



TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

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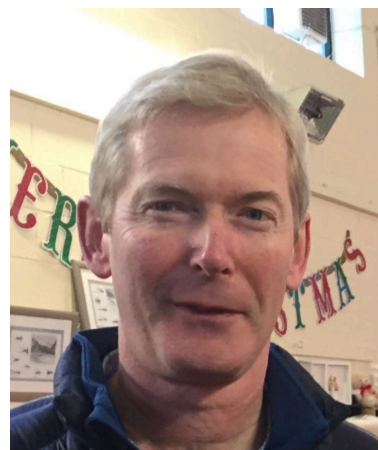
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The Rector Writes

2023 may well be remembered in this part of the world as the “summer that never was”. But lest we get carried away, we have had such inclement summers in the past. However, we must not let that fact try to persuade ourselves that we are not living through a time of very worrying climate change. While we have had to protect ourselves from rain, wind and coolness, in other parts of Europe people died from heatstroke and an unprecedented number of wildfires have caused the destruction of life, ecology and property in places as widely dispersed as Europe, Hawaii and Canada. In other parts massive record volumes of rainfall has caused extensive flooding, mudslides and again, loss of life.

As we head into our Harvest season, we are encouraged to not only be thankful for our harvest, but also engage with what we may be able to do to mitigate climate change, to protect our environment, our biodiversity and our finely balanced ecology. It is up to each one of us to do all that we can to ensure that the generations coming after us will also be able to enjoy God’s creation in all its fullness. When it comes to our Church and parish life, we have taken many steps in recent



years to Reduce, Recycle and Reuse. To learn more about how we may further improve our Church footprint, please check out the following ecumenical website: <https://www.ecocongregationireland.com/>

In Genesis 1:28 we read in the New Revised Standard Version (N.R.S.V.) ‘God blessed them (Adam and Eve), and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ The problematic phrase in this quotation is ‘and fill the earth and subdue it’. Many Biblical scholars believe that a more correct translation should read, ‘and fill the earth and manage it’. This latter translation confers a much greater responsibility on humanity – a responsibility we have failed to fully understand and have sadly neglected.

Every blessing.

From the Registers:

Holy Baptism

27th August 2023 – Sam George and Oscar Alan Crampton, sons of Bernard and Sinead Crampton.

Many Sam and Oscar grow in the faith in which they have been baptised.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Painting of the Church

The painters will move into the church on Monday 4th September and will be there for approximately two weeks. As scaffolding will have to be used we may have to have one Service in the Parish Hall. We hope the work will be completed in time for 17th September.

Tullow Parish Open Craft Evening **Friday 29th September, 2023**

The members of Tullow Parish Crafty Crew would like to invite you to their Open Craft Evening on Friday 29th September, 2023 from 7:30pm to 9pm in Tullow Parish Hall, Brighton Road, Foxrock. D18RF79

Join us for Coffee, Tea and a chat. You don't have to be a crafter or parishioner to join us – everyone is welcome. Bring a craft project with you or try a new one!

We look forward to seeing you then.



Contact Margaret Breadon [087 2941078](tel:0872941078) or Ashlyn Casey if you have any queries



Songs of Praise with the Stedfast Brass Band Tullow Church Sunday 1st October 11am (NOTE THE TIME)

The Stedfast Band is one of Ireland's premier brass bands and we're delighted to welcome them back to Tullow after their hugely popular visit last year.

They will play favourite hymns so please let us know what YOU would like to hear and what makes it your favourite - is it the tune, do the words have a special meaning or do you associate it with a special time or person in your life?

Please note the time: 11am which takes the place of the 10.30am Service

Please contact Mandy Swanwick before 15th September and let her know the hymn/s you'd like to hear.

Email: swanwicks@gmail.com or text [086 1532502](tel:0861532502)



Evergreen Walking Club Sunday 24th September 12 noon at Parish Hall

Starting at Vartry Lakes Car Park, Roundwood, Co Wicklow

Duration 2 to 3 hours or so

This is a pleasant scenic walk around the Upper Reservoir which meanders through woodlands alongside the lake. The Lower Reservoir has provided water to south Dublin since the 1860s and the Upper Reservoir was added soon after to extend the capacity. Many parishioners have requested a flat walk on good tracks. These may be muddy in places, depending on the weather. So please wear boots or good footwear and appropriate clothing. Bring a light lunch for sustenance – drink (flask), sandwich, fruit, bar etc. Dogs are welcome on a lead. Walks end up in a local hostelry.

Donald Gill [087 1270592](tel:0871270592)

Church Services

Church Services return to normal times on Sunday 3rd September.

The Sunday morning 8.30am Service resumes as does the coffee after the 10.30am Service.

The Wednesday morning Service and coffee resumes at 10.30am on 6th September.

Things to Look Forward to in Autumn

As well as those mentioned above, here are some more events to look forward to this autumn in Tullow:

Harvest - Sunday 8th October

Sale of Pre-loved Clothes (adults and children) on Saturday 25th November so please start gathering items from your wardrobe which might be appreciated by a second owner.

Start Christmas at Tullow musical event in the church on Friday 1st December

NEWS



16 July 2023

Dear John and members of the Select Vestry

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to inform you that I will be stepping down from my position as Organist at Tullow church at the end of September. This has been a very difficult and long-pondered decision, and I know I will miss the people and the services/music so much. Tullow is an exceptionally welcoming, supportive, and friendly place – in this regard, I would like to particularly record my thanks for the support shown to me in my first couple of years in the Parish.

My reason for stepping down is simply due to wanting a little more freedom with my time, which, over the past year or two, has been consumed by my main job. I now need to re-evaluate my work-life balance with due consideration for my family and being able to see them and mark occasions more frequently than is currently possible.

My final Sunday will be 17 September, as I will be attending my sister's wedding the following week. I understand that the congregation will be informed that I am leaving but I would like to depart with minimal fuss.

I wish my successor well and hope that under new direction some more people might feel open to joining the choir (perhaps!).

I'd like to pay tribute to the commitment of the choir. I am very proud that we have been able to keep chanting and hope that this will continue. Twenty years is a long time to spend with a choir, but one could not have asked for a more friendly group of people. We remember with fondness and thanks those members, and husbands and wives of current members, who are no longer with us.

I wish you, the choir and the congregation all blessings for the future and don't be surprised to see me in the second pew from the back from time to time.

Very best wishes,



Paul Says Farewell after 20 Years

Paul McNulty, our highly esteemed and multi-talented organist and choir-master, is leaving after more than 20 years in Tullow. He has led our singing Sunday after Sunday, been the mastermind behind many years of wonderful Carols by Candlelight and has played at countless happy and not so happy occasions. His organ voluntaries at the end of the 10.30am Service on Sundays not only make us appreciate his playing talent but also ensure a sense of peace at the end of each Service.

As you will see from his resignation letter his heavy work responsibilities (he is the Head of School at the TUD Conservatoire of Music), along with his desire to spend more time with his family, have led to his decision.

It goes without saying that the whole parish will miss him but choir members will probably miss him most of all.

Here are some of their thoughts:

“First and foremost Paul is an accomplished organist, and for the last 20 years it has been an absolute joy to hear him play, especially in the last while listening to the voluntaries at the end of the Service. He will be greatly missed by the congregation but more so by the choir who are very sad that he is leaving us. We wish him well in the future.”

“I will miss his dry wit and gentle Donegal accent which, by the way, was seldom raised.”

“Paul has been a calming influence with the choir. He is a talented organist and we wish him well in the future.”

“Paul has a lovely calm personality and is a very quietly spoken gentleman with a soft Donegal accent. He always made me feel so welcome since joining the choir 10 years ago. He has immense talent which he conceals in the comfort of his personality. I feel he will be a huge loss to Tullow after 20 years as a very loyal and dedicated church organist.”

“Paul has endless patience and is so kind and helpful.”

“It’s difficult to put into a sentence what Paul means to me because he is brilliant in so many ways - musically he is amazing, his quick wit is second to none but it is as a friend that I appreciate him most but that won’t end when he leaves us in Tullow.”

“Paul’s unique music making was inspiring and uplifting - an extra reason for going to church.”

“We will miss you desperately!! And your Donegal wit and thanks for everything over the last 20 years x.”

“We have been so very fortunate to have had Paul as organist for almost 20 years. Over that time Paul has been encouraging to all of us and very sympathetic - specifically to me who cannot even read music but loves to sing. We will all miss Paul so badly for so many things - his amazing talent but not least for his quirky sense of humour.”

"Paul I am more than sad to hear you're leaving us. I hope you have a wonderful life ahead with lots of love and fond memories."

A presentation from the Parish to mark our appreciation will be made to Paul after the 10.30am Service on Sunday 17th September which will be his last day playing for us.

Thank you so much Paul - we will miss you!

Parish Gift Day 2023

May I sincerely thank the parishioners who have so generously contributed over €16,000 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 September when further contributions will be welcome and greatly appreciated.

Don Beck

Honorary Treasurer



Tullow Outreach Projects

At the recent meeting the Select Vestry decided that in future 10% of profits from fundraising events will go to two charities supported by the Parish. The 10% will not apply when the fundraiser is in aid of a specific charity.

The two charities which will benefit from this policy are Bray Women's Refuge and Down Syndrome India. Information about both charities is further below.

RUGBY WORLD CUP 2023

IRELAND POOL B FIXTURES



IRELAND v ROMANIA
Stade de Bordeaux, Bordeaux
Saturday 9th September 2023



IRELAND v TONGA
Stade de la Beaujoire, Nantes
Saturday 16th September 2023



SOUTH AFRICA v IRELAND
Stade de France, Paris
Saturday 23rd September 2023



IRELAND v SCOTLAND
Stade de France, Paris
Saturday 7th October 2023

Rugby World Cup September and October in France

While not strictly good news (yet!) we will all have our fingers crossed for the Irish rugby team as they start their World Cup matches on Saturday 9th September against Romania. Of course we all will be especially rooting for the newly-married (congratulations Andrew and Elaine) Andrew Porter, Ireland's prop and Tullow parishioner.

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](tel:0868418138) or bowesjane91@gmail.com

PARISH ORGANISATION

After Church Coffee

We need volunteers for the after church tea and coffee on Sunday mornings which will re-start on Sunday 3rd September

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 September

Sunday 3rd - Meta and Jonathan Morton

Sunday 10th - Heather and Ken Gregory

Sunday 17th - Barbara and David Cooper

Sunday 24th - TBA

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

Please contact Barbara Cooper on [086 8446274](tel:0868446274) 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 exercise so everyone is rarin' to get back. We start again on Thursday 21st September - looking forward to seeing existing members and, of course, new members always welcome.

[086 8418138](tel:0868418138) if you'd like to know more.

Outreach - Bray Women's Refuge

"We are going to have in the order of 50,000 domestic abuse incidents happening this year" - that is a comment by the Garda Commissioner this week. When a woman eventually plucks up the courage to leave an abusive partner it is often a case of grabbing an opportunity. This may mean leaving the home, possibly with children, and having nothing but their phone and the clothes they stand in. At Bray Women's Refuge they will find a safe place and if required will be directed through the court system.

So what can Tullow parishioners do to help? Providing pyjamas for women and children is a good start, also giving toiletries, including tooth brushes and paste, for all age groups. (These may be left in the basket at the back of the church). The constant availability of tea, coffee and biscuits also helps the Refuge to provide for their clients. Any large cash donations go to assisting payment for legal fees.

Please continue to support this very worthy cause,

Thank you

Hilary Cran



Outreach - Down Syndrome India

The Parish has had a relationship with Down Syndrome India for quite a few

years and the photo is of some of the children whose lives have been saved thanks to Tullow parishioners funding lifesaving surgery. We are delighted that they are all doing well.

To help us continue to save the lives of little children please take a collection box from the Outreach area at the back of the church and pop your spare coins and notes into it so that we can continue to fund life-saving operations for children in need.

Contact Joyce Buckley if you would like to know more.

Select Vestry - extract from meeting of 28th August

- plans are being drawn up for the installation of an accessible toilet in the Parish Hall
- agreed to install an energy monitor in the Parish Hall
- agreed to investigate provision of wifi in the church
- good luck wishes sent to Andrew Porter on behalf of the Parish

Other items are reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

Tullow Bowls Club Parish Hall Tuesdays 7.30pm

Tullow Indoor Bowls club starts again on Tuesday 26th September 7.30pm. New members are always welcome. It's really a social gathering, a bit of fun, tea and a chat about 9pm.

For further information contact

Jonathan Morton [01 2894121](tel:012894121) or Hazel Alexander [087 9719836](tel:0879719836)

Tullow Crafty Crew Parish Hall

See **Dates for Your Diary**

Contact Margaret Breadon [087 2941078](tel:0872941078) for more information

Wednesday Coffee and Service 10.30am

The Wednesday Service and coffee returns on 6th September.

Teen Scene

Congratulations and best wishes to all who received their Leaving Certificate results and CAO offers. Remember there are many ways of achieving your goals - not all are obvious and straightforward but the final result may be the same.

Support Tullow Parish Hall Tenants

The Parish Hall has a wide range of groups and organisations using it. Please support them.

Irish Dancing Classes for Children

With the renowned Chaney Farrell Academy. Mondays at 4.30pm. Starting Monday 4th September. New pupils are welcome. Online registration at www.irishdancingclasses.ie

Yoga Classes

Catherine is starting new classes on Monday 4th September. 8 weeks for €96. Contact her if you'd like to join.

Feel stretched, not stressed. Suitable for all levels. Mondays 8.15pm - 9.15pm. Contact: Catherine [087 7864853](tel:0877864853)

Take 2

Take 2 Performing Arts School is proud to be south Dublin's longest running stage school, established in 1988.

Drama Classes Mon - Thurs afternoons for 5 - 18 year olds. Exam and Feis preparation.

Musical Theatre Classes - Sing, Dance, Act! Saturdays 3 - 12 year olds.

All children take part in end of year performance in the Pavilion Theatre.

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

The Fitness League

Fitness League Classes for the Active Retired. In the Parish Hall. Mondays 2.15pm - 3.00pm. Join anytime, €7 per class. Starting Monday 11th September. Low impact, whole body movement standing and chair-based exercise classes. Improve your cardiovascular fitness and function as well as your posture, strength, balance and coordination - all to a variety of music.

Contact: Yvonne [086 3900 223](tel:0863900223)

www.thefitnessleague.ie

Tullow Brownies and Girl Guides are looking for new members this September. Brownies (girls 7-10 years) meet Saturday mornings 9:30-10:45am and Guides (girls 10-14 years) meet Monday evenings 6:30-8pm. We are also looking for volunteer adult leaders to join our wonderful organisation.

For more information please contact Alice on [086 3541195](tel:0863541195)



JUST A
THOUGHT

An Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.
As we welcome the autumn months,
may the earlier setting of the sun

remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colours of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been
given and the bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is
temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.



FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

The History Club's Public Lecture is on -
TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2023
IN THE FOXROCK PASTORAL CENTRE @ 8.00 P.M.

Dublin 18 Scenery Appreciation *BY ALAN TUOHY*

You don't have to go far, there is still great scenery on our doorstep – Foxrock, Cabinteely, Carrickmines, etc.



Our landmark symbol of the area, the Ballycorus Leadmine Chimney looks amazing just after sunset. The chimney site on top of Shankill Hill is a hugely popular place to visit. The woods beside the chimney are owned by Coillte and are fully open to the public.

Another famous local landmark enjoying a sprinkling of snow, our 5000-year-old Glendruoid Dolmen.

New places to someday explore (Below)- the brand new multi-sport campus (Dundrum South Dublin Athletics) along the local Tibbradden road not far from the top end of Marley park has an incredibly beautiful hidden river walk with some of the finest old beech trees and great mountain views. The whole facility looks amazing but wow if they could extend that river walk a little further....



Membership is €20 for the year (Sept - July) and entitles members to our lectures for free and two short outings

Our email address is: info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie

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](tel:0868418138) 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 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](tel:0868418138).

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](tel:0863021376)

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

Envelope Scheme: Torren Gale

Sustentation Fund: Owen Driver

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, Margaret Breadon, Barbara Cooper,

Jonathan Morton, 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, Hilary Cran, Torren Gale, Sheila Meredith, Ernie Porter, Alan Rhodes, Leslie Ruttle, Sandra Ruttle, Patricia Stewart, Mandy Swanwick, 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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