



TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER



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MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

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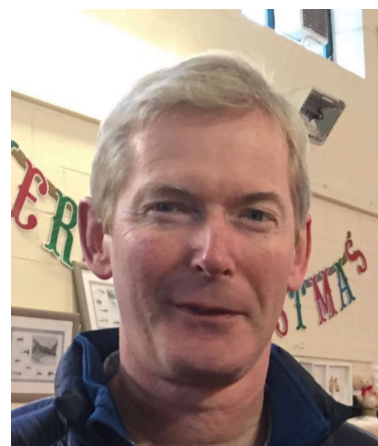
..and much more

The Rector Writes

There is something very exciting about being given the chance at a new beginning. But it is also true that the challenges such a new beginning can present may be daunting and the cause of much anxiety. Therefore, as we face into Advent, Christmas and the New Year, most of us have mixed emotions about what the New Year – both the new Church year and the new calendar year – may bring. However, if all things were a certainty life would be very boring indeed!

The Church's New Year begins on Advent Sunday, 3rd December. Advent is one of the two penitential seasons of the year (the other being Lent) and it marks a period of spiritual preparation for Christmas. It affords us the opportunity to review our lives and our priorities as well as trying to gain a deeper appreciation and insight into the "Good News" of God's priceless gift to us on that first Christmas Day. Amidst all the hustle and bustle of our physical preparation it is important that we do not forget this spiritual preparation. With so much to be done and so little time to do it let us not fall into the trap of leaving Christ out of Christmas!

Any spiritual preparations made in Advent can also help us to make New Year's resolutions at the beginning of a new calendar year. Not only will it allow us to make them, but also to keep



them! I'm sure we are all familiar with the bitter experience of resolutions made on 1st January being broken on the 2nd and are therefore reluctant to make such commitments for the future. However, it can be a truly life-changing experience if our resolutions are well considered and genuine.

Of all New Year resolutions, the one most needed at this time is peace in the many troubled parts of our world – especially in the Middle East and Ukraine. As we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, may peace be a priority of all world leaders as they seek a better future for all.

On behalf of Vera and myself may I take this opportunity to wish all parishioners, their families and friends a

Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas as well as a Resolute, Blessed and Prosperous New Year.

From the Registers

Funeral

Monday 6th November – Eva Sutton

Wednesday 22nd - David Morton

Friday 24th November - Ruth Margetson

We pray that their families and friends may know the peace and comfort of the risen Christ in their loss.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tullow Church
Christmas Services**

Sunday 10th Dec at 12pm Family Carol Service	Christmas Eve at 9pm Holy Communion
Sunday 17th Dec at 7pm Carols by Candlelight	Christmas Day at 8.30am Holy Communion
Christmas Eve at 10.30pm Carols around the Crib for the little ones	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 10th December at **12 noon** 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 17th at 7pm** is always a special occasion for the bigger people!



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.

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> or pay €20 at the door.



**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.

This event has proved to be so popular that it is booked out.



African Gospel Choir Tullow Church Saturday 10th February 7.30pm

Many of you will remember the two wonderful evenings when the African Gospel Choir came to Tullow. They have been called the 'world's most magical choir' and to say that their performance is enthralling and inspiring is an

understatement.

If you want to have a smile on your face and feel uplifted (and who doesn't need that!) then this is the evening for you.

Tickets will go on sale in early January but don't worry we'll let you know in time to book.

NEWS



Remembrance Sunday Service Sunday 12th 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.

As well as remembering those who fell in conflict, new life was also celebrated

as the names of babies who were baptised in Tullow in recent years were read out and a candle lit for each of them.



Pre-loved Clothes Sale Saturday 25th November

This was an extraordinary event in so many ways. A very large volume of pre-loved clothes was donated, the church was full of clothes, shoes, handbags and jewellery (not a sight seen very often if ever!), the sale had to be opened ahead of time to accommodate the numbers waiting and - the best part - over €4,000 was raised.

This was thanks to the hard work of a lot of people under the energetic

leadership of Eileen Adams. Eileen and her team (only a few are in the photos), worked hard over four days getting the clothes ready, arranging them in the church, selling them and then tidying up afterwards. Sandra Rhodes and Margaret Breadon stocked and ran the bags and jewellery section which was hugely successful.

A special word of thanks has to go to the Ellis family who kept the workers fed and watered over the three preparation days - they certainly ensured that the energy levels remained high.

As is the case with parish fundraising events, 10% of the monies raised will go the Bray Women's Refuge and Down Syndrome India.

Congratulation to all involved - and thank you.

Service of Remembrance Sunday 26th November

This very special Service enables bereaved families and friends to remember loved ones in a safe, calm and spiritual environment. No matter when a loved one passed on we never forget them and the specially chosen readings, hymns, the Rector's very apt words as well as the reading out of loved ones' names and the lighting of candles for them all contribute to a peaceful, healing occasion.

Particular thanks to the Rector and Alan for making this a Service which attracts so family members and friends from outside and inside the Parish.

Tapestry in the Church

Just in case you're wondering what has happened to our beautiful wall tapestry - don't worry! The damp wall in the church affected the tapestry causing it to get misshapen. There are not many people who could restore it but we are lucky that Alexis Bernstroff of Ros Tapestry fame is excited to work on the tapestry which is a memorial to Frank and Benita Johnson. We look forward to seeing it restored and back in place in the next few weeks when it will complement our

beautifully painted and hopefully damp-free church.



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



New Business

Do you have a clock or watch which needs some attention but don't really know what to do with it? Parishioner Nigel Swanwick has started a new business servicing and restoring clocks and watches. A website will be coming soon but in the meantime Nigel can be contacted on [087 9094698](tel:0879094698).



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.

Useful information we have:

- A builder who will speedily install extra stair banisters and similar
- Walker and crutches available to borrow or keep
- A handyman who will do small jobs inside or outside

If you can add to this or are interested in anything listed please contact Jane

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 December/January

Sunday 3rd - Eileen and Richard Adams

Sunday 10th - Alan and Sandra Rhodes - Seasonal bites after Family Carol Service at 12 noon

Sunday 17th - Christine McCluskey and Barbara Cooper

Sunday 24th - TBA

Sunday 31st - Barbara and David Cooper

January

Sunday 7th - Ger Poff, Janet Moore and Glynis McConnell

Sunday 14th - Grit Tyrell and Jeannette Mee

Sunday 21st - Barbara and David Cooper

Sunday 28th - TBA

Thanks so much to those who volunteered for December and January, now volunteers for February 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 and we're now getting ready for

the Christmas tournament and celebration afterwards. 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 27th November

- appointment of a new organist is imminent with a projected start date in January

Other items are reported elsewhere in the newsletter.

Tullow Book Club

The Lost Man by Jane Harper

The isolation of the outback, and life on a cattle station overshadowed the murder mystery plot but this did not take from the storyline and its development.

The story highlighted the concerns that family and community have about depression, suicide and domestic violence. Despite the themes, it was deemed to be a good read.

Book choice for next meeting in January is, *All The Broken Places* by John Boyne.

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

A very attractive selection of seasonal crafts. Next session Thursday 25th January 2.30 - 4pm.

Contact Margaret Breadon [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)



Nativity Prayer

Let your goodness, Lord, appear to us, that we, made in your image, may conform ourselves to it.

In our own strength we cannot imitate your majesty, power, and wonder nor is it fitting for us to try. But your mercy reaches from the heavens through the clouds to the earth below.

You have come to us as a small child, but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts, the gift of eternal love. Caress us with your tiny hands, embrace us with your tiny arms and pierce our hearts with your soft, sweet cries.

Amen

— *St. Bernard of Clairvaux*



Harbour, Co. Dublin, Ireland.



Harbour, Dun Laoghaire Harbour, Co. Dublin, Ireland.



Airline at Dublin Airport, Ireland.



Nelson's Pillar, and the General Post Office, O'Connell Street, Dublin, Ireland.

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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.

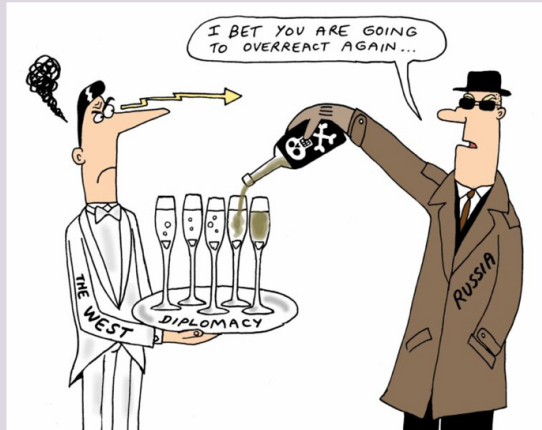
The images above are from the johnhindecollection.com and are a trip down memory lane.

Foxrock Local History Club Pastoral Centre Foxrock Church Tuesday 16th January 8pm

TOPIC:- The accidental diplomat: my years in the Irish Foreign Service, 1987-1995

SPEAKER: Eamon Delaney

Eamon Delaney, started his career in the Department of Foreign Affairs at the age of 24. It was 1987, the eve of Charles Haughey's triumphant return to power. Tense times for the diplomats of



Iveagh House. From lonely nights at the Soviet Desk to glamorous soirées during Ireland's presidency of the emerging European Union.

Eamon Delaney kept his ear to the ground – a useful skill when wedged precariously between Iran, Iraq and Israel at the UN General Assembly. More useful still when, at the Irish Consulate, he travelled the strange world of Irish America, doing battle with radical nationalists and having to indulge in a painful amount of céilí dancing.

Then there was Northern Ireland, and the Peace Process of 1993-1995, where no amount of dining, spying and manipulation was spared in the pursuit of the ultimate goal – the greater good of officialdom. Hilarious and at times deadly serious, *An Accidental Diplomat* offers a wry and irreverent view of the backstage dealings at foreign affairs.

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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