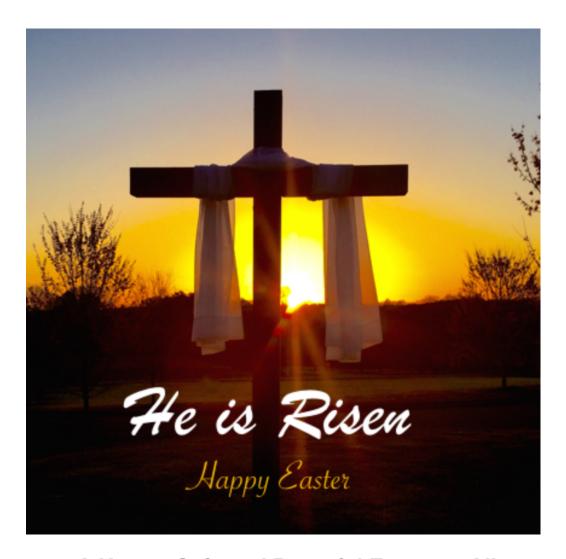


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A Happy, Safe and Peaceful Easter to All

APRIL 2021

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The Rector Writes

The overriding theme of Easter is one of hope.

And hope is what is most needed as we face a continuation of strict lockdown restrictions – albeit

with some minor adjustments to take effect after Easter itself. Indeed, some green shoots of hope are already evident for those willing to look. Despite much criticism of the vaccine rollout, there is a growing number of parishioners who have now received full vaccination, whilst others have received their first dose and still others have been notified of a schedule of when they are to receive theirs. Yes, there is a considerable cohort who remain well down the vaccination list, but at least there are now signs that they are moving up that list.



That first Easter, as the disciples learned of Jesus' resurrection, they were able to see the first glimmers of hope. However, it was not until the events of Pentecost that their hope was powerfully transformed into reality. For us in 2021, the day of Pentecost fall on 23rd May and we all hope and pray that it will not only bring the hope and power of the Holy Spirit to our Christian fellowship, but also bring to reality our hope for an end to strict Covid-19 restrictions. On behalf of my family and myself, I wish all readers a very happy, hopeful and peaceful Easter.



You won't be surprised to see that all church Services this Easter will be online. Links to each Service will be sent out separately and will be available online.

Wednesday 31st March - an evening Service for the Wednesday of Holy Week

The Service will be put up on Facebook and YouTube and the link emailed around 6pm on Wednesday

Maundy Thursday 1st April 8pm – *Live-streamed with Holy Communion*There will be a live-stream (you will be able to watch the Service while it

happens) on our Facebook page at 8pm

If you can't watch the live-stream at 8pm the Service will be available to view on our Facebook page afterwards

Communion on Maundy Thursday

You can join in the Service and receive consecrated bread and wine in your own home.

However, we would ask that if you are interested in participating that you:

- Text or phone the Rector on 086 3021376 or email him at revjohntanner@gmail.com and tell him you would like to receive the special bread and wine from The Rectory on Thursday or, if necessary, arrangements can be made to deliver to you.
- The Rector needs to know by Wednesday midday

Good Friday 2nd April

The Service will be put up on Facebook and YouTube and the link emailed around 6pm on Friday

Easter Sunday 4th April

The Service will be put up on Facebook and YouTube and the link emailed on Saturday evening as usual.

Join us on our Facebook page – no need to be a member or to login – just enter this web address on your internet – www.facebook.com/tullowparish All our online services may be found on our Facebook page, website and YouTube channel

www.facebook.com/tullowparish

www.tullowdublin.org

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBOmrQUoaU7gaivfYA5VaYA/featured

If you know of anyone who is not on the parish email list, and would like to receive links to the Services, please

email tullowdublinnewsletter@gmail.com or text Jane Bowes on 086 8418138

Easter General Vestry

The Easter General Vestry, which is like the Parish AGM, will be held on Sunday 18th April at 12 noon. As it will be held by Zoom, an online link to join will be sent to everyone on the Register of Vestry Members. Full details, agenda etc will be emailed beforehand.



Tullow Garden Trail

For many people the Tullow Garden Trail last July was the highlight of the summer so it's very good news that Jennifer Sowman is once again organising it for this summer. Put the last two weekends in June in your diaries and start looking forward to visiting a new set of gardens. Full details in the May newsletter.

A Message from the Treasurer

Sincere thanks to the many parishioners who have already contributed to the Sustentation and Envelope schemes this year. May I appeal to all parishioners to maintain their contributions towards our funds at this challenging time?

Don Beck Honorary Treasurer



Online School (2 minute read)

Last month we heard from a parent about her experience of home schooling; this month brother and sister Emily and William describe their experience of learning from home.

This is a piece on my experience of online school by Emily Moulton.

My first experience of online school was in March 2020 when I was in 1st year, and at the time I didn't really know what I was doing, but now I'm in 2nd year and we're in second lockdown and I have got quite used to it now. For online school I use an app called Microsoft Teams, which I find quite easy to use.

Normally the teachers schedule online calls for the class at the usual class times, which I don't like because I don't like calls because I find them boring . Personally, I really don't like online school, all of it is just a bit hard, doing assignments and tests online, homework online, groupwork is even harder.

What I do like about home schooling is wearing my pyjamas all day. One of my favourite things about going to school are my friends, and now I only see them on screen. Sometimes I see them on weekends outside but that's it really. I really like going to school because some classes are just so fun. My class loves making jokes so that makes it even more fun, which is why I miss going to school. Another thing I miss is P.E. which honestly, I love in school it's so much fun and laughter with my friends.

The one thing that is good is that you don't actually get a lot of extra work or homework because a lot of the teachers ask us to do the work during class time so we have a good bit after school to get outside or go for a walk while it's still bright. I do prefer going to school and I'm so excited to see my friends in April after Easter when we go back to school.

Thank you for reading, Emily. oo

And now William's thoughts:

Hello,

Currently I am in Spain and going to school over here so I am not experiencing the online learning in Ireland.

However, I did experience it during the first period of online learning, back in March 2020. I didn't like it at all, there was no structure. Some teachers would have classes with us and some teachers had none. Some teachers gave us loads of homework and some teachers didn't give anything.

I was studying for my Junior Cert exams and wasn't sure if I would do them or not. It was difficult learning new material for the exams online and not being able to ask my teachers questions as easily as I was in school. Also, I found myself finishing my work either a lot earlier or a lot later than I should have, because there was no school bell telling me when to stop and I was getting different amounts of work.

Eventually I grew tired of the same walk around Gordon Avenue every day. At least in the first period of online learning there was good weather to go outside, now in Ireland the weather is a lot different than before.

William Moulton (Transition Year)

Photographic Archive - Tullow in 2000

The photo album put together by Primrose Bryan, the wife of former Rector Cecil Bryan, once again has some gems. This time it's the Tullow Golf Outing on 29th September 2000.

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 or 086 8418138 if you find any.

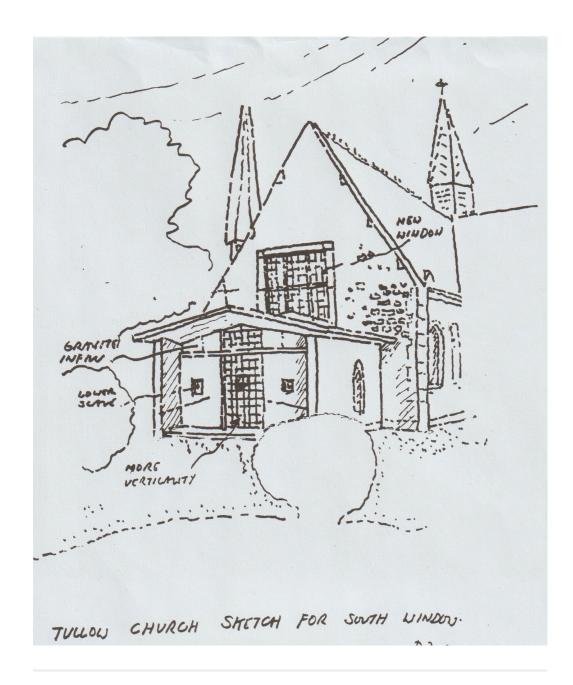








And from July 1996:



Last month Rachel described her day as a junior hospital doctor but unfortunately she contracted Covid-19. This is her description of what happened next:

A Day inan Isolation Facility (2 minute read)

My name is Rachel and I am a member of Tullow parish and a junior doctor working in St. James' Hospital Dublin.

After a week of working nights, I woke up on the Saturday morning feeling tired and a little bit hoarse. I thought nothing of it, nights are by nature quite tiring and I thought I was just a bit rundown. It wasn't until the following day when I developed a cough and a headache that I thought "uh oh, this could be Covid...". I got swabbed that Sunday evening and the result came back the next day, it was positive. I was a little shocked, I had been wearing PPE all week, but it explained my symptoms and I had always felt as a healthcare worker it was inevitable really.

I hadn't much time to process the news as I began to receive calls from Occupational Health and Contact Tracing. They asked me if I had somewhere I could isolate properly. I live with two other junior doctors in a small apartment and so I was worried about isolating there and putting them and their patients at risk also. And so, City West isolation facility was suggested. I had spoken with colleagues who had isolated there before and it sounded like a good set up so I said yes please.

The hospital organised the referral for me and I was offered a room in City West for the following day. When I arrived, I was greeted by a nurse in full PPE who showed me to my room and explained how everything works. I have a lovely big room with a TV and a large bathroom too.

Thankfully, I only have a mild case of Covid and so I have been able to make myself a daily routine.

I wake up around 8am and check my temperature, I check it twice a day and a member of staff then calls me to check how my symptoms are and what my temperatures have been. I get my breakfast which is left outside my door and watch some TV. Then I usually do some work on my laptop, applications for next year etc or a little bit of online shopping!

At lunchtime, again my food is left outside my room, I video call my family who are working from home and eat lunch with them virtually!

After lunch I go for a walk, there is a cordoned off area of the golf course where we can walk. It's quite small but it allows me to stretch my legs and get some fresh air.

I return to my room and do some yoga, guided by my yoga app. Then call some friends, read or watch movies. Which brings me to dinner time.

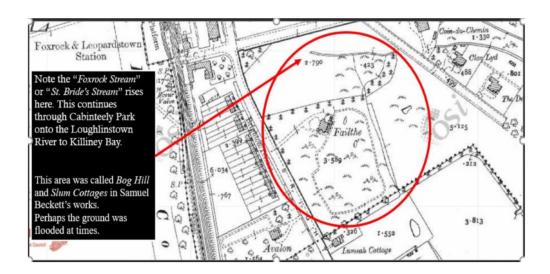
Each of my meals is a surprise what it will be and the food has been very nice overall. There is also a tuck shop which I can buy extra snacks from if I like. Everything is individual wrapped and single use and I am shocked by the amount of plastic I am wasting and may need to find someway to offset my carbon footprint once I'm out of here! But for now this is the safest way for everyone involved.

After I have my dinner I usually chat with friends once they're finished work and then I'll go to bed.

It can be lonely at times, I often don't see another human being from one day to the next, but the digital world has been a blessing through this allowing me to stay in touch with the outside. It has also been a relief not to have to worry about passing it on to anyone else.

Some days I see families with young children walking outside and I feel very lucky that I've only myself to entertain for these 2 weeks. It has also given me an opportunity to catch up on all the books I've been meaning to read and TV shows I've been meaning to watch. Finally, and most importantly of all, I am well and I'll soon be able to go back to care for all those who are not so fortunate.

Note: Thankfully Rachel is now fully recovered and is back in St. James' caring for her patients. She wrote this while still isolating.



Beckett in Foxrock, Boghill and Foxrock Stream

Those of you who have been to *Beckett in Foxrock* events over the past 5 years will know how much the work of Nobel Laureate Samuel Beckett was influenced by the Foxrock area. His radio play *All that Fall* (performed in the church in front of President and Mrs Higgins in 2019) is set in Foxrock although Foxrock was renamed Boghill in the play. You may be interested to know that it is believed that the garden of Gortanore (formerly called Fáilte), which is beside Thomas' shop on Brighton Road, was the inspiration for 'Boghill' as the garden, especially that part near the road, is rather boggy because it has a tendency to retain water.

The Foxrock or St. Bride's stream rises in the garden of Gortanore which might explain the water level. It then flows across Gordon Avenue, through The Park in Cabinteely before finding its way into the sea at Killiney.

The above information came from a talk on 'Walled Gardens of Foxrock' by Myles Reid of Foxrock Local History Club; thanks to Myles for this and the map as well. It's well worth keeping an eye out for the FLHC talks which are presently on Zoom, they are really interesting.

Beckett in Foxrock 2021

The *Beckett in Foxrock* performance for 2020 had to be cancelled but we're delighted that there will be a performance for 2021 albeit an online one, but it will be a performance with a difference and well worth the wait. More details in the May newsletter- if not before!



Remembrance Garden

To enhance the beauty and privacy of the Remembrance Garden three Mountain Ash trees (Sorbus Hupehensis *November Fire*) have been planted. These low maintenance small trees have almost year-round interest with flowers, berries and colourful foliage and will look beautiful alongside the existing magnolia tree. Thanks to Doyle's Nursery on Brennanstown Road who planted them free of charge.

If you would like to sponsor one of the trees for €50, maybe in memory of a loved one, please contact Don Beck <u>beckint@outlook.com</u>

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.

Wednesday Coffee Morning

If you'd like to 'meet' others for coffee and a chat don't forget about the Wednesday Zoom Coffee Morning. You can have tea or coffee in the comfort of your own home but still chat to others.

Contact the Rector by email on revjohntanner@gmail.com or on 086 3021376 and he will email the date and Zoom link to you. If you haven't used Zoom before don't worry, it's very easy to use.



"Reading is the key that opens doors to many good things in life. Reading shaped my dreams, and more reading helped me make my dreams come true."

-RUTH BADER GINSBURG

Tullow Book Club

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Ossman.

Very successful choice. The book is set-in present-day England, in a retirement village. Four residents come together to delve into unsolved murder cases. Sadly one of these residents falls ill but is replaced by another resident and thus the story begins. All book club members enjoyed the ripple of humour that ran through the book. There were several comical situations, along with moments of suspense and sobering moments to keep the reader in check. You would easily forgive the writer for one or two shaky pieces to the plot.

Vera Tanner

Church of Ireland Review

The March issue of *The Church of Ireland Review* is now available. If you are a subscriber you'll have received emails telling you that Jill Malcolm has them so please don't leave them sitting on her hall table! Her address is in the emails you received and the 2021 subscription of €40 is now due. If you'd like to subscribe to the *Review* let Jill know by sending a text to the Rector on 086 3021376.



Stress? What's Stress?

On a scale of 1 - 10 moving house is up there with death and divorce as the most stressful things in life - or so they say. Add in moving at the height of a pandemic and, for most people, it would be unthinkable but not so for Joyce and Sydney B! You can see from the photo what their reward is - we congratulate them and wish them long life and happiness enjoying that fabulous view.

Did You Know? by Ken Gregory (1.75 minute read)

I thought that you would be interested in the following facts about which you may not be aware:

Mansion House, Dublin. It was built in 1710 by property developer, Joshua Dawson and purchased by Dublin Corporation in 1715 as the official residence of the Lord Mayor. It was, of course, a Georgian building which did not have the parapet at roof level - this was added in the Victorian era. It is the oldest Mayoral residence in Ireland and Britain and is the oldest free standing house in Dublin. The photographs show the building with and without the parapet.

Leinster House. Steeped in history, it was originally known as Kildare House after James Fitzgerald, the Earl of Kildare who commissioned it to be built in 1745. He wanted the building to reflect his position in society so set about building the statliest of all of the Dublin Georgian Mansions. When he became the Duke of Leinster it was re-named Leinster House. There was a feeling at the time that it was being built too far from the centre of the city and more in the country. For this reason it was designed with two fronts - an urban front facing Molesworth Street and a country front facing what later became Merrion Square. In 1815 it became the headquarters in the Royal Dublin Society and the seat of government of the newly independent Ireland in 1924.

The Custom House was completed in 1792 having been designed by James Gandon. It cost a quarter of a million pounds - a huge amount of money at the time. The foundations consisted of a bed of wool and wickerwork with oak beams laid flat to counteract the marshy ground - amazing!

In 1921 during the War of Independence the building was almost burnt to the ground. However, the basic walls were still standing and so it was rebuilt.

Finally, I wonder if you know where the phrase "Order, Order", which is commonly used in the House of Commons, came from.

In the days of the Variety Halls where various acts were performed to noisy audiences and chaired by a master of ceremonies the halls were annexed to public houses. During breaks in the performances the master of ceremonies would bang his gavel down and shout "Order, Order", meaning that it was now time to order your next round of drinks. True.

<u>Photos clockwise from the top</u>: Custom House burning in 1922; Mansion House; Leinster House







Evergreens Walking Club

Over the last twelve months Donald Gill has given us plenty of ideas for our regular walks both within the 5k and beyond, when allowed. It's worth looking back over previous newsletters to get ideas for possible new walks within 5k

Extract from Minutes of Select Vestry Meeting 16th March

Subjects discussed at the meeting are reported on elsewhere in the newsletter.



Parish Online Services and Parish Newsletter

If you know of anyone who is not on the parish email list and would like to receive email links to the weekly online Services or would like to receive the newsletter please contact

<u>tullowdublinnewsletter@gmail.com</u> 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

https://tullow.dublin.anglican.org/ and also on Facebook at Tullow Parish and YouTube under Tullow Parish Carrickmines.

Thanks to Gillian Bowes for the eye-catching design of the poster at the church gate.

Website, Facebook & Instagram

The parish website 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.

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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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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