



# TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER



Remembrance Sunday 8th November

*"The days are getting shorter and colder, but I ask you to remember: even as the winter comes in, there is hope and there is light"*  
Seamus Heaney

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NOVEMBER 2020

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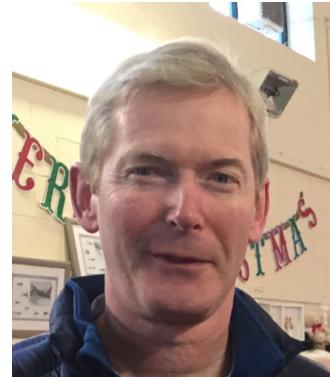
## The Rector Writes

As we continue our journey through these extraordinary times, we keep in our thoughts and prayers all those who have lost loved ones and/or livelihoods. We also remember those who live in fear for their own welfare or of a loved one and all those who feel isolated and alone at this difficult time. Although it may be too early to be certain, there is much hope that the sacrifices people are making are beginning to bear fruit and we can look forward to the easing of restrictions in early December.

Despite considerable upheaval, some things have and will be able to continue – albeit in a different manner and format than usual. At a diocesan level, the annual Diocesan Synods took place on Tuesday 20th October via Zoom. This enabled legal compliance with both the Charities Regulator and the Church's Constitution. At an all-Ireland level, a postponed General Synod will be held in early December, also by Zoom.

Our online Services continue weekly – and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contribute to them. Hopefully we will be able to return to some form of physical Services in December, but online offerings will also continue due to numerical restrictions imposed by social distancing requirements at physical Services.

Over the coming weeks we welcome Alexander Chisnall, a second-year ordinand at the Church



of Ireland Theological Institute, for a placement in Tullow. Alexander is a member of Crinken Church and has extensive experience of youth work. Unfortunately, due to the current situation, his input during his placement will largely be confined to our online Services. We wish Alexander every blessing during his time with us and I have no doubt he will receive the warmest of Tullow welcomes.

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**dlr COVID-19 Community Call are ready**

**County Council, local GAA clubs & volunteers are helping elderly, cocooning and vulnerable citizens!**

- Collection or delivery of food, essential items and medicines
- Social isolation – support & engagement
- Transport queries
- And more....

**Call: 1800 804 535 (9am – 5pm)**

**Email: [covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie)**

**Monday - Friday**



Rialtas na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland

As we are now under Level 5 restrictions you might like to know about some of the supports which are available.

Mental health supports were listed in the October newsletter but you can also text 50808 if you're feeling lonely or would like to talk - don't suffer in silence.

Don't forget, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Community Response helpline is still operational and they have volunteers who can collect and deliver food, medicine and other essential items, and provide social engagement and support to you. Call 1800 804 535 Mon - Fri between 9am & 5pm.

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### dlr Libraries Book Drop

Through the dlr Community Call initiative, dlr libraries are delivering library material to those who are cocooning. If you're cocooning you can contact the Community Call helpline, Council staff will take details and a library staff member will then contact you and will organise library material for you. The staff member will have a chat about what you like to read, listen to or watch and will try to find some suitable items, and possibly a wildcard book too!

The selection of books and other items is then delivered to you and if you need a top-up selection of stock, you simply ring the Community Call number again and additional material will be sent out to you. All items are on long loan, there

are no overdue fines or fees, and access to the service is always FREE. Order your books now by calling 01 271 3199 or emailing [covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie)

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In a lovely caring move An Post will ensure free delivery of all card and letter mail posted to and from residents of nursing and care homes in the State until January 31st 2021.

By writing FREEPOST where the stamp would normally be affixed, An Post will carry cards, letters, large envelopes and packets weighing up to 2KG without a postage stamp.

Customers can send these items through the Post Office network and post boxes across Ireland.

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## Harvest Thanksgiving

Harvest this year was different but the Service was still a special one so thanks to the Rector and everyone who helped to make it so, not least Jane Cremin, Janet Moore and Sandra Ruttle who decorated the altar area so beautifully. Thanks also to those who donated fruit, vegetables and other non-perishable food. It was all brought to Wicklow Homeless and Five Loaves in Bray who are the traditional recipients from Tullow at Harvest - they were delighted and send their thanks to everyone. A special mention has to be made of the young grandson of a parishioner who donated the curly kale (seen in the photo) which he grew himself!



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### Envelope Scheme

I am pleased to report that contributions to the above have held up well and, despite the difficulties, are only slightly down on the previous year. Many thanks to all those parishioners who have kept the funds flowing.

As Covid 19 continues to cause major problems it is clear that normal church services will not be returning any time soon. In view of this it has been suggested that more parishioners might find it convenient to pay their envelope scheme contributions by bank standing order. Envelopes for 2021 will be distributed early in December and included will be bank standing order forms which can be completed and returned to Don Beck or myself for processing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding this.

Richard FitzSimon

Hon.Treasurer, Weekly Envelope Scheme

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# JUST A THOUGHT

## A prayer of remembrance for loved ones

Eternal God, you hold the keys of life and death, and through the death of Jesus Christ, you have opened the gates of glory.

Keep all those we love who have entered your nearer presence in your loving care, call them to new life in you, and bring them to the feast of your new creation. Deliver us from fear and doubt and strengthen in us the faith that brings us to salvation and to your eternal presence.

Hear us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died and rose for all, and who lives now, our great high priest. To him and to you with the Holy Spirit be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

### Small Pleasures

At the moment we have to lower our sights when we think about things which make us happy so, for the moment, pleasures such as the sun setting on the Mediterranean or Connemara aren't available.

What makes you happy at the moment? Here are the thoughts of some of the Tullow Badminton Club:

- A leisurely breakfast on a Saturday morning with good coffee while reading the *Irish Times* magazine
- A lazy Saturday morning with a big fat fry-up, toast, marmalade and pots of tea
- Great scenery - Dublin Bay towards Howth
- Working in the garden with my 2 year old granddaughter
- Cycling along little country roads (before level 5!) then tucking into a big piece of cake with a coffee
- 'Pottering' in the garden and filling pots for the months to come
- Watching a rugby match in my sitting room with beer in hand



### **Parish Development Officer**

Caroline Jolley was appointed as the Parish Development Officer in late 2019 and, in the short time she was able to operate, she made many connections with the local community on behalf of the parish as well as starting a Parent and Baby Group and other initiatives.

The function and brief of a Parish Development Officer is to work and liaise closely with people; as this has been impossible for the last few months, and will be for the foreseeable future, the Select Vestry took the decision that unfortunately it is no longer feasible to employ Caroline.

Thanks are due to her for her energetic and innovative approach and we wish her well for the future.

### **Hall Bookings**

Paul Hayes has managed the tenants and bookings of the parish hall for over 10 years. Paul has now decided to relinquish the position but thanks are well due to him for his careful and efficient stewardship over that time.

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### **Welcome Alexander**

You will see a new face on the online Services over the next few weeks.

Alexander Chishnall is a second-year ordinand at the Church of Ireland

Theological Institute and will be joining us for a placement. Unfortunately we may not be able to meet him in person for a while but we wish him well and hope to be able to welcome him properly at some stage.

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### **Outreach - Bray Women's Refuge**

Donations of pyjamas in all sizes and seasonal items such as festive biscuits and chocolate for children are needed but please - new clothes only. Donations may be left in the box marked Bray Women's Refuge which is on the outside of the rear of the church near the Vestry door. We hope to be able to deliver things to the Refuge when Level 5 restrictions are eased in December.

A letter of thanks was received from the Refuge for the €1,500 donation following the Tullow Garden Trail in the summer. It was very much appreciated.  
Hilary Cran

# Christmas

Christmas is going to be different this year and many things we associate with the festive season probably can't happen. There is good news however as we hope to have a Carol Service, albeit very much with a difference! Details are being finalised at the moment but we'll let you know in plenty of time so keep an eye on your emails.

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## Tullow Friends

Despite our activities being sorely curtailed by the ongoing pandemic, we managed to raise a substantial sum for our chosen charity. Thanks to the support of so many people in the Parish for the soup lunch and clothes swap which took place before COVID-19, we have sent off a cheque for €1,045 to the Alzheimer Society of Ireland.

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all as soon as possible.

Cleo, Janet, Marian and Rebecca.

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## Tullow Book Club

Tullow Book Club had its first Zoom meeting on Monday the 19th October 2020. This was our first meeting since March 2020 and proved to be a very successful one.

The book under review was *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. A story that introduced us to Kya at a very young age and carried us along through her childhood, teenage and adult years as she grew up in the marshlands of North Carolina on her own. To add to this there was a murder to solve and a romance that you so wanted to work out. The book got a high rating and gave the Club plenty to chat about. We all agreed that there were one or two weak parts in the plot but overall was an excellent read, with some beautiful descriptive and emotional parts to the story.

Choice for November's meeting is *Strange Flowers* by Donal Ryan.

Vera Tanner

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## Photographic Archive

How many of you knew that there was nearly a railway between Bray and Enniskerry? There are still some remnants of building works - have a look at

the photos. As usual, thanks to Ken Gregory for digging this out and describing it so well.

Please have a look in albums, boxes etc and see if you have any photos of people or places of interest to the parish.

Jane Bowes [bowesjane91@gmail.com](mailto:bowesjane91@gmail.com) or 086 8418138 if you find any.



Photo top left: the horse omnibus leaving Bray railway station for Enniskerry. The International Hotel is on the left. (from *The Bray and Enniskerry Railway* by Liam Clare)

Top right: the Powerscourt Arms Hotel in the 1940s

Lower left: the remains of the bridge over the watermain alongside the Dargle river - still there today.

Lower right: this photo is linked to the railway. Can you guess what it is?  
Answer below!

### **The Demise of the Bray to Enniskerry Railway**

With the arrival of the Dublin to Bray railway in 1854 a building boom in hotels and other tourist facilities turned Bray into a large scale holiday resort. The area became known as 'the gateway to the garden of Ireland' with Powerscourt gardens and waterfall, the Scalp and Enniskerry village in close proximity. At this time speculators and investors realised the potential in developing the railways.

There was now interest in creating a railway to connect Dublin with Enniskerry via Ranelagh, Rathmines, Milltown, Dundrum, Stepaside and the Scalp. The Dublin, Dundrum and Enniskerry Railway Company was formed (DD & ER) in 1846 and a number of businessmen purchased shares. However, nothing materialised and due to events in the 1860s, including the end of the Dublin railway boom, the untimely death of William Dargan and the unstable political situation in Ireland, the railway link to Enniskerry faded away.

We read in a daily newspaper on 11th June 1874 that work on the railway would start in a few days!!

The construction of the railway eventually started in 1891. The railway was to run along Quinsborough Road up to the main road, turning right down to the bridge over the Dargle river and then to run along side the Dargle river to Kilcroney where it would cross under the road and continue beside the river towards Enniskerry. A bridge had to be built over a large watermain on the road to Enniskerry and the line was to end behind the Powerscourt Arms Hotel. Work was proceeding satisfactorily until unforeseen financial problems arose because of a partnership with a shady finance company and the work came to a sudden stop. The track which had just recently been laid was ripped up and sold off. So 50 years after its inception the Bray to Enniskerry railway died.

Photo lower right is a small portion of the railway track supporting a wall in what was Willis's post office in Kiltarnan.



### **Evergreens Walking Club**

Walking in Fernhill Estate

Government guidelines restrict members and friends from walking as a club. However, we can all get out during this beautiful autumn weather within our

own county (or 5k under Level 5). This month I have suggested an outing to the Fernhill estate on the Sandyford Road. The estate of 34 hectares of farming land, woodlands and gardens, dates back to 1825 and was recently owned by the Walker Family until it was acquired by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in 2015. New car parking and restaurant facilities are being constructed which has resulted in the temporary closure of part of the estate. Car parking space can be found on Kilgobbin Lane near the ruins of the old Kilgobbin Church, signposted off the Kilgobbin Road at Stepaside.

Walk up Kilgobbin Lane and the entrance to the estate is across the Sandyford Road at the pedestrian traffic lights. There are meadows and woodlands to explore with a central avenue planted with rhododendrons, camelias and magnolias, which will bloom in the spring time – you'll have to come back then! The upper meadows were closed for a while to facilitate new tracks around the estate, some of which have been completed. The top meadow leads onto and joins an old workers' trail leading up to Barnacullia and Ballyedmonduff as described below.

The above workers' trail can be accessed from Sandyford Road across the road from Kilgobbin Lane where new gates are well signposted. The track is uphill all the way and boots are recommended in damp weather. It passes a locked gate with a signpost pointing to Fernhill Estate which used to be open and will probably open again when work is completed. A second gate leading into the top meadow, as above, is open which makes a pleasant loop back through the estate. Serious walkers will continue upwards to the Barnacullia Road. From here turn right for a couple of hundred metres to a turning on the left. This steep track passes a few houses and leads onto the Three Rock Mountain with its many communication aerials, people and mountain bikers. The mountain always evokes memories when, as a kid, we looked along the railway line at Cowper Road Bridge towards the Three Rock which could have been at the end of the world, while waiting for a steam engine to pass by. I will write about exploring this area in a future article. The views over Dublin are magnificent from the Three Rock as well as from Barnacullia and Fernhill. The Blue Light pub is a little further along the road, and as a café pub it serves meals outdoors in idealist surroundings. Unfortunately, I hadn't time to drop in and report on the menu and pints! Next time!

Donald Gill

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### Tullow Park Bench

With Level 5 restricting how far we can go from home many of us may be walking in Cabinteely Park. Keep an eye out for the park bench donated by Tullow parishioners to commemorate 150 years of the parish in 2014. The donation was organised by Hilary Cran.



As promised in the September newsletter, here's another recipe from the talented people who have kept the cakes and deli stall well stocked at the last few Christmas fairs. This is Hilary Cran's gorgeous coffee cake which is hugely popular at the fair.

#### INGREDIENTS

8oz soft margarine  
8oz caster sugar

8oz self raising flour  
4 large eggs  
2 dessert spoons of coffee essence

- Set oven to 180 degrees Celsius
- Grease and base line 2 x 8 in sandwich tins
- Cream marg and sugar till pale and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time adding a little sieved flour after each one. Add coffee essence and remaining flour making sure not to over beat.
- Divide mixture between the tins and level surface; bake for approximately 25 mins until firm and springy to the touch. Leave to cool in the tins for about 5 mins then turn out to cool completely.

#### ICING

1 1/2 oz soft margarine

1 1/2 butter

6 oz sieved icing sugar

2 dessert spoons of coffee essence

Beat all above to a smooth cream

Divide icing between the centre and top of the cake. Using the back of a spoon or a fork rough up the top icing making an attractive pattern.

Share and enjoy.

Hilary Cran

Happy baking to all those who are using these weeks of restrictions to get ahead with the Christmas cakes, puddings, mince pies etc.

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#### **Extract from Minutes of Select Vestry Meeting 12th October**

- the Treasurer reported that donations for the 2020 Gift Day were the highest so far
  - the Hall Committee decided that, for health and safety reasons to do with COVID-19, use of the hall should be confined to two tenants. A new cleaning regime has been implemented
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### **Christmas Shopping in Ireland**

If we want to get organised for Christmas this year there's a strong temptation to shop online but Jeff Bezos from Amazon doesn't need to get any richer so let's think about doing even some of our shopping with Irish companies. Here are some suggestions:

<https://paperbear.ie/>

Many will recognise these cards (see picture) from the Craft Fair. Beautiful and intricately made

<https://gutterbookshop.com> <https://www.dubraybooks.ie/>

Everyone deserves at least one book in their stockings. Great service from these sites

<https://www.connemaraseaweedcompany.ie/>

Gorgeous pampering sets, food and fertiliser from Lettermullen. (free Ireland and U.K. shipping over €50)

<https://www.hairybaby.com/>

Hilarious range of t-shirts and mugs. Not for the sensitive!

<https://www.duesouth.ie/>

T-shirts, jumpers and more with simple but beautiful designs

<https://marketstreet.ie/>

Gifts for all occasions by over 150 Irish makers and designers

<https://www.woodenheart.ie/>

Gorgeous range of toys and games for children and the child in everyone

These are ‘umbrella’ sites with, in some cases, hundreds of listings although you can shop by category:

<https://www.giftedfromireland.com/>

The RDS Gifted Fair (formerly Craft Fair) exhibitors online

<https://designireland.ie/>

Design and Crafts Council of Ireland website covering the best of Irish craft

<https://justbuyirish.com/>

Clear and well laid out - a directory of **532** independent Irish producers who deliver to your door

<https://buyirishfood.ie/>

Website ‘dedicated to buying local, buying Irish’. Listings of producers of all food types all over the country

And if you’re still stuck *The Irish Times*’ Conor Pope put this list together:

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/consumer/two-hundred-irish-retailers-for-all-your-online-christmas-shopping-1.4386351?mode=amp>

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If you're looking for ideas for reading material or Christmas presents these awards showcase over 100 writers whose brilliant work represents the very best of Irish writing in 2020 including many familiar faces alongside some new ones. The category winners will be announced in a virtual Awards Ceremony on November 25th hosted by Evelyn O'Rourke so be sure to tune in. Full information on <https://www.irishbookawards.irish/>

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At time of writing Services in the church have been suspended under Level 5 COVID-19 restrictions. As soon as those restrictions are lifted and Services in the church are permitted we will notify parishioners by email.

In the meantime we look forward to the **Remembrance Sunday Service** on 8th November.

The weekly online Service by the Rector and his team of helpers is continuing. If you know of anyone who is not on the email list and would like to receive email links to the Services please contact

[tullowdublinnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:tullowdublinnewsletter@gmail.com) or Jane Bowes 086 8418138. The Service is emailed to everyone on the parish list every Saturday evening but of course you can watch it whenever suits you.

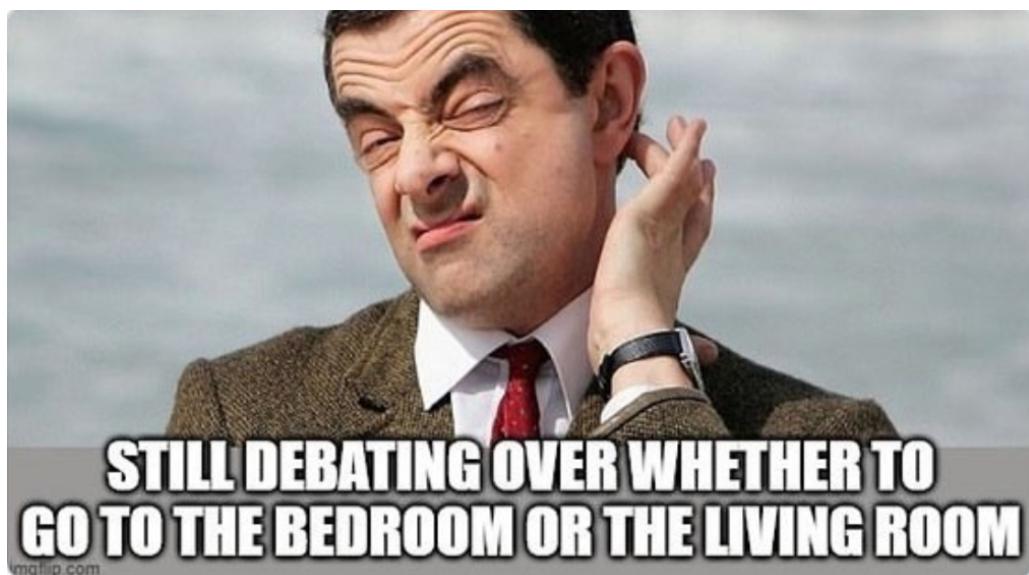
The Services are also available on the Parish website <http://tullow.dublin.anglican.org/> and also on Facebook at Tullow Parish.

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### **Teen Corner**

Halloween this year was quite different but hopefully you all had fun. Now, more than ever, we need something to look forward to so, as you read this, Christmas isn't that far away so time to start planning. Like Halloween, it will be different but not less enjoyable.

Stay safe.



### **Remembrance Garden**

The Remembrance Garden is always a haven of peace and tranquility and it's a facility of which we can be proud. Don't forget that the right to burial there is available to parishioners for €1,500 and a limited number of spaces for non-parishioners are available at €2,500. Please consider telling your friends and family about this oasis of peace. Contact the Rector if you're interested.

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## **Website, Facebook & Instagram**

The parish website [www.tullowdublin.org](http://www.tullowdublin.org) and our Facebook page (search for Tullow Parish) are kept up to date by Alan R and, thanks to Samm, they are widely promoted - the effectiveness of this is illustrated by the very impressive viewing figures for the online Services.

As it is most important now to support local businesses please keep an eye on <http://foxrock.ie/> Foxrock Village on Facebook and foxrock\_village on Instagram. The Instagram account BeckettinFoxrock is also associated with the parish.

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**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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Lay Minister: Alan Rhodes

Rector's Church Warden: Leslie Ruttle

People's Church Warden: Ken Gregory

Rector's Glebe Warden: Ernie Porter

People's Glebe Warden: Chris Wojnar

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Flower Rota: Sandra Ruttle

Badminton: Paddy Bowes

Bowls Club: Jonathan Morton

Tullow Friends: Cleo Ellis

Tullow Book Club: Vera Tanner

Altar Linens: Vera Tanner

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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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Please forward to other members of your family



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