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# **OCTOBER 2023**

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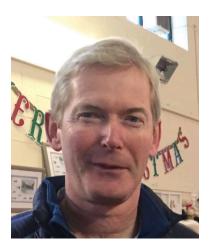
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# **The Rector Writes**

The issue of immigration has recently made the headlines as the population of Ireland has now increased to 5.3 million – the highest level since before the famine. This has inevitably put further pressure on an already critical housing crisis. In addition, scaling up house building, a growing employment market and providing for daily living needs of a larger population make achieving our climate related emission targets even more elusive. Coupled with this is the ongoing war in Ukraine and the continuing influx of refugees from that crisis. Unfortunately, this has prompted some worrying violent and intimidating 'far-

right' protests which haven't solved anything – nor never will.

So, what should our response as Christian be? Some quotations from the Gospels may help us to find an answer. Firstly, there is the synopsis of the commandments, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself' (Luke 10:27). Then there are Jesus' judgment



statements in Matthew, 'I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.' and, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:35,40).

On Sunday 8th October we look forward to celebrating our harvest festival here in Tullow.

This is when we give thanks to God for all the bounty of nature and all that the work of human beings has given us. If we are truly grateful for all that God has given us, our response should be to share any surplus we may have with those in need, both in this part of the world and further afield. To again quote St. Teresa of Avila, 'Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.'

#### **Confirmations 2024**

It is expected that the Archbishop's Office will shortly publish a list of Confirmation Services for 2024. Looking at the schedule for 2023, it will likely be a Sunday afternoon towards the end of May in Christ Church Cathedral. In anticipation of this, Confirmation classes will be commencing in January 2024. Those who may be interested in making this very important step in their faith journey (and/or their parents) are asked to contact the Rector as soon as possible to ensure they are included in the proposed classes.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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 to play favourite hymns after their hugely popular visit last year.

Look forward to hearing *Spirit of God Unseen as the Wind, Be Thou My Vision, Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* and many more - all given the full brass band treatment.

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



### Harvest Festival Service Sunday 8th 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 for Libya and Morocco.



## Evergreen Walking Club Sunday 5th November 12 noon at Parish Hall

Our walk on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September was cancelled due to a severe weather alert from the Met Office. I have rearranged this walk as detailed below and I hope to see all our regulars together with some new faces. All welcome!

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Route: Circuit of Upper Vartry Lake and a section of the Lower Vartry Lake. Starting from new car park this side of Roundwood. Meet at 12.00 midday in Parish Hall after coffee. Duration 2 to 3 hours maximum.

This promises to be a scenic autumnal walk through woods and lake shore on good paths.

Wear appropriate out door clothes and boots or good shoes as paths can be muddy after rain.

Bring a light lunch for sustenance with a drink or flask. Dogs are welcome on a lead. Walks end up in a local hostelry.

Donald Gill 087 1270592



**Pre-loved Clothes Sale Tullow Church Saturday 25th November** Start gathering your unwanted clothes - women's, men's and children's but please - only those which are in perfect condition. Handbags and jewellery as well. We can accept them from the beginning of November.

Eileen Adams 087 2674406 but please only text or What's App

## Start Your Christmas at Tullow Friday 1st December 8pm

Come and get in the Christmas spirit with the 35 piece Sounds Ensemble band who will play music to put a pep in your step. Medleys of Disney film themes, sambas, waltzes along with Christmas favourites such as *Santa Baby*.

The evening is in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation and all proceeds (ex booking fee) go to the IHF to help with their lifesaving work. Tickets are €20 and may be booked on Eventbrite.ie. Booking will open in November but put the date in your diary.

#### **NEWS**

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#### **Thank You Paul**

Tullow parishioners bade farewell to Paul McNulty, our popular organist and choirmaster at a very well attended Service on Sunday 17th September. All the hymns were chosen by Paul, the singing was wonderful and he finished off with Trumpet Voluntary by Jeremiah Clarke and if you check Tullow Parish on Facebook <u>https://www.facebook.com/tullowparish</u> you can see and hear Paul

playing.

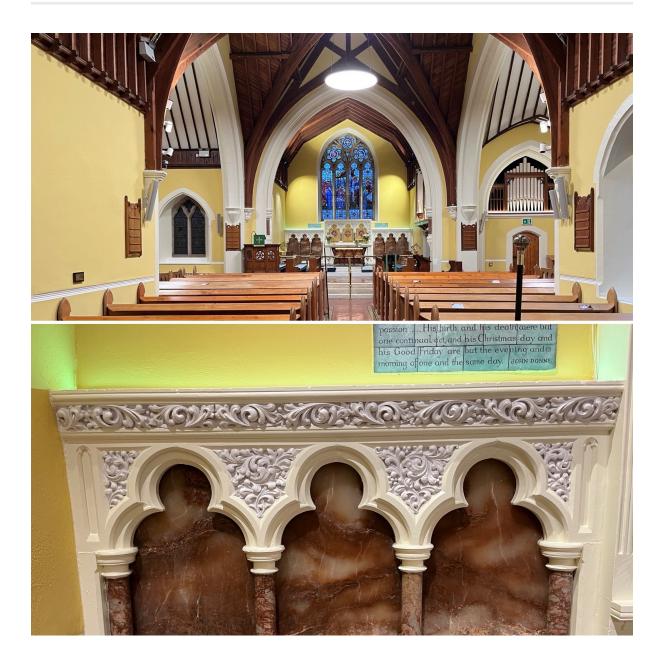
The Rector made a presentation to Paul on behalf of the Select Vestry and parishioners and Paul joined everyone in the hall afterwards for coffee, traybakes and suitable farewells i.e.hugs!

We'll miss you Paul.



**Tullow Crafty Crew Open Craft Evening 29th September** An enthusiastic band of crafters and potential crafters came together in the Parish Hall to demonstrate crafts and to enquire about and learn new crafts. There was a great buzz in the hall as people chatted over tea and coffee.

Thanks to all who organised and helped with what was a very successful evening.



### **Clean, Bright and Newly Painted**

The next time you're in the church you'll hopefully notice that it looks particularly bright and sparkling. The painters finished just in time for Paul's farewell Service and it looks lovely. Many visitors over the years have commented on how pretty, bright and welcoming the church is so the Select Vestry decided to keep the same colour scheme.



#### 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 <u>086 8418138</u> or bowesjane91@gmail.com

This month's good news is that we are compiling a list of useful things and contacts - see below.



## Do You Have Any Useful Contacts?

Have you found yourself needing help with something or need a particular service? Do you have something you're finished with but which might be useful to someone? Have you found a useful service which others might need?

By special request and suggestions from parishioners we are compiling a list of things and services which others may find useful. For the moment the intention is to list things and services in the newsletter each month.

Information we have to start with:

- A builder who will speedily install extra stair banisters and similar
- Walker and crutches available to borrow or keep

If you can add to this or are interested in anything listed please contact Jane Bowes on <u>086 8418138</u> or bowesjane91@gmail.com

# PARISH ORGANISATION

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#### 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!

#### **Rota for October**

Sunday 1st - Geraldine Poff, Barbara and David Cooper Sunday 8th - Harvest Soup Lunch Sunday 15th - Joan and Don Beck Sunday 22nd - Moulton Family Sunday 29th - Heather and Ken Gregory

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

Please contact Barbara Cooper on <u>086 8446274</u> 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 delighted to be back. New members always welcome.

086 8418138 if you'd like to know more.

#### **Outreach - Bray Women's Refuge**

Please help by providing pyjamas for women and children, also 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**

To help us continue to fund life-saving surgery for 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.

Contact Joyce Buckley if you would like to know more.

As mentioned in the September issue of the newsletter, 10% of profits from parish fundraising activities will be divided between Bray Women's Refuge and Down Syndrome India. This does not apply to events which are fundraisers for specific charities.

## **Tullow Book Club**

A Lesson in Chemistry by Bonnie Gamus.

Don't be fooled by the 1st 100 pages, which gives the reader the backgrounds to the two main characters (even though one of these characters is physically not present for the rest of the story.)

Elizabeth Zott just wanted to practice chemistry. But it was the 1950s and women were too delicate for such a career. She outstripped her male contempories in brains and the male hierarchy could not cope. When the unmarried Elizabeth's pregnancy was noticed, she lost her job and had her research stolen and published by the male head of the Department.

Let the story begin, as one woman fights back against the injustices that women had to put with in the workplace.

Excellent and created a great conversation.

Book choice for next meeting is *The Colony* by Audrey Magee.

#### Tullow Bowls Club Parish Hall Tuesdays 7.30pm

Tullow Indoor Bowls club is really a social gathering with bowling, a bit of fun, tea and a chat about 9pm. New members are always welcome.

For further information contact Jonathan Morton <u>01 2894121</u> or Hazel Alexander <u>087 9719836</u>

Tullow Crafty Crew Parish Hall See

Contact Margaret Breadon 087 2941078 for more information

#### 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

### **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. New pupils are welcome. Online registration at <u>www.irishdancingclasses.ie</u>

#### **Yoga Classes**

Catherine is started 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 <u>087 7864853</u>

## 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: <u>pamela@take2.ie</u> or <u>www.take2.ie</u>

### The Fitness League

Fitness League Classes for the Active Retired. In the Parish Hall. Mondays 2.15pm - 3.00pm. Join anytime, €7 per class.

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

www.thefitnessleague.ie

### **Tullow Brownies and Girl Guides**

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



#### **A Harvest Prayer**

Generous God, we thank you for the gifts you have given for all people to share. May we plant seeds of hope and nurture them as we seek a harvest of plenty for all. Forgive us for the times these seeds fail to take root in our hearts. We grieve when homes and crops are washed away by floods, when lives are uprooted by disaster, or trampled by fear and greed. Living God, you lead us to a new way of being. Move us to help one another in our times of need, to care for the earth and to love one another, sharing your harvest with all. 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 <a href="https://www.bowesjane91@gmail.com">bowesjane91@gmail.com</a> or <a href="https://www.bowesjane91@gmail.com">086 8418138</a> if you find any.

The above photo of Grafton Street in the 1880s is from the Lawrence Collection in the National Library.



# FOXROCK LOCAL PISCORY CLUD

The History Club's Public Lecture is on -TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023 IN THE FOXROCK PASTORAL CENTRE @ 8.00 P.M.

# TOPIC - The Irish Artist – Margaret Allen (1832-1914).

# Speaker: Derville Murphy



Derville Murphy is an architect, artist, art and architectural historian, and author of *If she only knew* (Poolbeg Press, 2021), a historical novel inspired by the life and times of Margaret Allen.

Margaret Allen, the first female honorary member of the Royal Hibernian Academy (RHA), was an artist whose paintings were concerned with the social conditions of the time. What is less well known about her is that she was one of Dublin's earliest female commercial photographers, whose work as an artist was enabled by photography and who used her artistic skills to embellish her photographic images.





Margaret operated a drawing and painting academy, to run the business and to exhibit portraits, predominantly of children, annually at the RHA exhibitions. The fact that it was not considered respectable for middle-class women such as Margaret to engage in work outside the home likely influenced her decision to describe M. Allen and Co. in the *Irish Times and Daily Advertiser* (30 December 1869) as a 'Studio for Children and Animals':

'Miss Allen pays particular attention to the photographing of Babies, and as the Waiting-room and Gallery are well heated, there is no danger of Infants or delicate children taking cold while being photographed.'

Margaret Allen achieved significant recognition as an artist in Ireland. Despite limitations in her education, and the constraints of her gender and class, she succeeded in producing work that, in its social commentary, was political at a time when critical commentary even by male artists was unusual. It was Margaret Allen's practice as a photographer, however, that enabled her to achieve these distinctions, and certainly helped her to overcome some of the difficulties faced at that time by other female painters of her class.

#### 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

#### **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 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.

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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> Please forward to other members of your family



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