



TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 2023

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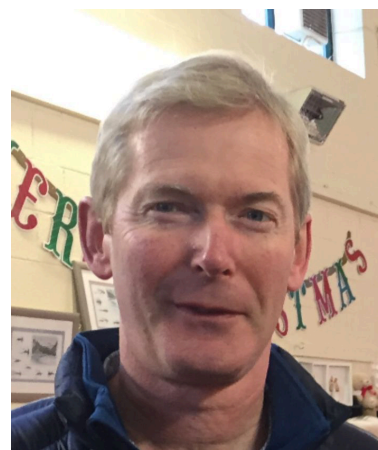
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The Rector Writes

November is the traditional month of remembrance as churches, cathedrals and parishes all around the country hold special Services of Remembrance. Many of these Services will be to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives while serving with armed forces fighting to oppose tyranny and in the pursuit of justice and peace. The purpose of these Services of Remembrance is to ensure we never forget the real and horrendous price that had to be paid so that we can today enjoy relative justice and peace in our part of the world. Unfortunately, as we look at the wider world of today, we find that others are not so fortunate and the mistakes of the past are being repeated.

The ongoing conflict in Ukraine resulting from Russia's invasion sees daily human tragic loss of



life, livelihoods and infrastructure. The current outbreak of conflict in the Middle East which commenced with the brutal slaughter of some 1,400 Israelis and the taking of hostages by Hamas has now seen the reported deaths of approximately 5,000 innocent Palestinian men, women and children. No matter what political views one holds, all of these killings must be totally condemned. In addition, the withholding of essential food, water, fuel and medical supplies from million of people stranded in Gaza is reprehensible and is still not being called out by many of the so-called civilised nations with the power to exert influence on this situation. Such practice was condemned in the aftermath of the World War II Jewish holocaust, but appears to being allowed to happen once more to another ethnic group before the eyes of the world. Jesus said, *'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same?'* Matthew 5:43-46

Also, the tradition of "all Saints" and "all Souls" this month is devoted to the remembrance of those loved ones who played such a formative role on the present generation but have now gone to their eternal reward. And it is indeed an essential part of knowing exactly who we are and where we might want to go that we should know

and understand our heritage and where we came from. A deeper understanding and critique may also help us to avoid repeating any mistakes made in the past as mentioned in my opening comments above.

From the Registers

Funeral

Friday 20th October – Audrey Cole. We pray that Denise, Adrienne, Markus and Lukas may know the peace and comfort of the risen Christ in their loss.

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





Remembrance Sunday Service Sunday 12th November 10.30am

The Remembrance Sunday Service remembers all the fallen in all wars. Tullow has a particular reason to remember as 17 members/associates of the parish were killed in both world wars, among whom were the three Wilson brothers from Carrickmines House and their cousin Nurse Sophia Barrett who perished in the RMS Leinster. This is always a very moving and memorable Service.

Charity Christmas Card Sale Parish Hall Sunday 12th November after 10.30am Service

The charity Christmas card sale has been a tradition in Tullow for many years. Cards in aid of RNLI and the Irish Cancer Society will be sold after the 10.30 am Service on Remembrance Sunday.

An easy way to get your Christmas cards while supporting good causes

PRE-LOVED CLOTHES SALE

Adults & Children

Jewellery & Bags



**Saturday
25th November
10am - 1pm**

Pre-loved Clothes Sale Tullow Church Saturday 25th November 10am - 1pm

This is an ideal opportunity to contribute to the circular economy - clear your wardrobe and make room for new purchases! We need your unwanted clothes - women's, men's and children's but please - only those which are in perfect condition. Handbags and jewellery as well.

Then, of course, tell your family and friends about this wonderful opportunity to revamp their wardrobe sustainably.

Please contact Eileen Adams [087 2674406](tel:0872674406) to arrange your donation.



Have You Lost a Loved One?

Join us for an
Ecumenical Service of Remembrance

**Sunday 26th November
5pm**

Service of Remembrance Sunday 26th November 5pm

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

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.

Please help us spread the word to family, friends, neighbours and families of former parishioners. All are welcome no matter which church they would normally attend or denomination they would identify with.



Christmas with Sounds Ensemble Tullow Church Friday 1st December 8pm

Come and join us for an unforgettable evening of festive cheer at **Christmas with Sounds Ensemble!** Get ready to be immersed in the magical sounds of the Christmas season.

This talented ensemble will be performing a delightful selection of traditional Christmas carols and enchanting melodies. You can expect to be serenaded by beautiful harmonies and heartwarming tunes that will surely put you in the Christmas spirit.

Whether you're attending with family, friends, or loved ones, this event promises to be a joyful celebration that will leave you with cherished memories. So don't miss out on this opportunity to experience the magic of Christmas with the Sounds Ensemble!

Christmas with Sounds Ensemble is a fundraiser in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation and all money raised (ex booking fee) in aid of their life-saving work. Tickets €20 (plus booking fee) on

Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/christmas-with-sounds-ensemble-tickets-739424928867?aff=oddtcreator>



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

Our walk on Sunday 24th 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!

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](tel:0871270592)



**Tullow Friends Christmas Lunch Foxrock Golf Club Friday 8th December
12.30pm**

Tullow Friends Christmas Lunch is back after a long absence. This was always a lovely sociable occasion and Foxrock Golf Club off Torquay Road is an attractive venue so the scene is set for an enjoyable seasonal event.

Three course lunch is €35. Contact Cleo Ellis to book [087 2648775](tel:0872648775)

NEWS





Bob Willis Centenarian

There is hardly anyone in Tullow Parish who does not know Bob Willis. Bob reached the amazing age of 100 on 1st October this year and everyone in church that Sunday sang a very loud Happy Birthday. The congregation, very appropriately, was accompanied by the Stedfast Band.

Aroundabout 1990 Bob and his late wife Elaine moved back to Dublin from Co. Wicklow. They had been active members of Newcastle Parish but upon their return the then Rector of Tullow, Cecil Hyland, called on them and invited them to join Tullow Parish. The rest, as they say, is history! Bob was elected to the Select Vestry in the mid 1990s and is still an active member who makes very pertinent and pithy contributions to every meeting.

Bob was born on Brighton Avenue in Rathgar and went to High School and then to Trinity where he studied Honours Maths. As the Auditor of the Maths Society he had to present a paper on a relevant subject. His paper so impressed Dr Roy Geary that he persuaded Bob to think about a career as an actuary. The path to becoming an actuary in those days (1945) was by completing a six year correspondence course with the UK based society.

Irish Life was one of the few companies in Ireland which employed actuaries at the time so Bob started there and, in fact, spent all his working life with Irish Life including 17 years as MD. In true modest fashion Bob maintains that he was simply in the right place at the right time!

Bob was instrumental in helping to establish actuary as a profession and was a founder member of the Society of Actuaries in Ireland. His contribution to the profession was recognised at a recent lunch to mark his birthday at which he gave what was described as a witty speech to the audience of 500 actuaries.

He qualified in 1951, saved up and married Elaine in 1953. She was from Clontarf but, while he was aware for some time of this very attractive girl, they didn't formally meet until they were both at a Presbyterian Church function. That, as the saying goes, was that, and they were together for 64 years until Elaine's death in 2018.

Bob was Vice Chancellor of Trinity College from 1985-1999 and, in 1995, was awarded an honorary Doctorate from Trinity in honour of his contribution to the university and service to the Rotunda Hospital. In 1988 he oversaw the amalgamation of four schools to become what we now know as Rathdown School. They also had a recent lunch to mark his birthday and thank him for his services.

Bob believes that communication is vitally important in all aspects of life and, after so many years on the Select Vestry he wonders if the term 'Select' may sound elitist to some ears. He appreciates that members are selected by parishioners but would prefer the term Vestry.

The photos are of Bob on his 100th birthday (complete with trademark rose in his buttonhole!) being presented with a mini birthday cake as the Tullow congregation sang Happy Birthday; at one of the garden visits in 2020, doing his annual job selling Christmas cards for charity and at his graduation from Trinity in 1945 - note the gold medal!

Happy birthday Bob and thank you!



Songs of Praise with the Stedfast Brass Band Sunday 1st October

The 17 strong Stedfast Band, one of Ireland's premier brass bands, came to Tullow and delighted the large congregation with their renditions of favourite

hymns which had been requested by members of the Parish.

Among the hymns were *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. Thanks so much to Mandy for arranging the visit.



Harvest Festival Service Sunday 8th October

Harvest is one of the happiest times in the church year when we give thanks for all our blessings. Gillian Kingston preached, the church was beautifully decorated as you can see and the Soup Lunch was appreciated by all who

attended. Donations were in aid of the Bishops' Appeal for Libya and Morocco.





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



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.

A parishioner is looking for the name and contact details for what used to be called a 'handyman' but who, nowadays, might be called a 'handy person'! Ideally someone who could do small jobs around the house.

Useful information we have:

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

Rota for November

Sunday 5th - Hilary Cran and Hazel Alexander

Sunday 12th - Jennifer and Frank Sowman

Sunday 19th - Barbara and David Cooper

Sunday 26th - Joan and Don Beck

Thanks so much to those who volunteered in November, now volunteers for December 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 delighted to be back. New members always welcome.

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

Outreach - Bray Women's Refuge

A special Christmas delivery will be made to BWR so please help by providing pyjamas/ nightwear for women and children, as well as toiletries, including tooth brushes and paste for all age groups. Christmas (non-perishable) goodies would also be very welcome. They may be left in the basket at the back of the church.

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.

Extract from Select Vestry Meeting 9th October

- some of the lights in the Parish Hall have been replaced by LED bulbs. Their effectiveness will be monitored
 - the search for a new organist continues
 - in advance of Parish registration with the Charities Regulator there will be additional emphasis on good governance (all parishes will eventually have to be registered with the Charities Regulator)
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Tullow Book Club

The Colony by Audrey Magee.

The story is set in 1979, on an island off the coast of Ireland. The opening scene is one of comedy but the mood changes when two visitors to the island discover that they are both planning to stay on the island for three months, to complete their projects.

It's a book that the reader might want to read again, as they were left with questions unanswered, or had they missed something as the story unfolded?

Book choice for next month is *The Lost Man* by Jane Harper.

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



Tullow Crafty Crew Parish Hall 2.30pm Thursday 30th November

There was a great attendance, including some new attendees, at the Tullow Crafty Crew session on 26th October and you can see some of the wonderful things they worked on. The next session is on Thursday 30th November. Contact Margaret Bredon [087 2941078](tel:0872941078) 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 www.irishdancingclasses.ie

Yoga Classes

Catherine has classes on Mondays. 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.

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

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)



Prayer of the Month

God of all justice and peace,

we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children – for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Anglican Archbishop Hosam Naoum of Jerusalem



JBS McIlwaine by Walter Osborne. In the collection of the National Gallery of Ireland

**Local History Talk Foxrock Golf Club, Golf Lane, Torquay
Road on Monday 13th November at 7.30pm**

Rabbit Holes – local 1916 stories is the intriguing title of a fascinating talk about

an era of Foxrock's past. Cathy Scuffil, Dublin City Council's Historian in Residence, will talk about the Foxrock connection with the Property Losses Committee 1916 and the stories attached to it. Hear about poor Colonel Falls from Gordon Avenue who didn't get compensated for his car as he was going to lunch when it was commandeered by 'armed rebels'.

Artist JBS MacIlwaine, who lived at Stanford House on Westminster Road, claimed for paintings lost when the RHA building on Lower Abbey Street was destroyed. He was the subject of a well-known painting by his friend Walter Osborne.

Cathy is an experienced, engaging speaker so it will be an entertaining and interesting evening.

FREE event, booking not required. Organised by FACE and Co-funded by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Council Heritage Grant

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.



Cumann Stáirí Áiteáil Carráig an tSiannáil

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

The History Club's Public Lecture is on -
TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2023
IN THE FOXROCK PASTORAL CENTRE @ 8.00 P.M.

OUR A.G.M.

1. Introduction by the Chairman
2. Minutes of 2022 AGM for approval by Members
3. Financial Report (Audited) and appointment of the Auditor for approval by the members
4. Membership report
5. Hon Secretaries report
6. Members issues or concerns
7. Election of the incoming committee.

Followed by the main talk on: -

Leopardstown Racecourse Origins.

SPEAKER: - Prof. Fergus D'arcy

Professor Fergus D'Arcy, M.A., Ph.D., Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, is Professor Emeritus in modern history of University College Dublin (UCD). He lectured in UCD from 1970, was Dean of the UCD Faculty of Arts through 1992 to 2004. His publications include *Terenure College, 1860-2010* (Dublin, 2010), *Horses, Lords and Racing Men: the Turf Club, 1790-1990* (Kildare, 1991) and the award winning *Remembering the War Dead: British Commonwealth and International War Graves in Ireland Since 1914* (Dublin, 2007). His talk will be the origins of Leopardstown Race Course.



**King George V and Queen Mary at
Leopardstown July 1911**

Leopardstown Racecourse is an Irish horse-racing venue, located in 8 kilometres south of the Dublin city centre. Like the majority of Irish courses, it hosts both National Hunt and Flat racing. The course, built by Captain George Quin and modelled on Sandown Park Racecourse in England, was completed in 1888 and acquired by the Horse Racing Board of Ireland in 1967. Many important races are held here and racing takes place all year round, with about 22 meetings per year. In 1941, noted Royal Air Force pilot Hugh Verity, who flew many secret agents at night into and out of farm fields in France, force landed on the Race Course. He was interned briefly before escaping back to England. The Leopardstown Hall of Fame honours famous Irish horse racing trainers, jockeys and horses

like, Vincent O'Brien, Tom Dreaper, Pat Taaffe and Pat Eddery, Arkle, Dawn Run, Levmoos and Nijinsky.

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 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: Vacant

Parish Treasurer: Don Beck

Select Vestry Secretary: Jane Bowes

Envelope Scheme: Torren Gale

Sustentation Fund:

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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