



TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY 2023

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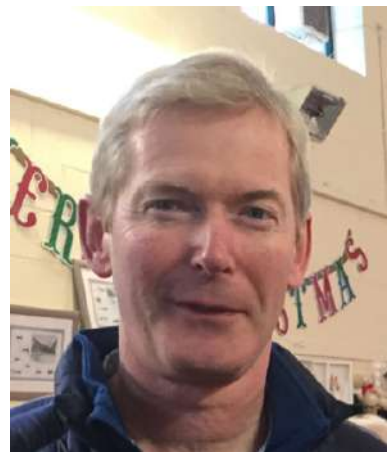
The Rector Writes

February has been described as a month of transition. It can see the transition from winter into spring and there is an ongoing debate as to whether the month itself belongs in winter or spring. The 18th and early 19th century Irish poet, Raftery (O’Raifteiri) claimed that spring began after St. Brigid’s day on 1st February. By contrast, an old English poet was not so sure when he wrote - ‘If Candlemas Day be fair and bright, winter will have another fight. If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain, winter won't come again’. Of course, Candlemas Day is also known as The Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, which falls on the 2nd February. And my primary school teacher was much more certain when she often told her classes, “any month with an ‘R’ in it can be a cold month – February has two ‘R’s’ in it so it is the coldest of the lot!”. Whatever the weather may throw at us in the coming weeks, there are many positive signs of a season transition with brighter evenings and the flowering of snowdrops, crocuses and even a few daffodils.

In our Christian calendar there is also transition.

The Feast of the Prestation of Christ in the Temple marks the official end to the season of Christmas – being forty days from Christmas Day.

This year, less than three weeks later we will have Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the forty days of Lent when we begin our preparations for the most important festival in our Church calendar – Easter. Easter is the source of hope in our faith and the need of hope has never been greater as we consider the economic uncertainty and the suffering and misery caused by Russia’s war in Europe which is now approaching its first



anniversary. We pray in that hope that a solution may be found to end this needless human catastrophe.

From the Registers

Funeral

Monday 23rd January - Richard FitzSimon. Our thoughts and prayers are with Brigid, Susan, Linda, Mark and Muriel and their families - May they experience the comfort of the risen Christ in their loss.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Dr. William Kenneth Glass who died on 13th January 2023. Ken would have been known particularly to members of the Connect Group in the parish.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Lent

Wednesday 22nd February - Ash Wednesday Services

10:30am – Holy Communion

Events - social and fundraising

Some events for the coming year are being organised. These are social events as well as fundraisers for the parish and other good causes. We will give you full details when they are finalised.

In the meantime if you have any ideas for social and/or fundraising events please contact the Rector or any member of the Select Vestry.

Register of Vestry Members

Being on the Register of Vestry Members means you can have a say in what goes on in the Parish – you can elect people to the Select Vestry, contribute to any debate, vote at the annual Easter General Vestry. You can also, but **ONLY** if you wish, be nominated or elected to positions such as Church or Glebe Warden or represent the Parish at diocesan level. Being a registered vestry member does **NOT** mean that you will be asked to do more work or contribute more time or money than if you are not registered.

The Register of Vestry Members is revised at the beginning of each year. If you would like to be on the register please contact the Rector who will send you a form but make sure you do it soon as the completed form has to be back with the Rector **before 15th February**.

NEWS







Christmas in Tullow

The Christmas services started with the traditional Carols by Candlelight on 18th December when the large congregation sang their hearts out. The carols wouldn't have been the same without the mulled wine and mince pies afterwards so thanks to those who organised it.

Small children, their parents and, in some cases, grandparents, thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas Eve Carols Around the Crib. The 9pm Christmas Eve and 8.30am Christmas Day services were well attended as was the main Family Service on Christmas Day which, as always, had that special atmosphere, with excited children and smiling parents. It's always particularly heart warming to welcome extended family members and former parishioners back to Tullow at Christmas.

A special thanks is due to the Rector and Alan for the huge amount of work they put into preparing for all the Services. Thanks also to our organist Paul

and the choir for their contribution to our seasonal celebrations enhanced, as always, by the beautiful decorations and flowers and, of course, the two Christmas trees with their lights welcoming everyone inside. Many thanks to all those responsible for making our church so attractive and a place to be proud of particularly at this special time of year.



Tullow on TV

The 10.30am Service on Sunday 22nd January was broadcast on the RTÉ News channel on Sunday 29th January. A large congregation did Tullow credit and sang lustily, ably led by the choir and organist Paul.

Quite a lot of organisation was involved so thanks to the Tullow Team. (See above)

This broadcast was made possible by our use of Church TV. Church TV provides the equipment and facilitates the filming, recording and broadcasting of most Services, including funerals, with very little human input. The previous method of live-streaming was rather hit and miss and sometimes refused to work so Church TV is a professional and dependable alternative. Services can be seen around the world - a parishioner currently in Thailand was able to watch the Service live while enjoying a G&T (it was evening there!)



Fundraising

A total of €1,550 was raised for the Alice Leahy Trust for the homeless from the collection at the Carols by Candlelight Service and from the Green Jar Advent Collection. Thanks to all for your generosity.



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

A Very Special Message

I wish to thank everyone for Christmas greetings and for helping me celebrate a very special birthday with flowers, cards, emails and phone calls. The outpouring of love, caring thoughts and prayers is quite overwhelming. Knowing that I am continually thought of and prayed for gives me the courage to face the days ahead.

A special thank you to John for his uplifting visits, chats and Holy Communion. I am blessed being a Parishioner of Tullow.

May our good Lord be with us all.

Joan Darling

Defibrillator in Foxrock Village

A defibrillator has just been installed in Foxrock Village on the outside of the Sherry Fitzgerald building at the traffic lights in the village. A defib is a lifesaving piece of equipment which can re-start someone's heart. Special training to use it is not necessary as the defib will verbally give instructions on use. Signage indicating it's location will shortly be erected in the village.

Even though special training is not necessary, training courses are being organised initially for people in the local businesses but it is planned to expand that number in the future.

This is a FACE (Foxrock Area Community and Enterprise) project which is being generously supported by Sherry Fitzgerald Financial Services.



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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 February

Sunday 5th - Christine McCluskey and Sandra Ruttle

Sunday 12th - Jeannette Mee and Grit Tyrrell

Sunday 19th - The Moulton Family

Sunday 26th - Barbara and David Cooper

Thanks so much to those who volunteered in February, now volunteers for March 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 party afterwards was its usual mix of fun, great food (and 🍷) and, of course, badminton.

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

TEENAGERS: challenging, spirited
wry, hilarious, warm, intense,
lovable, irritable, changeable,
generous, creative, frustrating,
confusing, infuriating, provocative,
defiant, loving, open, experimental..

Teen Scene

Add your own adjective!

Tullow Book Club

A Gathering Light by Jennifer Donnelly.

Set in 1905, in a small rural community on the east coast of the United States, we follow 16-year-old Mattie, as she tries to further her education despite the many obstacles in her way. Covers a huge area of prejudices and lifestyle for women in the 1900s. A very good read.

Book choice for next month is, *Anything is Possible* by Elizabeth Strout.

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

Tullow Crafty Crew met on Thursday 26th January in the parish hall with 11 attendees and their varied craft projects.

The next session will be on Thursday, 23rd February when we will have a supply of small crystal art projects to complete. If you are a crafter come and join us!

Margaret Breadon 087 2941078

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 16th January

- planning permission will be submitted shortly to Dún Laoghaire CoCo for permission to create some spaces for wheelchairs inside the church and for glass doors to replace the inner wooden doors
 - the remuneration review and the budget for 2023 were agreed
- Other items discussed are reported in elsewhere in this newsletter.
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Bray Women's Refuge

Part of the super collection of children's clothes on route to the Refuge, they were all so grateful and thank everyone for always remembering them. A very generous cheque was also given so thanks to a very kind donor. If you are able to contribute, ladies nightwear is needed, anything for personal hygiene is

always welcome.

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

Irish Dancing Classes

Mondays at 5pm. Beginner Level. Register online at irishdancingclasses.ie or contact Deirdre at 086 2438118

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

JUST A THOUGHT

A Prayer for St. Brigid's Day

Saint Brigid was reputed to have been a woman of peace.

She brought harmony where there was conflict.

She brought light to the darkness.

She brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of God's peace she displayed cover those who are troubled and anxious,

and may that peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

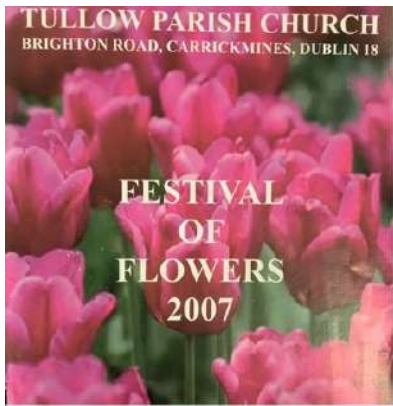
Brigid was a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into a greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

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 are of the three-day Flower Festival held in May 2007.

Foxrock Local History Club

Tuesday February 14th 8pm via Zoom ONLY - *Fell Down, Slipped In, Knocked Down* by James Scannell who will recount three accidents in Dalkey in the 19th and early 20th centuries which made press headlines.

Non-members send an email requesting a password this meeting to info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie

Tuesday February 21st 8pm in Foxrock Church Parish Hall ONLY - *Eileen Grey (1876-1976) Irish Designer and Architect* - a talk by Patricia O'Reilly.

Admission free for members, €5.00 for non-members.
Annual membership €20. Check membership page on
www.foxrocklocalhistory.ie

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

Members of the Select Vestry:

Rev John Tanner (chair) Don Beck, Jane Bowes, Margaret Breadon, Ashlyn Casey, Hilary Cran, Torren Gale, Ken Gregory, Ernie Porter, Alan Rhodes,

Leslie Ruttle, Sandra Ruttle, Patricia Stewart, Nigel Swanwick, Bob Willis, Chris Wojnar

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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