



TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

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Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Peaceful New Year to All

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2022/2023

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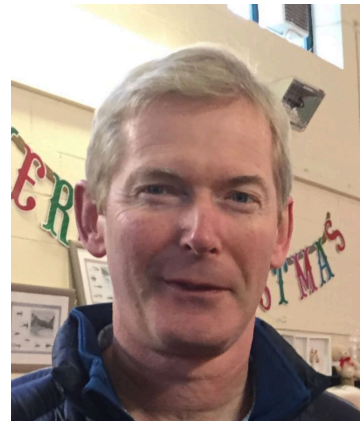
The Rector Writes

'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' Luke 2:14

Over recent weeks we have been bombarded with Christmas themed advertisements on radio, television and newspapers and the majority of stores have been bedecked with Christmas decorations since before Halloween. And despite a cost-of-living crisis, there is a noticeable increased busyness in our retail parks and centres. But why? What is it about Christmas that gets so many to lose the run of themselves?

To me it is sad that it would appear that it has little or nothing to do with the actual Christmas story – the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. Of course, some would argue that the excitement is around the seasonal tradition of giving and receiving gifts to mark God's greatest gift to humankind of his only Son to be our Saviour.

However, the spirit in which our traditional exchange of gifts is undertaken is very



conditional – we give in the expectation of receiving. When God gave his only Son, it was a free gift for everyone and all he expects in return is that we gratefully receive it. This Christmas, what will be your response to God's gift?

Christmas is also a traditional time for family gatherings. These can be happy occasions as they provide the opportunity for families who rarely get together to do so against a joyful backdrop – and especially after the 'Covid Christmases' of 2020 and 2021! However, for many, such events are tinged with sadness due to the passing of a loved one. For others, there may be a rift in family relationships and such gatherings can prove fractious, tedious and stressful. For some, it is a lonely time as they find themselves on their own with no close family support – this group also includes refugees and immigrants, which this year is much larger due to the conflict in Ukraine. For yet others, it is a very busy time as they ensure our emergency services can function. We also remember those who staff such facilities as hospitals and residential care homes. For a few, especially those who are homeless, sleeping rough and/or have dependency issues it is a time of dread and they cannot wait until the normality of the New Year to return. So, as we prepare to celebrate this Christmas, let us always be mindful of those less fortunate than ourselves.

May I take this opportunity on behalf on my family and myself to wish parishioners, families and friends a very Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas and a Blessed and Prosperous New Year.

From the Registers

Funeral

Friday 4th November – Edward George Robert (Bob) Ruttle. Our thoughts and prayers are with Suzanne, Stuart, Graham, Alison and their families – may they

experience the comfort of the risen Christ in their loss.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**TULLOW CHURCH
CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Sunday 11th December at 10.30am: Family Carol Service	Christmas Eve at 9pm: Holy Communion
Sunday 18th December at 7pm: Carols by Candlelight	Christmas Day at 8.30am: Holy Communion
Christmas Eve at 10.30am: Carols around the Crib for the little ones in your life	Christmas Day at 10.30am: Family Service followed by short Communion Service

Christmas is a very exciting time for little ones and, as well as the Family Service at 10.30am on Christmas Day, there are two Services which are geared especially to them.

Family Carol Service on Sunday 11th December at 10.30am followed by special seasonal goodies in the Parish Hall. A great chance to get together to celebrate the season.

Carols around the Crib Christmas Eve 10.30am - for all ages but especially the little ones.

Of course the **Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 18th** is always a special occasion for the bigger people!

NEWS



Service of Remembrance Sunday 27th November

The first post-Covid Service of Remembrance saw a congregation of parishioners, family members of deceased parishioners and members of the local community take part in a Service to remember their loved ones. The readings, hymns and prayers were all beautifully apt and the Rector's thoughtful sermon about the stages of grief using a shipwreck analogy would have struck a chord with many of the bereaved present.

Names of the deceased relatives and friends of those present were read out and candles lit in their memory.

A poignant yet comforting Service which was enhanced by the quality of the

silence when the lights were dimmed. This special Service was much appreciated by all those present and a beautiful way to remember loved ones.

Remembrance Sunday Service Sunday 13th November

The Remembrance Sunday Service in Tullow is always a special one, not least because we remember the 17 members/associates of the parish who were killed in both world wars. The Rector's sermon was particularly suitable and thought provoking given the occasion.

Special Services always require a lot of preparation and thanks are due to the Rector, Alan and Mandy for the effort they, Paul our organist, the choir and others, put into this and the other special Services especially at this time of the year.

Charity Christmas Cards Sale Sunday 13th November

Thanks to all who supported the annual sale of Christmas cards in aid of the Irish Cancer Society and RNLI. A total of €445.50 was made for these good causes.

Mandy Swanwick and Margaret Breadon



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 good news for this month is that the church and parish feature in the Winter Newsletter from FACE (Foxrock Area Community and Enterprise) which is distributed to 2,000 homes in the area.

Tullow Church of Ireland, Brighton Road



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

Covid impacted the way many people had to deal with loss so please join us as we especially remember those who passed away during Covid.

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.

Everyone is welcome no matter which church you would normally attend or denomination you identify with.



Sunday 11th December at 12 noon:

Family Carol Service

Sunday 18th December at 7.00pm:

Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve at 10.30am:

Carols around the Crib for the little ones in your life

Christmas Eve at 9.00pm:

Holy Communion

Christmas Day at 8.30am:

Holy Communion

Christmas Day at 10.30am:

Family Service

All welcome



Village Phone Box

The original phone box, **the longest-standing in Ireland**, is located at the village crossroads directly opposite The Gables. It was originally designed and installed between 1922 and 1925. In the years following the creation of a new Department of Post & Telegraphs in 1924 the design was changed to incorporate 'telefon' at the top and 'P&T' at the base.

To protect this important structure FACE plans to totally refurbish it in 2023 to ensure its future sustainability.

Defibrillator

There has been a slight delay in installing the defibrillator in the village but we hope it will be there shortly. We are very grateful to Sherry Fitzgerald for sponsoring it and for hosting it outside their office.



PARISH ORGANISATION

After Church Coffee

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 December

4th - Jennifer and Frank Sowman

11th - Alan and Sandra Rhodes Special after church seasonal reception

18th - Heather and Ken Gregory

25th - Christmas Day - No Coffee after Church

January 2023

1st - Barbara and David Cooper

8th - Hilary Cran and Eileen Adams

15th - Meta and Jonathan Morton

22nd - Sue and Terry Forsyth

29th - Barbara and David Cooper

Thanks so much to those who volunteered in December and January, now volunteers for February 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

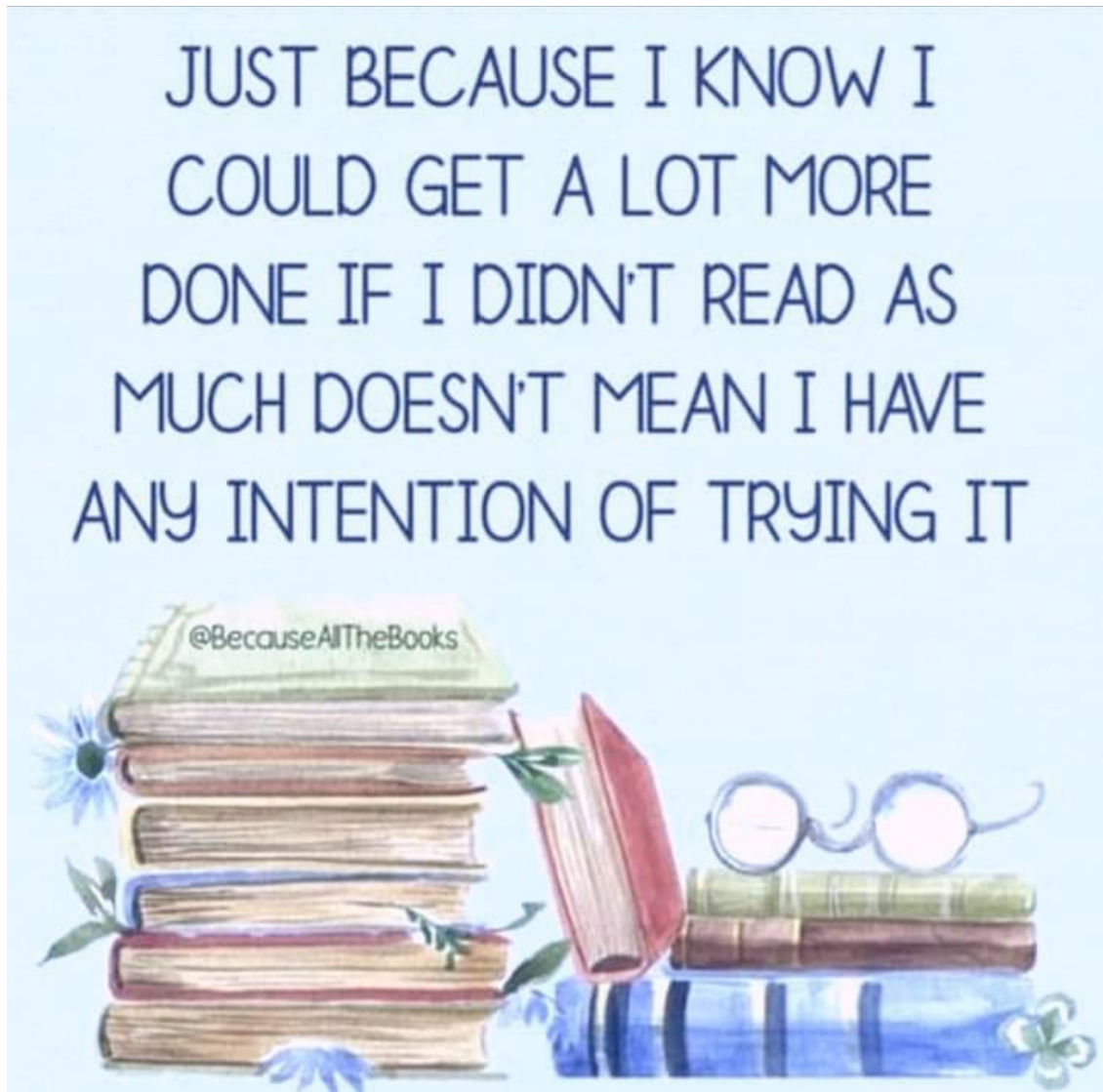
Badminton Club Thursdays 8pm Parish Hall

Tullow Badminton Club is a fun way to get some exercise. We are not (very) competitive, we do like to have a laugh but also test our muscles and stamina while doing so. The Christmas tournament (and afters 🍷) is being organised and we'll return in mid January having recovered from it.

New members always welcome. If you'd like to join us come along any Thursday evening or phone Jane on 086 8418138

Teen Scene

Despite the Christmas exams, this is a lovely time of year for many people as we are in the lead up to Christmas. Come along and sing at the Family Carol Service on Sunday 11th December and enjoy the special treats in the hall afterwards. Always remembering those for whom, for all sorts of reasons, Christmas is a difficult time.



Tullow Book Club

The Husbands by Chandler Baker.

Main character, Norah is a young mother, trying to juggle motherhood and a career, as well as running a home. Her husband, Hayden, tries to help but it's a situation of "just tell me what you want done"! Combine this with Norah wanting to move house and in the early stages of second pregnancy. The plot is set.

The Club found the ending weak but overall enjoyed it.

The book up for discussion in January is *The Gathering Light* by Jennifer Donnelly.

Vera Tanner

Tullow Bowls Club Tuesdays 7.30pm Parish Hall

Tullow Indoor Bowls meet in the Parish Hall every Tuesday at 7.30. So far this season the bowling has been good and the socialising has been most enjoyable.

Anybody who would like to come along and have a go would be very welcome. Flat shoes are essential.

For further information contact

Jonathan Morton 01 2894121 085 7793250 or Hazel Alexander 087 9719836



Tullow Crafty Crew Parish Hall

The Tullow Crafty Crew met on 24th November for a Christmas card and cracker making session with Ashlyn Casey.

Dates for first three months of 2023 as follows;

Thursday, 26th January

Thursday, 23rd February

Thursday, 30th March.

All at 2.30 to 4 pm. Wishing all our crafters a happy Christmas 🎄

If you are interested in joining us please come along on 26th January at 2.30pm or contact Margaret Breadon at 087 2941078 for further details.

Tullow Friends

We're delighted to tell you that Tullow Friends will be back in action towards the end of January or early February. More information in the February newsletter.

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.

Extract from Select Vestry Meeting of 7th November

- agreed to buy a new dishwasher for the kitchen
 - agreed to seek further information about Church TV which provides a professional live-streaming service
 - new gutters and hoppers have been installed outside the church
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Bray Women's Refuge

If you are planning to contribute to Bray Women's Refuge for Christmas collection please concentrate on girls or boys aged between 7 and 10, the staff in the Refuge say they rarely receive clothing items for that age group. A big thank you to everyone who has already donated.

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 www.littlestarpreschoolfoxrock.ie

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: pamela@take2.ie or www.take2.ie



An Advent Prayer
by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. May we who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

May we who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. May we who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. May we whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen

Advent Collect

Almighty God,

Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

and to put on the armour of light

now in the time of this mortal life

in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;

that on the last day

when he shall come again in his glorious majesty

to judge the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen



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 bowesjane91@gmail.com or 086 8418138 if you find any.

The above photos were taken in the mid 1980s and one c2015. Just goes to show that preparing for parish fairs was always hard work!

Thanks to Hilary Cran for the photos.

Foxrock Local History Club

Tuesday January 10th 8pm via Zoom ONLY - *The McCombie Family of Monkstown* by Cormac F. Lowth

Tuesday January 17th 8pm in Foxrock Church Parish Hall ONLY - *The History of Weather Reporting* a talk by Dr Evelyn Cusack

Admission free for members, €5.00 for non-members.

Annual membership €20. Check membership page on

www.foxrocklocalhistory.ie

**Experience
Christmas in
Foxrock  Village**

**Santa is visiting Beckett Green
on Saturday 10th December
3.30pm to 4.30pm**

**Bring your letter for Santa and
see the new Christmas lights!**

*Come early or stay late and enjoy
the wide variety of restaurants,
cafés and shops*

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Appeal for Unoccupied Properties

We have been asked by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to share the following information:

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council is joining with other local authorities to lead a new appeal for offers of unoccupied properties to provide temporary homes for those fleeing war in Ukraine.

More than 60,000 people have **arrived in Ireland** from Ukraine, and most are in need of safe and secure accommodation. This new call aims to make use of unoccupied houses, apartments or holiday homes to provide much needed accommodation on a temporary basis.

The appeal is for offers of houses, apartments, or holiday homes for use as temporary accommodation for those arriving from Ukraine. Ideally, properties would be available for at least six months. Property owners can offer homes at offerahome.ie or by contacting the local authority in which the property is located.

The local authority in which the property is located will be the point of contact for owners throughout the offer and assessment process. Owners can expect to be contacted by the local authority within 5 working days of making an offer and an assessment of the property will be carried out shortly after. In addition, the person who offers the property will be able to check the status of their offer at any stage through the website. Local authorities will also match suitable properties to Ukrainian beneficiaries and can support in agreeing licence agreement and other arrangements.

Full details of the call for properties are available at offerahome.ie where offers can be made. We are grateful for any support you could offer on this **initiative**.

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 www.tullowdublin.org. 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 we have their email address 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 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 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

Tullow Book Club: Vera Tanner

Altar Linens: Vera Tanner

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.

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