



TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

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The Rector Writes

We are facing into our second summer with Covid-19, and despite the earlier optimism that we might be able to experience an almost complete relaxation of restrictions, that is now rapidly fading. Those involved in the hospitality industry must be devastated to find themselves having to forfeit a second summer season, with many of them now facing the complete collapse of their businesses. And yet, the Delta variant of coronavirus cannot be ignored – especially if its projected impact is correctly modelled. Time will tell whether the decision to delay easing restriction is the correct one, but the opportunity to observe what happens elsewhere should provide an interesting comparison.

Despite the disappointment that a return to indoor hospitality has been delayed, we are still encouraged to enjoy an outdoor summer. With this in mind, I hope that many of you will take the opportunity to have a break from routine to recharge and refresh. There are still many activities that can be enjoyed and even if you are reluctant to travel abroad, this country has much to offer. And whether at home or away, please do not forget that Churches are open for public worship and would very much appreciate your presence and support.

I wish all parishioners and friends every blessing for a happy, safe, restful and enjoyable summer. God's creation has much beauty to enjoy and to raise our spirits if we but open our eyes to see and open our ears to hear! God bless.







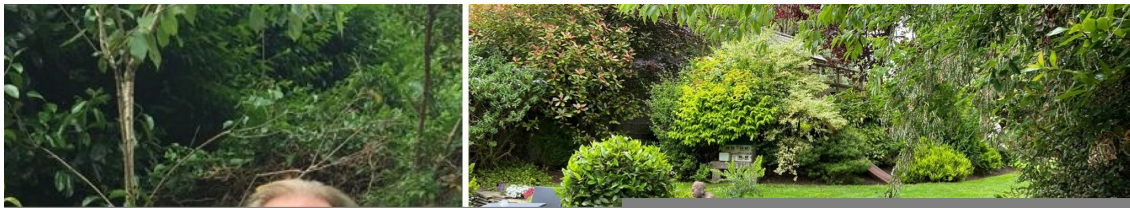
Tullow Garden Trail

Once again the Tullow Garden Trail may be the highlight of the summer. The weather smiled on the gardens and didn't they look beautiful - resulting in many cases of serious garden envy. Each garden was very different and each has its own special charm, interesting plants and layout. Parishioners and their friends really appreciated the chance to wander, examine and then have some gorgeous treats and chat in the sunshine - is there a more pleasant way of spending a day?

Huge thanks to the garden owners and their families for all the hard work beforehand as well as the goodies on the day and the helpers at each garden helped to ensure the smooth running of the visits. Special mention has to be made of Jennifer Sowman who had the idea for the Tullow Garden Trail last year. This year was just as special thanks to Jennifer's organisation, the enthusiasm of the garden owners and Margaret Breadon who looked after all the bookings - no easy task.

We're delighted to say that at time of writing (28/6) €3,160 has been raised for the Parish and Bray Women's Refuge. This is a wonderful amount and a real tribute to the generosity of parishioners and their friends and an indication of how much everyone enjoyed the whole garden trail experience.

There is one more garden visit which will be on Saturday 3rd July so those lucky enough to book a place still have something special to look forward to. Once again - a huge Thank You to everyone involved.





Tullow Parish and Mouth on Fire Theatre company present

Online Event

SAMUEL BECKETT

The End

performed by Marcus Lamb

The Beckett Country

with Dr. Feargal Whelan

Tickets €13.50

11th June - 11th July



Beckett in Foxrock - COMING SOON!

As you all probably know by now Samuel Beckett, one of the world's greatest writers of the 20th century and a Nobel Prize winner for Literature, was born and brought up in Foxrock and attended Sunday School and Services in Tullow.

This is your opportunity to know more about him and also experience one of his works, specially performed and filmed for **Beckett in Foxrock**, from the comfort of your own home (or holiday location).

In an online double bill for **Beckett in Foxrock 2021** well-known actor Marcus Lamb performs *The End*, a darkly funny tale which is complemented by *The Beckett Country*. 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, to Trinity College and Carrickmines Golf Club where he mentally replayed the first four holes when, in later life, he couldn't sleep. In a spoiler alert the church, golf club and village look lovely!

Tickets for this online only production will be going on sale very soon. Having purchased a ticket you will be sent a link to watch on your computer, tv, tablet

or even phone and you only need to buy one ticket no matter how many watch it with you.

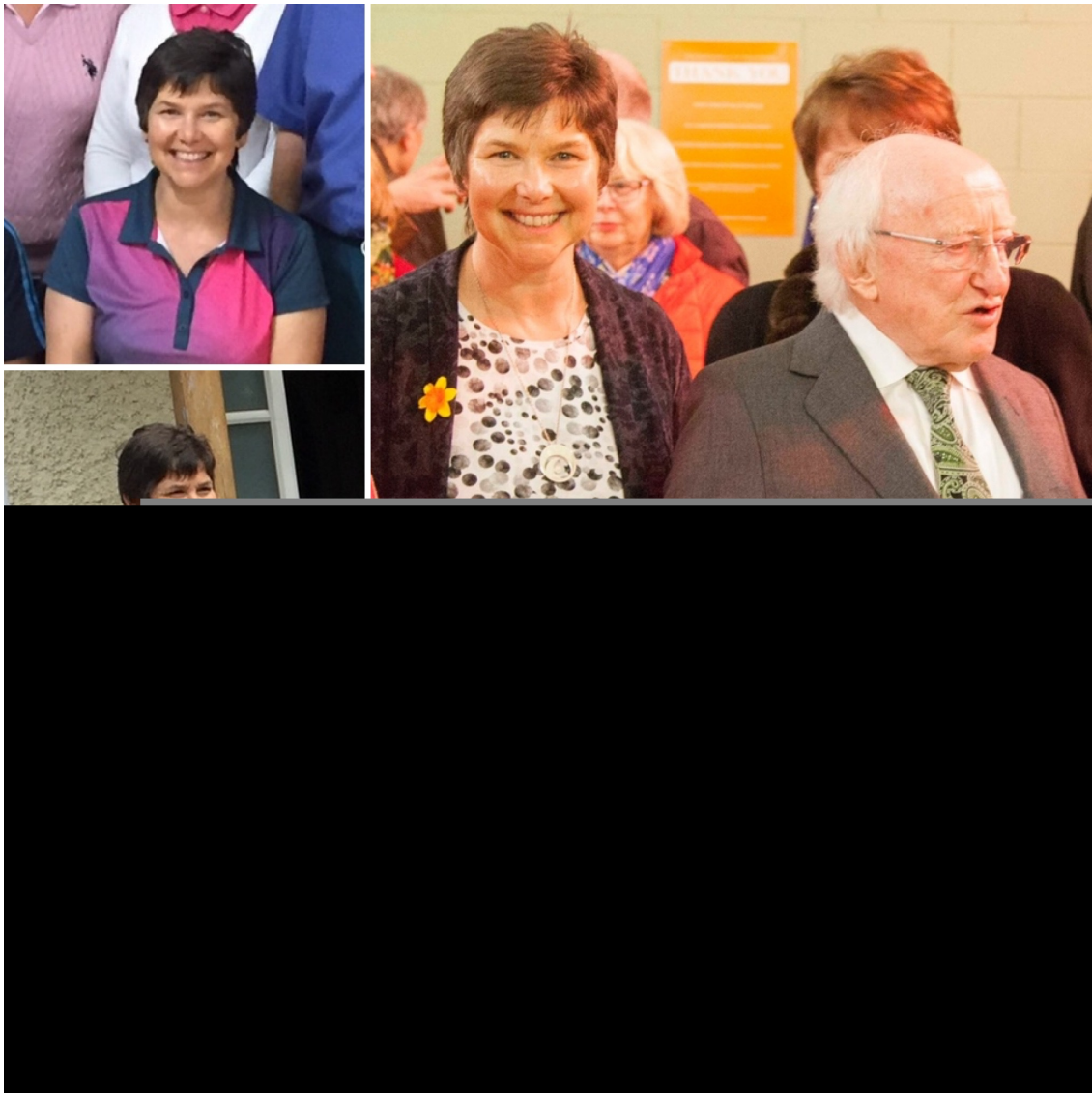
Everyone on the Parish email list will be notified when tickets go on sale so keep an eye on your In Box - the tickets will only be on sale for a limited time under the permission terms from the Beckett Estate.

Gift Day

May I sincerely thank the parishioners who have so generously contributed over €10,000 to the current Gift Day.

As you are aware the Gift Day forms an important part of our annual fund raising to defray the operational costs of the Parish. An opportunity to contribute will continue throughout the month of July when further contributions will be welcome and greatly appreciated.

Don Beck
Honorary Treasurer



Diocesan Lay Readers are lay members of the church who are theologically trained and licensed by a Bishop to preach, teach, lead worship and assist in pastoral and liturgical work. This is Mandy Swanwick's story.

A Day in the Life..... Diocesan Lay Reader Student (2.5 minute read)

The idea that I would like to train as a lay reader has been in my mind for quite a number of years, but I kept putting it off. I was useless at essay writing in school, I studied Computer Science, so no essays were required for that subject, and I really do not like doing exams.

Then, last year, a new programme was launched called Christian Church Theology and Practice (CCTP) through the Church of Ireland Theological Institute (CITI) which is based on blended learning, assignments, and continuous assessment rather than exams. This was it, time to go for it!

Today, I am about halfway through the CCTP programme, there is an instructional weekend of 12 hours of Zoom lectures next weekend (at the time of writing), an assignment due for submission on Friday and a bit of reading to be done in preparation.

My day starts at 7:30am with breakfast and a few household chores, and then off to my home office, upstairs, to start my day-job at 9am. I work in a family run construction supplier business, which makes for a very varied day. Having checked my emails, my first task is to design labels for a new collated nail product which will be used with roofing nail guns. Next up is to check the stock levels on our stock system and see what needs to be ordered. Mid-morning I get a call from one of the computer system users to say he cannot access the accounts software so I sort that out. The rest of the morning and some of the afternoon is spent doing the administration of purchasing accounts. Later in the afternoon, I travel to the warehouse to add a second monitor to the PC there, so that the warehouse staff can have the new software for prioritising orders on screen all the time. The workday flies by! I am very thankful that the company I work for has stayed up and running throughout the past year, and 95% of my job can be done remotely, so I have been able to work throughout all the restrictions.

After dinner I start the second part of my day. I started saxophone lessons about two years ago, so I practice for an hour or so. This clears my head of work and gets me into the right frame of mind to settle down to do some reading, research and collecting references for the assignment. This has become a comfortable routine at this stage.

So far, on the course, we have completed a module on 'Encountering the Old Testament' where we have read and heard an overview of the story told by the scriptures and the story of the formation of the Old Testament as we know it now. We have a marvellous lecturer who brought us on a virtual, whistle stop, tour of the Old Testament starting with the Creation, through the trials and tribulations of the people of Israel as they travelled through the desert, clashes with the Philistines, the division of the kingdoms and lots more. We got a glimpse at the Prophets and a taste for the beauty and variety of the Psalms.

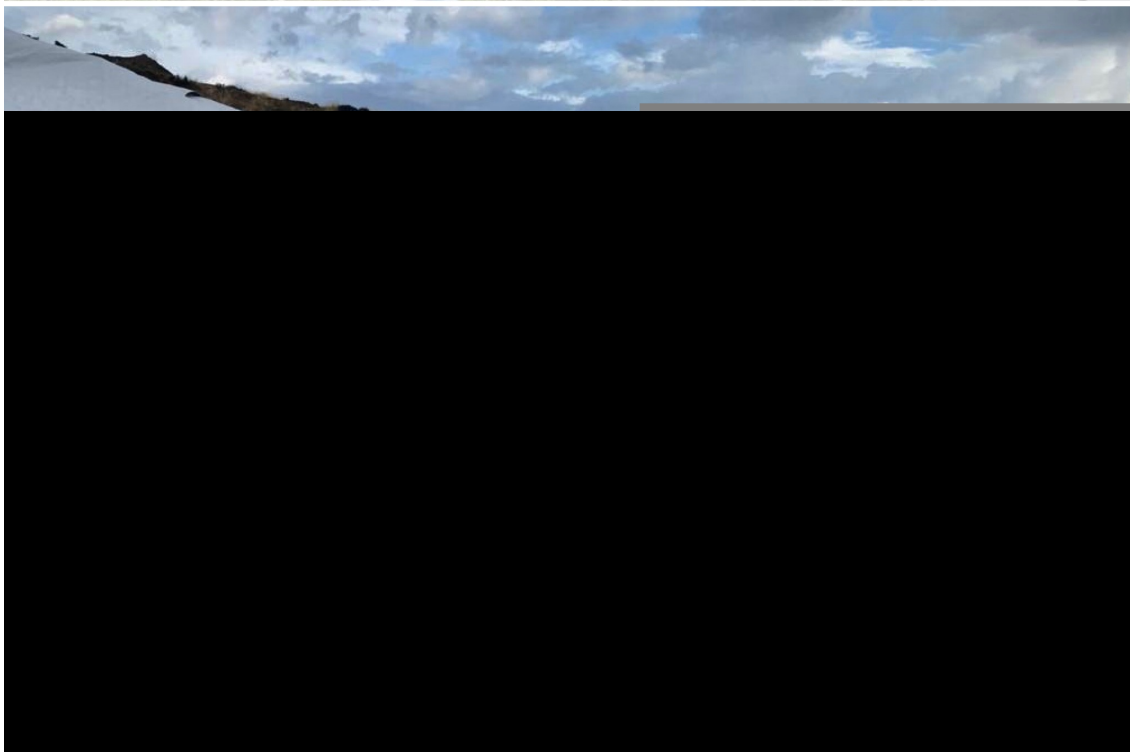
The 'Introduction to the Creeds' module had us studying the Apostle's Creed and the Nicene Creed, and how and why they were developed. At first this seemed a straightforward history lesson, but it became quite challenging as we dug under the surface a little and started assessing, well, what exactly are we saying, when we say one of these creeds in church of a Sunday.

This course weekend coming up is the second part of the 'Encountering the New Testament' module and the 'Leading Public Worship' module. Each of these two modules have also proven to be really informative and interesting.

As we progress, I am realising how little I knew of the Bible and how much more there is to find out. I am guilty of assumptions of my understanding and knowledge of it, having become familiar with the weekly lectionary readings over the years. I am really looking forward to the weekend along with all the new learnings it will bring.

It is 11:30pm, I have mostly completed my assignment, I just have to fill out the cover sheet and put it through the plagiarism check software and then submit it tomorrow. Time for bed now and I will do it all again tomorrow!

Mandy 😊



We hear on the news about the plight of refugees but here young parishioner Ben Arrowsmith gives a first hand account of living in a refugee camp

Life on Lesbos (3 minute read)

I wrote a piece here a few months ago detailing my time volunteering in the refugee camp on the Greek island of Lesbos. The daily nature of my work hasn't changed much over the five months I've been here. However, seasonal and administrative changes have altered both the needs of the residents there and the conditions they live in.

On the former, the onset of summer has brought new challenges for families and individuals living in small tents cramped together beside the sea. With

temperatures in the Aegean mercifully not being quite as stifling as those in Athens, Crete or other famous Greek tourist hotspots, the heat still presents difficulties. With no fixed plumbing laid in the nine month-old camp, providing fresh water for over 6,000 people is an arduous task. Many who previously collected rainwater to supplement the plastic bottle handouts are finding their buckets dry with rain showers rare between May and October. Moreover, storing without refrigerators, what little fresh food they can get their hands on with their modest UN allowances, becomes near impossible when afternoon temperatures regularly touch 30 degrees.

Mine, and several other NGOs, were busy during the winter ensuring adequate drainage was available to avoid flooding throughout the tents. The current lack of rainfall, however, means that water and some waste now pools and stagnates in the trenches, leaving a terrible smell hanging over large areas of the camp. NGOs construction efforts, meanwhile, have been diverted to helping set up shaded areas and canopies between tents to allow residents escape the midday heat.

Clothing and other distributions have also been seasonally adapted. I had started my time sorting waterproof jackets, thermal leggings and kids' ski pants to combat the elements the hillside camp is exposed to. Now, this has been replaced by sunscreen and mosquito net distributions, and efforts to collect and make long summer dresses and full length shawls. Most of those in camp have fled from hot climates; however in their native countries they had homes that, if not air conditioned, were designed to offer relief and protection from the heat. Here, they are stuck in small tents that most of us would desert not long after sunrise if we were on a camping trip in a climate similar to Greece's.

Decisions and rule changes by the Greek authorities have also impacted daily life for the refugees. A right wing and fairly nationalist government was elected eighteen months ago, and has been trying to limit NGO's access to and impact on the refugee camps throughout the country. Since I arrived last November there have been several instances of the immigration ministry cancelling the licences of organisations working in Lesvos. This has often led to delays in regaining access to camps as paperwork is re-filled out and sent to Athens. However, in other instances organisations haven't managed to get their operations up and running again. In a camp setting where the state provides care to a bare minimum level, the absence, even briefly, of any NGO that provides clothing, education, healthcare, food or any other vital service, has a hugely detrimental effect on the thousands of helpless residents who have not yet been given the opportunity to work and try to fend for themselves.

I arrived on Lesvos in the depths of winter, to weekly storms and was ill-

prepared for freezing nights. I had hoped then that those in the camp would manage somehow to persevere and could look forward to better living conditions later in the year. However, as my time volunteering there is coming to an end, it's clear that things don't drastically improve as the seasons change. Yes, the threat of a tent blowing away overnight or waking up to an inch of water on the ground tarpaulin are no longer there; but sunstroke and dehydration are common now instead. On top of this, increasingly interrupted assistance from NGOs adds to the unpredictability of their already chaotic lives.

Through all of the tumultuousness though, the strength of character and unrelenting hope shown by the Syrian, Afghani, Congolese and Somali refugee volunteers I've worked with has stood out. Despite the never-ending need to adapt to new and unwelcome challenges in their daily lives, they continue to believe that they can and will make it to a place where they can work toward a brighter future. Above all the desperate hardships I've seen and terrible stories I've heard while I've been here, this hopefulness and resilience is what will stay with me most.

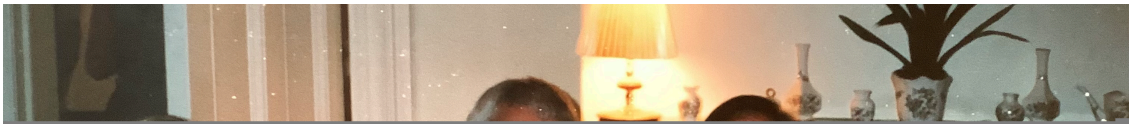
Ben Arrowsmith

Photographic Archive - Tullow in 2004

We're coming to the end of the gems in the photo album put together by Primrose Bryan, the wife of former Rector Cecil Bryan. Here are some from a Sunday Club parents get together in 2004.

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.

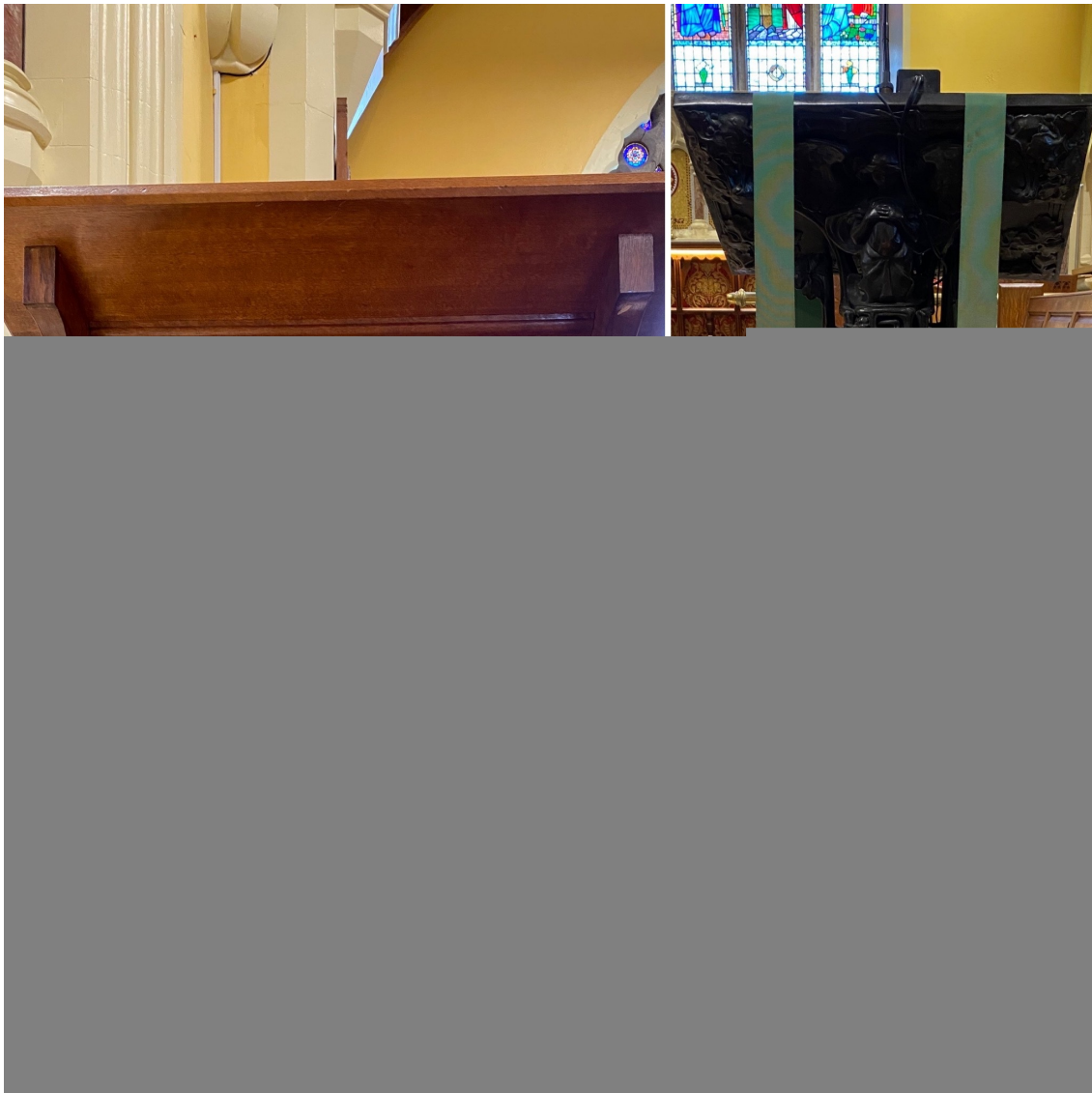






Outreach - Down Syndrome India (DSI)

Do you still have one of these savings tins? If so, please drop it into The Rectory and Joyce Buckley, who looks after Tullow's connection with DSI, will collect the tins and lodge the money so it's ready to help children in need in India.



More about Tullow

Continuing the series about the special things in Tullow Church.

Prayer Desk and Chair

The prayer desk and seat were designed and carved by Mrs Therese Elvery and constructed by Francis Browning. They presented them to Tullow in 1905, the year after the church re-opened following its enlargement.

Lectern

The lectern, which is made of bronze, was cast in Paris to a design by Beatrice Elvery (later Lady Glenavy). The style is Art Nouveau with a vine motif and a figure of an angel. It has been described as ‘a remarkable piece of organic art nouveau’ and ‘there is nothing else like it in Ireland.’

Therese Elvery was the mother of Beatrice and wife of William Elvery who owned the first Elvery’s shop on Wicklow Street. The family had originally come from Spain in 1847 and changed their name from Alvares to Elvery. Beatrice was born in 1883 and the family moved to Carrickmines when she was a child where they were members of the choir in Tullow. Beatrice attended the Metropolitan School of Art (forerunner of NCAD) and became a talented artist.

A friend of Samuel Beckett's mother, Beatrice studied the art of stained glass and her work is seen in many places in the country including St. Patrick's Cathedral and St. Stephen's Church on Mount Street Crescent (Peppercannister Church). She is responsible for the Wilson Window in the south transept in Tullow (right hand side of the church) which commemorates the three Wilson brothers who died in World War 1. Beatrice married Gordon Campbell (later Lord Glenavy) who became secretary of the Department of Industry and Commerce in the early Irish Free State government.



A Holiday Prayer

We thank you, O God, that there is nowhere that we can be where we are not able to pour out our hearts to you and know that you are there to help and to sustain, to lead and to guide us. But Lord, we particularly ask that you would be with us in our holiday time. We pray that we would use such times wisely so that at the end of our break, we may be refreshed and rejuvenated and knowing more and more of you.

We pray that we might find time to fix the eyes of our hearts and the ears of our minds onto Jesus, whom to know is life eternal, and to allow him to renew our tired spirits and weary souls.

Help us, O God, to wait upon you for we know that your Word is life and health for those that wait on you. Help us to spend quality time with you, knowing that all who wait upon the Lord are assured that they will rise up with wings as eagles. They will run and not be weary, they will walk and not faint. Thank You, Lord, in Jesus' name. **Amen**



Foxrock Tidy Towns

Foxrock has been entered in the Tidy Towns competition every year since 2010 and achieved its highest mark in 2019 (no competition last year). The closing date for entries this year is 2nd July and judging is most likely between mid-July to mid-August so please look at the road outside your house. Is there litter, are there weeds? Do you have a neighbour who may need some help weeding or litter picking outside their house? Weeds at the kerb and overgrown hedges will lose us marks.

Please play your part - we won't have an attractive litter-free area to live in unless everyone helps.

If you need litter pickers or litter sacks please email facefoxrock@gmail.com

The colourful new flowers in the two planters in front of the church are courtesy of FACE and FACE is also responsible for planting in various other places in Foxrock.



Evergreens Walking Club

We are slowly easing out of a very long Covid lockdown, but we are not there yet. So one way to clear our head is to get outdoors and go walking. The next meeting of the club as a group is scheduled for next October. In the meantime I have recommended a not too hilly walk near Lough Dan undertaken by the club some time ago.

Lough Dan Walk

Driving, turn left at Roundwood and follow the signposts to Lough Dan. Park opposite the second gate of the Scout Headquarters (buildings visible inside gate) which is best avoided at weekends. Walk up the road which has spectacular views of the lake, and cross a bridge over a small stream. Turn sharp left and after a 100 metres or so turn right through a small gate. This Right of Way was donated by the Petrie family, which owns much of the lands nearby, with the aim of preventing trespassers on their land looking for the lake! This is a pleasant stroll, with views across the lake to Knocknacloghoge Mountain, before arriving at an unsurfaced road. Turn right and walk downhill to the bottom past a group of pre-famine houses. There are very many of these ruins in this part of Wicklow which mark a sad date in Irish history. Continue along a track through a field until reaching a copse of beech trees, like an oasis in a sea of conifers on the surrounding hills. This is an ideal place for a rest and refreshments beside the many cataracts of the Inchavore River. Return by the same route for a walk of about 2 hours. The more adventurous can continue up the valley following the river but good boots are recommended for the swampy bits.

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.



Photos: Carrickmines House, Kerry Mount House (now Tresillian), The Rectory in 1982

Where the Rectors Lived by Ken Gregory (2 minute read)

I thought that I would go back to the formation of the parish in 1860 and mention some interesting facts about the early years of the church and the residences of the rectors prior to the building of the current rectory in 1889 - 1890.

Whilst the parish of Tullow was created in 1860 the church was not completed and consecrated until 1864. The first incumbent had the task of conducting worship in temporary quarters in restricted conditions during the years 1860 to 1864. Kingston schoolhouse (part of a house on Ballycorus Road which still stands) was licensed by Archbishop Whately for divine service until the church was built. The church was consecrated on the 14th April 1864, the cost of building being £1,600 (€243,980 today). Five members of the laity were among the signatories assuring that the church would be built on a piece of ground set apart for the purpose. They were George Sutherland from Priorsland, Manliff Barrington from Glen Druid, George Pim from Brennanstown House and John Bently from Mount Aventine (one of the seven hills of Rome) and now called

Lis-Na-Carraig.

The first rector, Rev. Fawcett lived and owned Tullow House (now called Carrickmines House and developed) where he ran a private girls school. Rev. Wallace lived in Kerrymount House (now Tresillian) and Rev. Wiley was living in Glendruoid Cottage in 1869 and in Ulster Terrace in Stillorgan in 1871.

In 1873 an official residence was acquired called The Villa on the corner of Torquay Road and Golf Lane. It was renamed The Parsonage and today it is called Foxrock Villa. However, in 1888, the Rector, George Clark, wrote to the Diocesan Council stating that (1) it was a very bad house and (2) that it was not in the parish and was one and a quarter miles from the church.

Consequently, in 1889 plans were drawn up to build a new rectory in the grounds of the church comprising a half an acre at the back and side of the church. In March 1889 the Rev. Clark wrote to the Rural Dean stating that the cost would be in the region of £900 (€137,240) to which the Rural Dean replied that "the idea is to have 3 sitting rooms, 5 bedrooms, bathroom with the usual servants' and kitchen accommodation and with a pleasure ground in front of the house".

In 1890 the Select Vestry agreed to build stables for the church and rectory "for the use of the incumbent" but in 1897 it was decided to accommodate, in the coach house and stables, the carriages of those who drive to Church. There are still traces at the vestry door of rings and rivets on the wall to facilitate the tying up of horses!

In 1903 the numbers attending Morning Prayer on Sundays were 140 and 69 at Evening Prayer. How about that!!!

Ken Gregory



Teen Corner

At time of writing the Covid situation is looking a bit uncertain but hopefully with a faster vaccination programme we'll manage a reasonably relaxed summer. Enjoy yourselves - school and college are finished and you deserve a good break. Young people have been incredibly supportive of their vulnerable family members and neighbours and you deserve all our thanks. Enjoy the summer and hope the sun shines!



Tell Your Story

Do you have a story to tell from Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown? Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is launching a new Oral History project, *a People's History of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown*, in partnership with the National Folklore Collection at UCD. They hope to speak with people who have stories to share, and who are interested in being part of this project to record the histories, memories, and traditions of people across the county. [Read more here](#)

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

- a quote for repairs to the roof of the Church has been accepted
 - the Rector wished to thank all those who came to the Work Party on May 29th. Painting, weeding and sorting the container was achieved and the workers were well fed.
 - as per instructions from the RCB the Select Vestry adopted Charities Regulatory Authority policies relating to the Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest, Remuneration, Expenses, GDPR
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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://tullow.dublin.anglican.org/> and also on Facebook at Tullow Parish and YouTube under Tullow Parish Carrickmines.

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 Book Club: Vera Tanner
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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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