

TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

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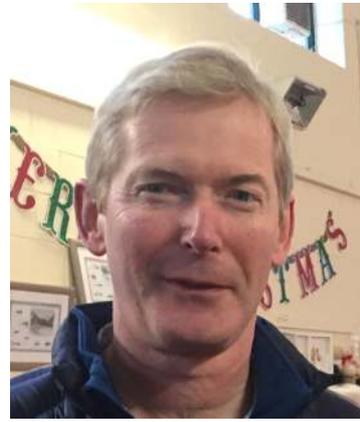
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The Rector Writes

We have come to the end of another academic year – a year that has been challenging for both students and teachers. Many first year third level students have not had any meaningful engagement with campus life and have not even physically met others undertaking the same course as themselves. Leaving Certificate students are now preparing to sit their examinations after a hybrid year of on-line and in person tuition. Junior Certificate students may feel relieved but they will not have the opportunity or benefit of sitting their formal examinations. Let us remember all students in our prayers – especially those undertaking their Leaving Certificate examinations over the coming weeks.

As the vaccination programme has continued to roll out, we are beginning to experience some of the benefits through the re-opening of non-essential retail and the hospitality sector. Although caution will still need to be exercised, it will hopefully lead to a more enjoyable summer where we can get out and about more freely. There is little doubt that the past year has had a major impact on people's sense of well-being, both physically and mentally. In particular, the inability to socialise (including long periods of Churches being closed for public worship) has had a negative impact on mental health. In recognition of this, the Church of Ireland is conducting a mental health survey which is open to all Church members, with a view to how the Church can best help to support and mitigate the worst effects of the past fifteen/sixteen months. It will be sent out shortly to all on the Parish's email list. I would encourage as many as possible to engage with this project to ensure the voice of all may be heard and appropriately responded to.

Over recent weeks it has been with a sense of relief that we have been able to resume in-



Church Services. As with previous re-openings, full health and safety protocols such as mandatory face-coverings, hand sanitising, social distancing etc. are being followed.

However, with an ever-increasing number of people being vaccinated, it is heartening to see people feeling more comfortable in gathering together for worship once more. We pray that this will continue over the coming months and that we will be able to return to a more recognisable normality later in the year.



Tullow Garden Trail

An email about booking for the Tullow Garden Trail, which is on the last two weekends in June, has been sent to everyone on the Parish email list. It was a lovely sociable occasion last year so don't forget to book as soon as possible. We are bound by Covid social distancing regulations so numbers are very

limited and **prior booking is essential.**

Check the email for details about dates, times and locations. Margaret Breadon is handling the bookings so contact her on margaretbreadon2@gmail.com or 087 2941078

The email with all the details was sent out on 24th May from tullowdublinnewsletter@gmail.com. Don't forget to check your spam, junk or promotions folder if you can't find it.





Beckett in Foxrock

In an online double bill **Beckett in Foxrock 2021** offers the opportunity to experience in your own home the work of one of the greatest writers of the 20th century - and one with a strong Tullow connection. *The End*, darkly funny, is memorably performed by well-known actor Marcus Lamb. It is complemented by *The Beckett Country* which is beautifully filmed in sunny Dublin, interpreted and narrated by Dr Feargal Whelan. *The Beckett Country* takes us to the places in Dublin which so influenced Beckett – from his birthplace in Foxrock to Tullow Church which he attended with his mother, to Trinity College and Carrickmines Golf Club where he mentally replayed the first four holes when, in later life, he couldn't sleep.

The film will be viewed around the world but will only be available for a very limited time (this is dictated by the Beckett Estate), and tickets to view will be sold on [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie). This will be a very unique film so don't miss it - you'll come away with an understanding of how Foxrock influenced one of the world's greatest writers of the twentieth century. As soon as we receive a release date from the film company everyone on the Parish email list will be notified.



SELF-ISOLATION
CHOIR

presents

**ALL THINGS BRIGHT
AND VIRTUAL**



Self-Isolation Choir: the Tullow Connection

If you're missing the hymns in church click onto this YouTube link

[https://theselfisolationchoir.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?
u=b48cbd86496464c4195faef4c&id=8eb31e3221&e=88ccf47f8a](https://theselfisolationchoir.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b48cbd86496464c4195faef4c&id=8eb31e3221&e=88ccf47f8a)

Nearly 1,000 people from all over the world sang eight well known hymns without ever coming together. They're accompanied by glorious organ music and the result will lift your spirits. People such as John Rutter, Katherine Jenkins, Stephen Fry and Bryn Terfel also took part.

If you look closely at the second photo (4th from left) you'll recognise parishioner and Tullow choir member Jill Malcolm who flew the flag for Tullow. Well done Jill!

In addition, about 1,400 voices (including Jill's) have recorded the hymn *Eternal Father Strong to Save* which was sung at Prince Philip's funeral. This special recording will be presented to Queen Elizabeth on 10th June which would have been Prince Philip's 100th birthday. It will be on YouTube afterwards so just search for Self-Isolation Choir.



A Day in the Life..... Diocesan Lay Minister (3 minute read)

The alarm goes off at 06:50am. I spend about 10-15 minutes on my mobile phone reviewing overnight emails, news and any messages that have arrived,

replying as required. My calendar tells me it's another busy day which makes it go quickly. I've recently started a new job where I've to design and implement a business contingency programme for the Ireland operations. I have a short timeframe of just over 2 months to complete the first steps of the programme for the dozen or so Ireland business functions. Once that's done, I've to implement the same programme across the European, American and Asia-Pacific business lines.

Due to the current pandemic, I'm working from home which has both advantages and disadvantages. Breakfast over and at the desk, logged on to the office from around 8am, I go through my emails, deciding some can be answered immediately while others will take some consideration and research before replying. I pick up where I left off yesterday drafting the programme standards and controls. I make a number of offside notes on the supplemental documents that I've to create in support of the various elements of the programme.

Sandra and I have a Zoom call set up for 10am with our daughter Alix who's been living in Melbourne since early 2016 and that is full of laughter, stories and updates that are all too emotional at times - we miss her deeply but she's thoroughly enjoying life in Oz and has a terrific life there and we can't but be happy for her.

All of a sudden, half the day is gone and I've to leave to record the church service with John for next Sunday. This takes about an hour between driving to the church, recording and returning. I fit it in during my 'lunch hour' which is something else that's fallen by the wayside since the pandemic kicked in as exercise isn't high on the agenda! Today, it takes us a few extra 'takes' to get the online service format correct and the various stops and starts while traffic passes – not a cross word passes our lips!! Earlier in the week, Sandra and I recorded hymns for the online services with John and Paul, the organist. We usually cover 3 weeks hymns in an hour-and-a half session. As Sandra and I are in a 'bubble', we can sing together under Covid rules. There are times several 'takes' are required as my music-reading isn't as good as it used to be when I learned piano in secondary school! Sorry Paul!

Back home and a return to continuity thoughts and ideas and committing them to screen in Word, Excel and PowerPoint. An hour-long mid-afternoon meeting with Risk Department colleagues – most of whom I'm meeting for the first time on videoconference – goes well and we agree on next steps to develop the continuity programme using the risk metrics already in place – that will save some development time. Having researched responses to my early-morning emails, I send the replies with the supporting documentation. Before finishing office work between 6 and 6:30pm, there's a quick catch-up with my boss (who's from Poland) and a short review of steps achieved and planned, along with a request to develop a Board report template for the following week. Having logged off a little later than planned, it's dinner time and the smell

of favourite roast chicken goes to my heart – thanks Sandra! Dinner finished and the clear-up done, it's time to start looking at sermon ideas for next Sunday. It's now 12 years since I was commissioned in April 2009 as a Lay Minister for the Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough. This permits me preach in any church in the Diocese – once asked!

I first check if I've previously preached on the lectionary passages. If that happens, I sometimes find that I've made a start on one track or thought, only to start a new document as I find my mind changed and end up with something far from my initial thoughts!

Tonight though, no such luck and having read the Bible passages, take my evening stroll and consider how the readings relate to our lives, society and where we currently find ourselves. My thoughts wander far from work as I wander through one of the many local parks that offer plenty of food for thought and some wonderful camera shots for use with the online prayers. Some ideas in mind, I return home and grab the laptop to note down thoughts for both the sermon and the prayers.

The TV is showing 'Long Lost Family' in the background and one particular story gives me an idea for my sermon. I suddenly find myself immersed in deep thought and typing a stream of ideas. My mind races despite the lateness of the day as I dissolve into a different world and suddenly, it's just past midnight. I re-read what I've written and realise that if I were to preach it as is, it would take 20-25 minutes – am guessing that won't happen!! So, I've a bit more work to do on the sermon in the coming 24 hours before deciding on the location from where to preach and record it. In addition, the prayers have yet to be written, recorded and the choice of overlay images finalised. But at nearly half-past midnight, it's time for bed, prayers and sleep, ready for tomorrow and whatever that may bring!

Alan Rhodes

Diocesan Lay Minister



Work Party

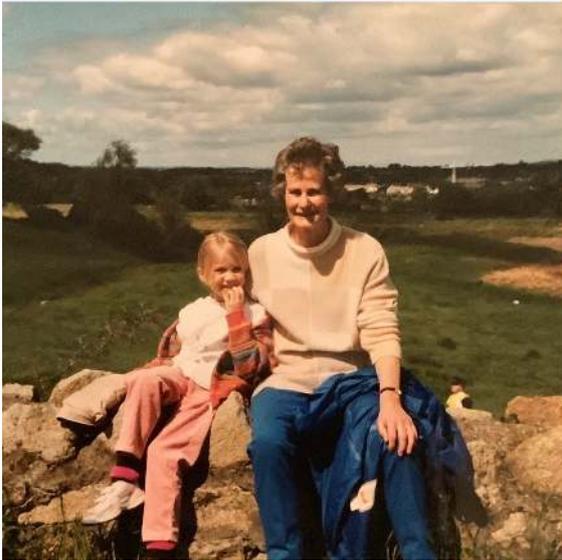
The sunshine encouraged the Work Party members to paint, clear gutters, sort and get rid of rubbish and much more and the results speak for themselves. Thanks to everyone who turned up and worked hard for a couple of hours. They were rewarded by coffee, tea and seriously gorgeous cakes (thanks Vera!)

Photographic Archive - Tullow in 2000

The photo album put together by Primrose Bryan, the wife of former Rector Cecil Bryan, has, once again, yielded some really interesting photos. Here are some from an inter-denominational walk to Tully Church on Lehaunstown Lane on 21st May 2000. That area looks rather different 21 years later!

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.





Gift Day

At time of writing the Gift Day hasn't yet happened. The Treasurer will give a report in next month's newsletter but in the meantime if you haven't yet contributed please think about it. All parishioners have received a Gift Day letter enclosing a contribution envelope.

The Select Vestry extends its thanks in advance for your continued support and generosity.



A bit about Tullow

We're probably all conscious that Tullow is an attractive church. But what makes it attractive? Is it the warm colour on the walls, the beautiful stained glass windows or the mix of everything? Maybe you sit there without actually noticing or thinking about the details so over the next few newsletters we'll tell the story of some of the special things in the church.

The **Communion Table**, or altar, is particularly attractive but did you know that it was donated to the church in 1904 (when the church was reorientated and extended) by Mr and Mrs Ormsby Hamilton from Cabinteely House (in Cabinteely Park)? It was made mostly from the oak of St. Bride's Church in Dublin. St. Bride's Church was just outside the city walls where the Iveagh Trust building is now. It pre-dated the Vikings, was rebuilt in 1684 but demolished in 1898.

The beautifully embroidered Fall, which backs the oak panelled facade, is the work of the Dún Emer Guild in Dundrum whose stated aim was "Irish hands and Irish materials in the making of beautiful things" and it was presented by a Mr and Mrs Bradley in 1907.

JUST A THOUGHT

Prayer of the Month

God of redemption, your challenge is peace. Given not as the world gives it – with limits, conditions and reversibility, but unconditionally – with infinite love.

We pray today for those of us who find ourselves in places we do not want to inhabit – a home or community where we no longer feel welcome; an identity that feels cut off at its roots. We pray for those of us with feelings we do not know what to do with – loss and grief, fear and anxiety, aggression and vengeance, exclusion and banishment, uncertainty about our future.

Bless us now, whatever we feel and whoever we are. Dwell in our souls deeply. Give us the courage to tell our stories honestly and openly; the compassion to hear the stories of others with an open heart; the discipline to share what we have; the discernment to advocate for those more vulnerable than we are, and the means to be agents of care and connection, justice and hope – to seek out and celebrate the life and joy in our communities, setting a tone in harmony with you.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus and those who came after him, who lived in times of bitter conflict, who were perplexed but not driven to despair, afflicted in every way, but not crushed, persecuted, but not forsaken.

All the time, proclaiming you. **Amen.**

READING GIVES US
SOMEPLACE TO GO
WHEN WE HAVE TO STAY
WHERE WE ARE.

– MASON COOLEY

Tullow Book Club

Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell.

Loosely based on the lead up to the death of William Shakespeare's young son, the book gives the reader a good insight into life in late 16th century England.

Despite the title, the main character is Agnes (better known as Ann Hathaway). And it was Agnes and her herbal remedies along with her beekeeping and gardening, that gave a lightness to what was otherwise a tragic story.

Following the death of his son, William Shakespeare returned to London within days and continued writing, including the drama *Hamlet*, considered one of his greatest plays.

The book choice for next month is another book by Maggie O'Farrell, called *This Must be the Place*.

Vera Tanner



Evergreens Walking Club

Better news this month as 3 households of up to 6 persons, plus children up to age 12, can meet or walk together out of doors. Organised clubs with Covid 19 controls can walk in groups of up to 15.

To celebrate our new horizons I ventured deep into the heart of Wicklow with a walk I would recommend to all Evergreens. Start at the new car park adjacent to the Woollen Mills just outside Laragh, on the road to Rathdrum. Walk past the Woollen Mills (leave browsing until later!). The beech trees here are glorious in their fresh light green foliage. After a short while there is fork in the forest road. Take the left turn which ascends the side of the valley with Derrybawn mountain raising high above. Do not take any more left turns and in due course the road descends to Glendalough with great views of the Upper Lake. At this point there is a Covid 19 one way system to the lake. Follow the Green Road back to the car park. Walk time about 2 hours or so.

For the more adventurous there is a track to the summit of Derrybawn Mountain off above route. However this is mountain territory where appropriate clothing and equipment should be carried in a rucksack, and in particular a map and compass! I will list recommended basic gear in a future article.

Donald Gill

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.

Church of Ireland Review

The June issue of *The Church of Ireland Review* will be available shortly. If you are a subscriber you'll receive an email telling you when Jill Malcolm has them. Her address will be in the email you receive. If you'd like to subscribe to the *Review* let Jill know by sending a text to the Rector on 086 3021376.





The Forty Foot by Ken Gregory *(1.40 minute read)*

In the year 1794 a British fleet under Lord Hood directed an intensive cannonade against a small circular tower at Mortella Point in Corsica but, to the astonishment of the attackers, the continuous and accurate fire of their guns made little impression on the minute fort. The British Government of the time was so impressed by the way in which the fort had stood up to naval bombardment that they decided to erect towers of similar construction along the British and Irish coasts as a defence against the threatened invasion by Napoleon.

These forts, known to us as Martello Towers, are circular buildings about forty feet high with immensely thick walls. To defend the approaches to Dublin in about the year 1804 the authorities built one at Sandycove Point near the southern tip of Dublin Bay and about 100 yards from it they constructed an additional fort or battery to house a garrison and ammunition. Neither building had ever to sustain the assault of French guns and they both still stand, romantic relics of the time. The Martello Tower is now a James Joyce museum and the battery is a private residence. Both buildings overlook the small cove called The Forty Foot Hole, probably the best known and most popular swimming place in Ireland.

Sandycove harbour is the oldest edifice in the neighbourhood, its piers having been built in the 18th century to facilitate the transport of granite by sea to the construction work on the South Wall of Dublin.

The earliest written record of swimming at the Forty Foot dates from 1849. Conditions for swimming were so precarious with the precipitous rocks that the swimmers seem to have sprung into the sea and trusted to fortune that they would be able to get out again. Conditions were so bad that in 1880 a number of gentlemen met on the rocks to discuss how the facilities might be improved and the Sandycove Bathers' Association was founded.

In the late 1800s the renowned swimmer Alfred Carson swam in the Forty Foot every day, summer and winter. He would swim from the Forty Foot to Dalkey Island, rest for a while and then swim back. Strangers seeing his clothes on the rocks, would frequently raise the alarm that a man had been drowned. Despite court cases between Lord Carysfort, the landlord and the Sandycove Bathers' Association, nude swimming continued until recent times when women won the right to use the Forty Foot thus ending over a century of 'men only swimming'. There were, of course, colourful characters who frequented the Forty Foot. One such character was a well-known swimmer who made a practice of diving in fully clothed and, to the astonishment of the onlookers, re-appearing in a bathing costume, having during his immersion undressed himself and tied his clothes to the weeds at the bottom. He would then dive in again and reverse the process.

The origin of the name 'Forty Foot' is not known although there are a number of theories. One such theory is that the water is very deep, the word forty having an old meaning of deep, another being a connection with the fact that the Fortieth Foot Regiment of the British Army was stationed in the Battery at the time when bathing first became popular there. A third suggests that there used to be a raft moored forty feet from the steps. Nobody knows!





Teen Corner

If you've finished school and are heading to the next phase of your life - good luck with the exams and/or calculated grades and also with the decisions to be made and remember that exams and the associated results don't define a person or their future.

If you're starting secondary school or third level, or in the middle of it, hopefully you can look forward to a more normal school/college experience in September.

This is one year when we all feel we're owed a good summer so fingers crossed for sunshine.

Remembrance Garden

Don't forget that the right to burial in our peaceful Remembrance Garden 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.

Extract from Minutes of Select Vestry Meeting 10th May

- quotes are being sought to effect repairs to the roof of the church
- thanks recorded to Alan Rhodes for a generous donation towards four

liturgical coloured sets of altar linens: Burse, Veil, Pulpit Fall, Bible Marker and Prayer Book marker

- sympathy was expressed to Select Vestry member Hilary Cran on the recent death of John Sharpe, former Glebe Warden



Parish Online Services and Parish Newsletter

Even though the church is now open for the 10.30am Sunday Service online Services will continue for the foreseeable future. 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

tulowdublinnewsletter@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

<https://tulow.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.

Rector: Rev John Tanner 086 3021376

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

Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Stewart

Organist: Dr Paul McNulty

Parish Treasurer: Don Beck

Select Vestry Secretary: Jane Bowes

Readers & Coffee Rota: Barbara Cooper

Connect Group & Clevis Drivers Rota: Jennifer Sowman

Wednesday Coffee: June Hayes

Parish Newsletter: Jane Bowes

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Flower Rota: Sandra Ruttle

Bell Ringer: David Cooper

Church of Ireland Review: Jill Malcolm

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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