.

Donald Gill, Walk Leader 087 1270592



**First Aid Course for Parents and Carers of Young Children
Friday 17th January 9.30am-12.30pm Vestry Room (upstairs in Parish
Hall)**

If you look after children the possibility of a medical emergency is always a worry. A paediatric nurse will cover topics such as choking, meningitis, CPR and much more at this free once-off session. Places limited, prior booking essential with Caroline Jolley, the parish development worker.

jolleycaroline@yahoo.ie

**FACE Information Meeting Foxrock Golf Club 7.30pm Monday 20th
January**

Foxrock Area Community and Enterprise (FACE) Information meeting (deferred from 2nd December) will be held in Foxrock Golf Club, off Torquay Road on 20th January. The meeting will focus on security issues and there will be a presentation on sustainability by Pat Kane from **reuzi**, the new business in the village.

Line Dancing Parish Hall Friday 24th January 8pm

Dance away those extra Christmas calories at line dancing. €10 payable at the door for a once-off fun evening – no experience necessary. Vera Tanner 086 8070270 or Jane Bowes 086 8418138 if you'd like to know more.

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Christmas Fair

Yesterday's Christmas Fair was as enjoyable and successful as previous years. No financial verdict yet but optimism is high. There was a real buzz inside and outside the hall with lots of young families drawn by Santa's arrival with Harley Elves escort. Many many thanks due to all the people who worked so hard – the bakers, jam and chutney makers, ticket sellers, tea and coffee makers, poster erectors, Santa and his elves, all the stall holders and the many others who generate the funds which are vital to the parish finances. A BIG Thank You to all but especially to Fair Coordinator Joyce Buckley whose expertise and hard work, as well as the ability to cajole, ensured that all flowed smoothly and effectively.

More photos at *The Year in Tullow* exhibition in the Parish Hall from 22nd December.

Tullow Parish - A Church at the Heart of the Community

A lot has happened since the Tullow Sustainability Report was presented to the parish in April 2019

- Part-time Development Worker started work in November. She will be working with parishioners, children/youth and potential parishioners
- Parent and Baby group has been started
- Flyer about the parish aimed at new residents delivered to every house in the area - sponsored by FACE
- In line with the recommendation to use the church for music events the African Gospel Choir performed a sell-out concert
- The Remembrance Garden has been renovated and the right to burial is being promoted
- A Family Service of the Word takes place on the second Sunday of the month
- Alpha and Lenten courses have been held to enhance people's engagement with their faith
- Email edition of the newsletter, regular email communication, website re-vamped, the parish Facebook page used to inform about events and is also promoted regularly on Instagram
- President and Mrs. Higgins visited the church in March 2019 to honour former parishioner Samuel Beckett

And of course, we now have new heating, lighting and electrics in the church as well as a very attractive easy access ramp at the front entrance along with disabled parking space.

More to come but the active support of every parishioner is needed to ensure the sustainability and growth of the parish into the future.

Service for Deceased Family and Friends 24th November

This cross-community ecumenical service was particularly moving as family, relatives and friends were remembered with specially chosen hymns and prayers. The candles carried to the altar by family members as the names of their loved ones were read out were particularly memorable as was the quality of the silence during the quiet time as lights were dimmed. A service not to be missed for those who wish to remember loved ones.



Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Sunday Service is always a special one and this year was no exception. We were joined by some members of local history societies who enjoyed the tuneful hymns and special prayers.

As well as remembering parishioners who fell in conflict, new life, in the form of babies who have been baptised in Tullow in recent years, was also remembered.



African Gospel Choir

The African Gospel Choir gave us a memorable and uplifting evening on 9th November. The event sold out two weeks beforehand which showed the appeal of gospel choir music. The repertoire ranged from their entrance hymn of *Down By the River*, to some unfamiliar but beautiful African melodies as well as favourites such as *Hallelujah* and *O Happy Day* which had the entire audience on its feet and singing. Everyone left with huge smiles on their faces which speaks for itself. We're grateful to Four Ferns Nursing Home and FACE for their sponsorship of the event.

Music events in the church were part of the recommendations of the Parish Sustainability Group's report which was presented to the parish in April this year.

TULLOW PARISH - CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY - December 2019 / January 2020						
DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	READINGS	READERS	FLOWERS / COFFEE
SUNDAY Advent Sunday	1st Dec	8:30am 10:30am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Romans 13:11-14 / Matthew 24:36-44	Meta Morton	Meta and Jonathan Morton
WEDNESDAY	4th Dec	10:15am	Matins with Litany			Wednesday Rota
SUNDAY 2nd Sunday in Advent	8th	8:30am 10:30am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Isaiah 11:1-10 / Matthew 3:1-12	Caroline Jolley	Barbara and David Cooper
WEDNESDAY	11th	10:15am	Holy Communion			Wednesday Rota
SUNDAY 3rd Sunday in Advent	15th	8:30am 10:30am	Holy Communion Junior Carol Service	Isaiah 35:1-10 / Matthew 11:2-11	Eileen Adams	Eileen and Richard Adams
WEDNESDAY	18th	10:15am	Matins with Litany			Wednesday Rota
SUNDAY 4th Sunday in Advent	22nd	8:30am 10:30am 7:00pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Carols by Candlelight	Isaiah 7:10-16 / Matthew 1:18-25	Barbara Cooper	Christmas Flowers / Barbara and David Cooper
TUESDAY Christmas Eve	24th	10:30am 9:00pm	Carols around the Crib First Communion of Christmas	Hebrews 1:1-12 / John 1:1-14	T.B.A.	Christmas Flowers / N/A
WEDNESDAY Christmas Day	25th	8:30am 10:30am 11:30am	Holy Communion Family Service followed by Holy Communion	Isaiah 9:2-7 / Luke 2:1-20	Christmas Readers	Christmas Flowers / N/A
SUNDAY 1st Sunday of Christmas	29th	8:30am 10:30am	Matins Morning Prayer	Isaiah 63:7-9 / Matthew 2:13-23	Don Beck	Christmas Flowers / Joan and Don Beck
SUNDAY The Epiphany	5th Jan	8:30am 10:30am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Ephesians 3:1-12 / Matthew 2:1-12	Donald Gill	Christmas Flowers / Jane and Paddy Bowes
WEDNESDAY	8th	10:15am	Matins with Litany			Wednesday Rota
SUNDAY 1st Sunday after the Epiphany – The Baptism of our Lord	12th	8:30am 10:30am	Holy Communion Family Service	Isaiah 42:1-9 / Matthew 3:13-17	Terry Forsyth	Sue and Terry Forsyth
WEDNESDAY	15th	10:15am	Matins with Litany			Wednesday Rota
SUNDAY 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	19th	8:30am 10:30am 7:00pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer 'Sundown'	Isaiah 49:1-7 / John 1:29-42	Ken Gregory	Heather Gregory and Thea Boyle
WEDNESDAY	22nd	10:15am	Holy Communion	Acts 9:1-22 / Matthew 19:27-30		Wednesday Rota
SUNDAY 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany	26th	8:30am 10:30am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Isaiah 9:1-4 / Matthew 4:12-23	Richard Adams	Eileen and Richard Adams
WEDNESDAY	29th	10:15am	Holy Communion (St. Brigid)	1 John 1:1-4 / John 10:7-16		Wednesday Rota

Readers and Coffee Makers – Thank You!

Thank you to all who volunteer to read the lessons each Sunday, your taking part in our worship greatly adds to the Service and is appreciated. A very big 'thank you' also to all who volunteer to make the coffee/tea after 10.30am Service each Sunday. This is a nice relaxed opportunity for everyone to mix and chat and get to know one another.

Volunteering is a lovely way to feel part of our Parish, get to know different people and help the Rota Co-ordinator!

Barbara Cooper

Parish Development Worker

Even though she's only been with us a few weeks Caroline has already started a Parent and Baby group, she is meeting all the parish groups and hall tenants, getting to know parishioners, listening to ideas and formulating plans – 2020 will be exciting! Her brief is to look outwards towards the wider community but also to interact with existing parishioners.

Register of Vestry Members

Being on the Register of Vestry Members means you can have a say in what goes on in the parish – you can elect people to the Select Vestry, contribute to any debate, vote at the annual Easter General Vestry. You can also, but ONLY

if you wish, be nominated or elected to positions such as Church or Glebe Warden or represent the parish at diocesan level. Being a registered vestry member does NOT mean that you will be expected to do more work or contribute more time or money than if you are not registered.

The Register of Vestry Members is revised every January. If you would like to be on the register there are forms at the back of the church – ask one of the Church Wardens but make sure you do it before the end of January.

Outreach – Down Syndrome India

All the children we have helped are doing very well but we have to be ready when the next request for life-saving surgery comes so please take a tin from the Outreach area at the back of the church if you don't have one already and fill it with spare coins.

Joyce Buckley

Outreach – Bray Women's Refuge

If you would like to leave anything for the Bray Women's Refuge and the church isn't open, there is a large waterproof box outside at the back of the church opposite the kitchen door. Personal hygiene items and non-perishable seasonal goods are on the wish list this month please.

Hilary Cran

Remembrance Garden

Don't forget that the right to burial in our beautifully renovated Remembrance Garden is available to parishioners for €1,500 and a limited number of spaces are available to non-parishioners at €2,500. More information is on leaflets at the back of the church or at local undertakers. Contact the Rector if you are interested.

Badminton Every Thursday Parish Hall 8.30pm

Good attendances now that season has got going; good news that the Christmas Tournament (and party) is not far away on 12th December; good to see Jennifer bopping on the new knee at the gospel choir; good to see Ethan, Fiona's young lad, giving Dad a well needed lesson - all good, so come and join up, just arrive along on any Thursday @ 8.30 pm (racquets not necessary, just a sense of humour!)

Paddy Bowes 086 8418138

Tullow Book Club

The Way Home by Mark Doyle was the November choice. He decided to live without technology, electricity, running water and central heating for a year. The words selfish, reckless and self-centred were words used to describe the author as he took us through his experiences in that year. And yes, there were large portions of his lifestyle choice that were all of the above but the book also highlighted a number of situations that if we made some attempt to correct, our world would be a better place. The book choice for January's meeting is *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett.

Vera Tanner

Tullow Indoor Bowls Club Every Tuesday 7.30 Parish Hall

Indoor bowling is fun and easy exercise. Don't worry if you haven't played before, come along – you will be very welcome.

Don't miss photos of the bowls club from 1998 under Parish Photographic Archive

Jonathan Morton 01 2894121 Joan Darling 01 2855021



Parish Photographic Archive

Thanks to Joan Darling for photos of the Indoor Bowling Club from 1998. Lend us any photos of parish activities, the church or the local area and we'll scan and return the original to you. Email bowesjane91@gmail.com or Jane Bowes 086 841813

Teen Corner

Despite the Christmas exams, this is a lovely time of year for many people as we are in the lead up to Christmas. Come along and sing at the Family Carol Service on Sunday 15th December while always remembering those for whom, for all sorts of reasons, Christmas is a difficult time.

William Moulton is in demand by many for his wide range of skills – leaf sweeping and catering assistant being just two of them! Contact him on 083 8252629 if you have a job you'd like him to do.

Website, Facebook & Instagram

The parish website www.tullowdublin.org provides answers to any 'when is it on' questions, you can 'Like' Tullow Parish on Facebook and follow 'Beckett in Foxrock' on Instagram.

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.

Rector: Rev John Tanner 086 3021376

Lay Minister: Alan Rhodes

Rector's Church Warden:

People's Church Warden: Ken Gregory

Rector's Glebe Warden: Ernie Porter

People's Glebe Warden: Nigel Swanwick

Heating, lighting, electrics project: Paddy Bowes & Nigel Swanwick

Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Stewart

Parish Development Worker: Caroline Jolley

Organist: Dr Paul McNulty

Parish Treasurer: Don Beck

Select Vestry Secretary: Owen Driver

Readers & Coffee Rota: Barbara Cooper

Connect Group & Clevis Drivers Rota: Jennifer Sowman

Wednesday Coffee: June Hayes

Parish Newsletter: Jane Bowes

Parish Hall Bookings: Paul Hayes

Parish Hall Committee: Rev John Tanner, Barbara Cooper, Bob Willis, Paddy Bowes

Flower Rota: Sandra Ruttle

Badminton: Paddy Bowes

Bowls Club: Jonathan Morton

Tullow Friends: Cleo Ellis

Tullow Book Club: Vera Tanner

Altar Linens: Vera Tanner

Welcome to the email edition of the Tullow Parish newsletter. This is a very active parish so there's lots to report each month. We would really appreciate feedback - both critical and otherwise on the email edition.

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