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In this month's newsletter:

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The Rector Writes

After what proved to be a long good summer we are now having to adjust to more seasonal autumnal conditions. However, there are compensations as drought-stricken areas have become green once again, trees are displaying their spectrum of russet colours and, of course, the season brings with it what has often been described as the 'fruitful' time of the year. It is therefore no accident that we hold a special Service of thanksgiving for fruitfulness each October. This year our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday 9th October at 10:30am. It is true that the origins of this Service go back to a time when the vast majority of people relied directly on the land for their livelihoods and survival. Nevertheless, even in contemporary society, it is still right and proper that we give thanks for 'harvest'. The Collins Dictionary offers the following as a definition for harvest: 'the product of an effort or action'. Taking this definition to heart should enable the majority of people to join in a sense of thanksgiving to God for all that has come to 'fruition' from their efforts and actions. This year we have the further incentive of being thankful for the individual and communal efforts that have helped us through the global Covid-19 pandemic. 'Come ye thankful people, come'.



From the Registers

Holy Baptism

Sunday 4th September – Margo Nathalie, daughter of Kieron and Karen Lemen. May Margo grow in the faith into which she has been baptised.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Harvest Festival Service Sunday 9th October 10.30am

Harvest is one of the happiest times in the church year - when we give thanks for all our blessings. Come and see the beautifully decorated church, sing the special Harvest hymns and then join in the Soup Lunch which will be held in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 am Service. There will be a collection in aid of the Bishops' Appeal.

Service of Remembrance Sunday 27th November

Have you lost someone whose memory you would like to commemorate? A family member or a friend?

Covid impacted the way so many people had to deal with loss so please join us as we especially remember them. This ecumenical Service is for all in the community who have lost loved ones in recent years. Names of the deceased will be recorded before the start of the Service and candles will be lit in their memory.

More details in the November newsletter but, in the meantime, please spread the word to family, friends and neighbours. All are welcome no matter which church they would normally attend or denomination they would identify with.

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Songs of Praise with the Stedfast Band 11th September

Although it was intended to be an outdoor event, in the end the decision was obvious - go indoors and be warm and dry. Songs of Praise in the church followed by coffee and treats in the hall was so successful that we hope it will now be an annual event.

Parishioners and non-parishioners in a nearly full church sang their hearts out to

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, I, the Lord of Sea and Sky, Shall We Gather at the River, Thine Be the Glory, Oh Lord My God, To God be the Glory, Be Thou My Vision, Will Your Anchor Hold in the Storms of Life and Guide me Oh Thou Great Jehovah.

The Stedfast Band were the perfect accompaniment - a brass band and favourite hymns are a combination hard to beat for the feel good factor.

Thanks so much to Peter and the band members and much appreciation and thanks to the many people who contributed tasty traybakes and coffee afterwards. An added bonus was the €360 collected in donations on the day from LauraLynn Children's Hospice. Thanks to all who contributed.

Special thanks have to go to Mandy Swanwick who thought of and organised the whole event.

After Church Coffee

As was outlined last month we need volunteers for the after church tea and coffee on Sunday mornings.

Please help by volunteering to join a panel of coffee/tea makers - it's very easy!

Each Sunday a team of two is required to bring some biscuits and milk, make the tea/coffee, load and unload the dishwasher and tidy up afterwards. It's best if two people do it - just put your name down for whenever you're free. Someone else will volunteer to do it with you if needed.

Rota for October

2nd October - Barbara and David Cooper
9th October - Harvest
16th October - Heather and Ken Gregory
23rd October - Moulton Family
30th October - Barbara and David Cooper

Thanks so much to those who volunteered in September, now volunteers for November are needed please.

Please contact Barbara Cooper on 086 8446274 or email barcoop@gmail.com and let her know when you'd like to help



Tell Us Your Good News!

There must be many good news stories in the parish so please tell us - we'd love to share them. They don't have to be sporting stories - any good news is welcome. Tel Jane Bowes 086 8418138 or bowesjane91@gmail.com The photo below is of three ex-parishioners (many years ago!) who had just finished (late September) the Pikeman Rosslare Triathlon. Their proud parents are also parishioners - from left Simon Forsyth (Sue and Terry), Darren Cran (Hilary) and Simon Moore (Janet).

Congratulations guys - especially as you don't look too exhausted!



PARISH ORGANISATION

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Badminton Club Thursdays 8pm Parish Hall

There was a great turnout for the first badminton session of the season and the tea break was enlivened by two of the walking wounded, one of whom will shortly be chasing around the court on his new knee. Good luck Ray - looking forward to your return.

New members always welcome so maybe think about joining us and our lovely new floor?

We'll be appointing a new 'Badminton Boss' but in the meantime if you'd like to join us come along any Thursday evening or phone Jane on 086 8418138

Teen Scene

Work hard. Talk less. Do what you feel is right. Learn from your mistakes. Build people up. Laugh often. Stop complaining. Invest in yourself. Dream big. Plan ahead. Love unconditionally.

Tullow Book Club

Up for discussion at the club's first meeting of the season, was the book by Mary Lawson entitled *A Town called Solace*.

Set in Canada, in the 1970s, Liam arrives into the town of Solace, where he has inherited a house from a Mrs. Orchard, whom he vaguely remembers from his childhood.

He is befriended by a neighbour's little daughter, Claire whose older sister has gone missing.

Against this backdrop, the reader is carried along by the gentle relationship that Liam builds with Solace – a town he did not intending stay long in – and its residents.

Book choice for next month is *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles.

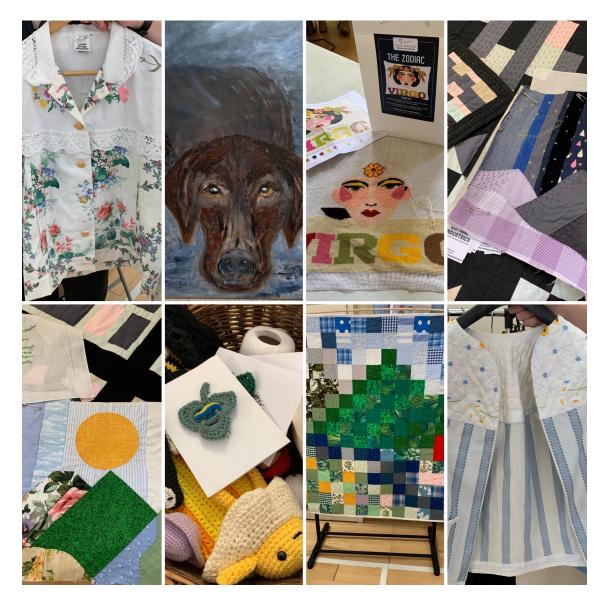
Vera Tanner

Tullow Bowls Club Tuesdays 7.30pm Parish Hall

Tullow Indoor Bowls meet in the Parish Hall every Tuesday at 7.30. We normally stop at 9.00pm to have tea and a chat - this is Very important!! Anybody who would like to come along and have a go would be very welcome. Flat shoes are essential.

If further details are required contact

Jonathan Morton 01 2894121 085 7793250 or Hazel Alexander 087 9719836



Tullow Crafty Crew

Tullow Crafty Crew met on Thursday 29th September in the Parish Hall. Guest speaker was Lisa Wynne from Saturn Cottage Industries who talked to us about 'Sustainable Fashion & Textiles'.

Next meeting: Thursday, 27th October. If you are interested in joining us please come along on 27th October

2 - 4pm or contact Margaret Breadon at 087 2941078 for further details.

Wednesday Coffee and Service 10.30am

Do you like tea/coffee and a chat? Come along any Wednesday morning to a short Service in the church at 10.30am; coffee and chat afterwards in the Coffee Room in the Parish Hall. All welcome. Now that the summer is drawing to a close please remember the Refuge while doing your weekly shop and pop in an extra item of dry goods (biscuits,tea tinned beans etc) or toothpaste, deodorant, shower gel or any sanitary item and place it in the hamper at the back of the church. The Refuge is extremely grateful for our continued support.

Hilary Cran

Support Tullow Parish Hall Tenants

The Parish Hall has a wide range of groups and organisations using it. Among those are:

Fitness League Exercise Classes for the Active Retired

Effective and beneficial low impact standing and chair-based exercises particularly suitable for Seniors who don't want to exercise on the floor. Improve posture, balance and coordination encouraging a greater range of movement, fewer aches and pains. Mondays 2.15 - 3pm Contact: Yvonne 086 3900223

Yoga Classes

Feel stretched, not stressed. Suitable for all levels. Mondays 8.15pm - 9.15pm Contact: Catherine 087 7864853

Little Star Preschool

Early education 2.5 years - 5 years. Mon - Fri 9am - 12.30pm Contact: Lynda 087 2252201 <u>www.littlestarpreschoolfoxrock.ie</u>

Take 2 Performing Arts School (Estab 1988)

Drama Classes Mon - Thurs afternoons 5 - 18 year olds Musical Theatre Classes - Sing, Dance, Act! Sat 3 - 12 year olds; Thurs evenings. 12 - 18 year olds All children take part in end of year performance in Pavilion Theatre. Contact: <u>pamela@take2.ie</u> or www.take2.ie



A Harvest Prayer

God of abundance, you entrust to our care your gift of creation, our common home.

Open our ears to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

God of justice, you show us how to live in gratitude and solidarity. Open our mouths to speak out, challenging greed and inequality, and standing up for all among us in desperate need of food.

God of hope, you share with us your vision of a world renewed. Open our hearts to compassion. As we look on the famine plight of the Horn of Africa, may we reach out ingenerous, caring love.

Amen.



Foxrock Local History Club

<u>Tuesday October 11th</u> 8pm **via Zoom only -** talk by Carmel Kelly on Anna Haslam - Quaker and Suffragette Non-members please send email to <u>info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie</u> for a password to join. Members will be sent an email with the Zoom password.

<u>Tuesday October 18th</u> 8pm **in Foxrock Church Parish Hall ONLY** - a talk by Liz Gillis on *Kathleen Clarke: Guardian of the Flame* Admission free for members, €5.00 for non-members. Annual membership €20. Check membership page on <u>www.foxrocklocalhistory.ie</u>

Photographic Archive and Local History

Please have a look in albums, boxes etc and see if you have any photos of people or places of interest to the Parish or the wider Foxrock area. Jane Bowes <u>bowesjane91@gmail.com</u> or 086 8418138 if you find any.

Remember the Parish

Over the years legacies from parishioners have made a huge difference and the Parish is most appreciative. May I, once again, ask parishioners to please consider Tullow Parish in their wills?

Don Beck Hon Treasurer

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.

Parish Online Services and Parish Newsletter

The church is open for the 8.30am and 10.30am Sunday Services. The 10.30am Service is live-streamed every Sunday so you can watch it wherever you are - just log into the Parish website <u>www.tullowdublin.org</u>. It's also available to view on the website afterwards and on Facebook at Tullow Parish whenever you wish.

If you know of anyone who is not on the Parish email list and would like to receive the newsletter and other communications from the Parish please contact

tullowdublinnewsletter@gmail.com or Jane Bowes 086 8418138.

Under GDPR regulations someone has to request to be put on the email list. If someone is on the Parish List and <u>we have their email address</u> then we are permitted to add them to the email list but we do need their email address so don't assume we already have it!

Website, Facebook & Instagram

The Parish website <u>www.tullowdublin.org</u> 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 Ministers: Alan Rhodes and Mandy Swanwick Rector's Church Warden: Leslie Ruttle People's Church Warden: Torren Gale 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 Parish Hall Bookings: Jennifer Sowman Parish Hall Committee: Rev John Tanner, Barbara Cooper, Ernie Porter, Chris Wojnar Flower Rota: Sandra Ruttle Bell Ringer: David Cooper Church of Ireland Review: Jill Malcolm Badminton: Bowls Club: Jonathan Morton Tullow Friends: Cleo Ellis

Welcome to the Tullow Parish newsletter. This is a very active parish so there's lots to report each month. We appreciate feedback - both critical and otherwise. Email <u>tullowdublinnewsletter@gmail.com</u>

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