



TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY 2024

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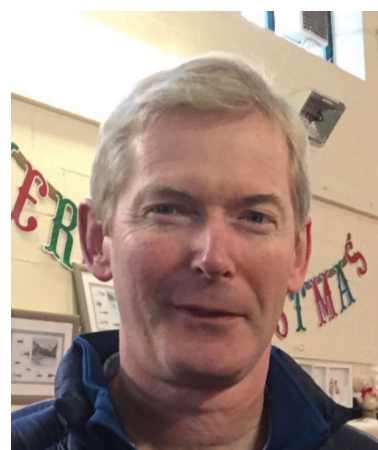
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The Rector Writes

With an obvious stretch in the length of days and the evenings getting brighter, coupled with the tentative signs of nature putting forth new life, there is that promise of hope which helps to put a spring in peoples' steps and lighten their moods. Our Church calendar for February reflects this progression of light and hope. The 1st February, the feast of St. Brigid (a saint associated with this area), officially marks the beginning of Spring on our calendars. On 2nd February we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, also known as Candlemas.

The celebration of Candlemas originated in the late fifth century as a tribute to the light of God's glory that was manifested in Christ Jesus. The earliest known observance within the Church was in the year AD 496, during the time of Pope Gelasius. In the Gospel of Luke 2:22-40, Simeon the priest and Anna the prophetess met the infant Jesus in the temple at the time of his consecration. Simeon's prophecy declared Jesus to be the Lord's salvation and "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your



people Israel." This passage continues to be the focus of the celebration on 2nd February and in many traditions, as part of the ceremony, candles are blessed, lit, and borne in a procession in celebration to Jesus being the light of the world.

Just under two weeks later, on the 14th February (unlucky for St. Valentine romantics), we enter the season of Lent. This is a season during which the themes of our readings and Services encourage us to reflect and reappraise our lives and prepare ourselves for the events of Holy Week and Easter. Ultimately, it is the message of Easter that governs our whole life and being as Christians. It is the message of Easter that makes sense of Jesus being the true light of the world. And it is the message of Easter that gives us that hope which does not disappoint – even if the chill winds of winter still blow in our direction. May we ever live in the hope and light which finds its birth in this month of February!

A fun fact: 2024 is a Leap Year with 29 days and that will give us five Thursdays. The next time we will have five Sundays in February will be 2032!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



AFRICAN GOSPEL CHOIR



10th February 2024

Tickets €15/20

African Gospel Choir, Tullow Church, 7.30pm Saturday 10th February

Be Enthralled and Inspired

Join us for an unforgettable evening of soul-stirring music and uplifting melodies at the **African Gospel Choir** event - their third visit to Tullow.

Experience the joy and energy of gospel music as you immerse yourself in an evening of celebration and praise. Let the harmonies and melodies wash over you, filling your heart with hope and inspiration.

Be prepared to clap your hands, tap your feet, and sing along to powerful songs that will touch your soul.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to witness the magic of the **African Gospel Choir** live. Mark your calendars and join us for an evening that promises to be both enchanting and inspiring.

Tickets €15/20 online from Eventbrite.ie

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/african-gospel-choir-be-enthralled-and-inspired-tickets-785326511737>

If you're not in a position to book online please contact

Jane Bowes [086 8418138](tel:0868418138) or Mandy Swanwick [086 1532502](tel:0861532502)



Lent

Ash Wednesday Services 14th February

10.30am - Holy Communion

8.00pm - An evening Service for the beginning of Lent

Easter General Vestry Sunday 7th April at 12 noon in the Parish Hall

The Easter General Vestry is a bit like the AGM of the Parish. A new Select Vestry (committee) will be elected and the members will guide the Parish over the next year under the leadership of the Rector who is the Chair.

Come along and have your say about the future of the Parish. It does NOT mean you'll get landed with a job!

NEWS



Meet Our New Organist

Hi, my name is Nathan Whitley, and I am the new organist at Tullow Parish. I am a fifth year student at Sandford Park School in Ranelagh, and I began playing the organ in 2021. I had been learning the piano for a while before, and I had always enjoyed listening to the organ at church, so I was delighted when the organist at Sandford Church agreed to take me on as a pupil. Aside from music, I enjoy reading, running and playing tennis in my spare time, and when the weather is nice I like going swimming in the sea. I am looking forward to continuing to work with the choir at Tullow, and to getting to know the congregation, and I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received. Please do come and talk to me if you have any suggestions, requests or feedback.

We are delighted to welcome Nathan to Tullow. There was a definite WOW reaction among the congregation at the end of his first Service and that has continued. Not being a musician, the terminology may not be correct but to a lay person's ear there is a verve and energy to his playing which is a pleasure to listen to. The choir has welcomed him wholeheartedly and members have nothing but praise for him. His final piece at the end of each Service is a treat and we look forward to his future with us.

Welcome Nathan!

The 2023 Candlelight Community Carol Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.



Christmas Services

It's difficult to know where to start reporting on the Christmas Services last December - there was so much on and each Service and event was very well organised and attended.

Family Carol Service 10th December

The Family Carol Service was a really lovely occasion which was followed by a sumptuous lunch in the Parish Hall very generously hosted by Sandra and Alan Rhodes. The range of food (and wine!) was amazing and the attendees showed their appreciation by contributing €635 towards the collection for the Jack and Jill Foundation.

Carols by Candlelight 17th December

This Service is one of the highlights of Christmas for many people. The beautiful familiar carols were lustily sung by the almost capacity congregation led by the choir who also demonstrated their talent by singing a couple of 'choir only' carols. The church looked so pretty and seasonal - there's something special about evening Services when it's dark outside.

Thanks to Hilary Cran, Sandra Ruttle and their helpers for the mulled wine and mince pies reception in the hall afterwards which was much appreciated.



Carols Around the Crib Christmas Eve

Traditionally aimed at little ones and their parents and grandparents, this year the numbers were swelled by children and their parents from right across the

community. Instagram and Facebook had been used to publicise the Service and as one happy member of the congregation said afterwards “the atmosphere was electric”! It was a true family occasion when the story of Christmas is retold and it was so wonderful to see so many children up on the altar engaging with the Christmas story. The children were happy so their parents were relaxed and grateful for the opportunity to come to Tullow and have a memorable Christmas Service with their children.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning Communion Services

These are quieter, more reflective Services but no less moving.

Christmas Morning Family Service

There is always a very special atmosphere among the capacity congregation at this Service with family members from near and far coming together - many coming back to the place where they grew up and renewing their connection with Tullow.

Christmas Decorations

It wouldn't be Christmas without the beautiful decorations in Tullow. The Christmas tree outside welcomed people into the seasonally decorated church with the Christmas lights around the church and on the tree. The altar area and every window had something to draw the eye.

Huge thanks to Alan who puts up the lights in the church every year, on the trees and in the hall; to Barbara and David who provide the trees; to the team under Sandra Ruttle who decorated the church so beautifully and to all who contributed in any way. (apologies for the lack of photos but technology let us down)

Christmas Collections

The Church Wardens chose the Jack and Jill Foundation as the beneficiary of the collection at the Carols by Candlelight Service and €910 was raised for this very good cause.

The Green Jar collection was in aid of Simon and €819.76 was raised, of which €635 was contributed by the lunch after the Family Carol Service.

And Finally...

As can be seen, Christmas was a busy time in Tullow and, while many people contributed, the bulk of the preparation and execution was carried out by the Rector, Alan and Mandy. The six Services required a lot of thought and preparation - not to mention singing and acting skill for some of them - so huge thanks and appreciation are due to John, Alan and Mandy.



Christmas with Sounds Ensemble 1st December

The 35-piece Sounds Ensemble band came to Tullow and performed a wonderful evening of waltzes, sambas and Christmas favourites. Organised by

Mandy Swanwick, who also played the saxophone, it was a fundraiser for the Irish Heart Foundation and €3,649.33 was raised. Mandy is waiting for confirmation of a substantial corporate donation also.



Evergreens Walking Club - Winter Walk 7th January

We had 11 walkers out on our post-Christmas walk, albeit lured by the promise of a meal in the Rectory afterwards! The sun shone as we started from the car park of Brady's pub in Shankill, following the yellow signs for the Dublin Mountain Way as far as Rathmichael Hill. The views were lovely looking

towards Killiney and the Lead Mines Chimney. We had lunch on top of the hill in the middle of a Bronze Age Ring Fort before heading back to Brady's for refreshments and onwards to the Rectory! With many thanks to John and Vera for wonderful hospitality!

Our next walk will take place on Sunday 21st April at Ballinastoe Woods near Roundwood, with promises of warmer days! The club is for all parishioners and their friends and we look forward to meeting many of our newer parishioners. Full details in the April Newsletter.

Donald Gill [087 1270592](tel:0871270592)



Tullow Friends Christmas Lunch

Tullow Friends' Christmas Lunch in early December was a huge success. Held in the very attractive surroundings of Foxrock Golf Club, the event was booked out well beforehand. Everyone enjoyed the occasion and a return visit is already being planned for next Christmas.

Thanks to everyone who organised the lunch and you'll be glad to know that Tullow Friends are planning their next activity so watch this space!



Down Syndrome India

As most of you may be aware, Down Syndrome India is one of the two charities supported by Tullow Parish. The other is Bray Women's Refuge. 10% of the profits from every parish fundraiser goes to the two charities.

Tullow Parish has been funding life-saving surgery for children in India with Down Syndrome for some years now. If you would like to contribute please pick up a collection tin from the Outreach area at the back of the church.

Here are a couple of messages which we received just before Christmas. Isn't it

lovely to start the year with good news? We will bring you good news in the March newsletter about the other children whose lives have been saved by YOUR donations.

Thank you note

Respected mam,

This is iyyappan father of Dhanyasri sivayazhini.operation is completed mam.dhanya is good now...I will never forget your help in my life mam. Thank you very Much for saving my daughters life.I also thank our donors – The Tullow Parish Church and Ms. Joyce Buckley thank them for their help in saving her. I shall always be grateful for your timely help.

Thanks and regards.

Iyyappan.s

F/o Dhanyasri Sivayazhini

Before:



Now:



Sivaranjini



We had gotten Sivaranjini in pain and with lots of issues especially of the heart. Doctors had suggested open heart surgery, but we did not have the means to do it so that our daughter could lead a normal life. Thank you DSFI and sponsors for your kindness. Her surgery was a success and she was able to lead a good life. Always grateful - Nagan and Jaya Nagan



Netflix Six Nations:Full Contact

A new Netflix 8 part series about the Six Nations Rugby Competition has just been released. Episode 3 concentrates on Ireland and features Tullow parishioner Andrew Porter. Select Vestry member and Dad Ernie makes a brief appearance also!

Andrew wrote an article for the Tullow newsletter in the May 2021 edition about a Day in the Life of an International Rugby

Player <https://tullow.dublin.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Tullow->

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.

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 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 February

Sunday 4th - Barbara and David Cooper

Sunday 11th - Sandra Ruttle, Jane Bowes and Valeria Domaskina

Sunday 18th - Eileen and Richard Adams

Sunday 25th - Sue and Terry Forsyth

Thanks so much to those who volunteered for February, now volunteers for March 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 new members always welcome.

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

Outreach - Bray Women's Refuge

A very sincere 'thank you' to everyone who contributed, whether by gifts of clothing, toiletries, coffee, biscuits and cash to our Christmas donation to BWR. They were really delighted. We also gave a cheque for €250 which will go towards the running of the Refuge.

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.

Extract from Select Vestry Meeting 15th January

- an observation about a nearby planning application was submitted to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown CoCo
Other items are reported elsewhere in the newsletter.

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 12th February**.

Tullow Book Club

All the Broken Places by John Boyne.
(Sequel to *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*)

The reader will be forgiven for thinking that they are reading 2 books. The writer has the main character Gretel in today's setting, which is a beautiful "flat" close to Hyde Park, London. There, her main concern was who would be moving into the flat below her. And then with the use of flashback, we are taken back to her childhood in France. Gretel and her mother had fled to Paris from Germany after the war. Whilst there, Gretel's concerns were to survive and not let anyone find out her past and that of her mother's.

Very popular read by the Club.

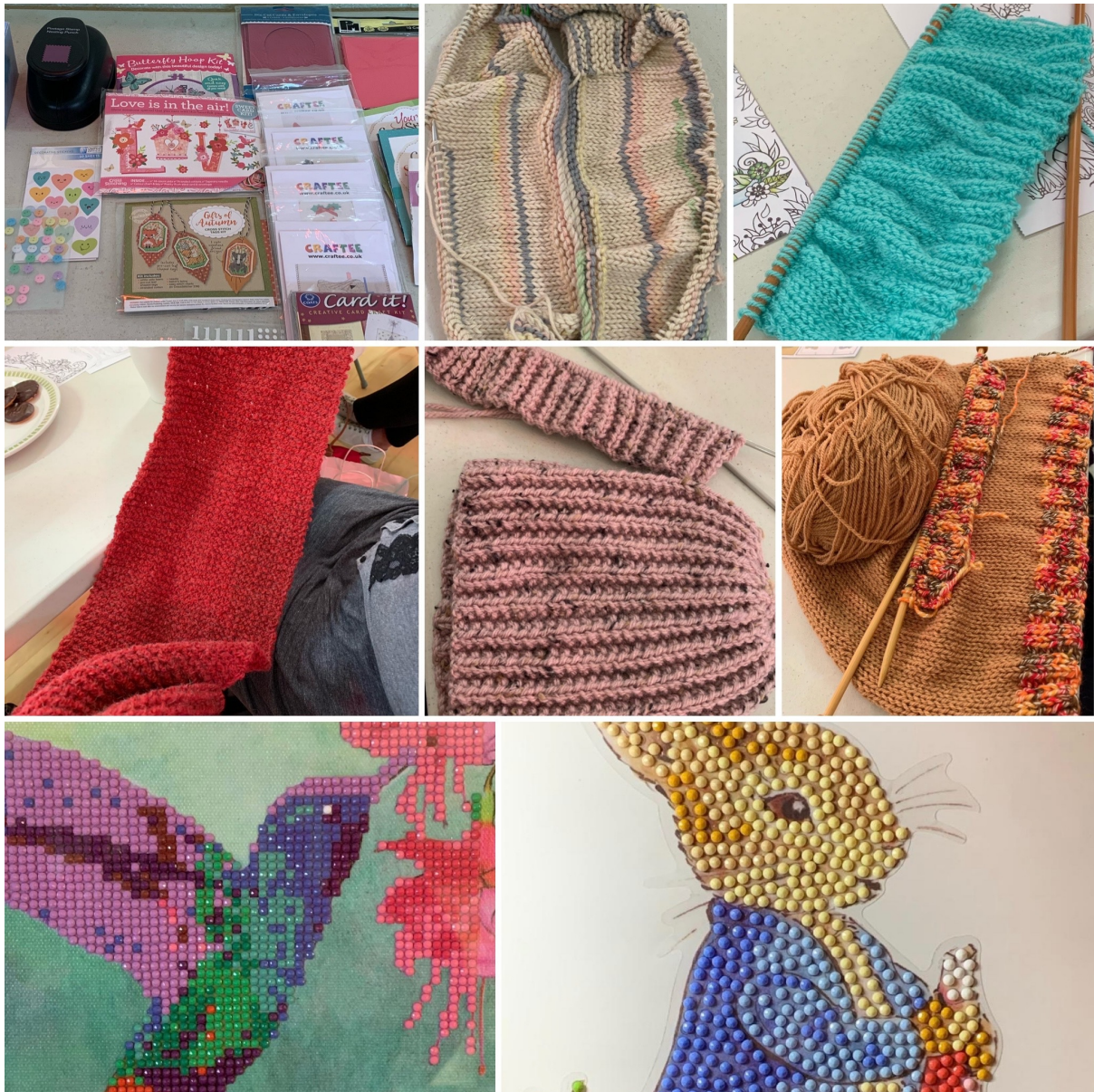
The book for next month is *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell.

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 29th February

A very attractive selection of crafts from our last session on 25th January. Next session will be Thursday 29th February 2.30pm when we will be making crème egg holders for Easter. *See below*

Margaret Breadon [087 2941078](tel:0872941078)



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



Tullow Girl Guides visited Four Ferns Nursing Home in December. The girls made Christmas crafts and chatted to the residents over two evenings. Everyone had a lovely time and they plan to arrange more activities in the spring/summer.

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)

JUST A THOUGHT

The Hope of Spring (author unknown)

God, thank you for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days.

Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth.

Thank you that things are coming awake in the world.

This is what our calendar says, and we do see some signs that it is real.

But we also still struggle with the residual layover of winter.

Now we ask that you bring into reality all that belongs in this season.

Your word says that we will have provision, and hope, and joy, and health and loving relationships here and now in this life.

We ask that what belongs in this season would become actual in our practical lives.

We hope in you and in your promises.

We hope in your gift of Spring. **Amen.**

We have been asked to let you know about this

Do you seek the still, quiet voice of God?

This workshop will help us to understand the presence of God within each of us
and our intimate relationship with that Presence.

A simple Christian meditation practice known as Centering Prayer will be introduced as a
method

to help us "rest in God"

We will experience two periods of Centering Prayer practice during the day,
and also explore the benefits of Centering Prayer in ordinary life.

All are welcome to attend - those new to Centering Prayer and those re-viewing
the method.

The workshop will be presented in:

**The Cherith Pastoral Center, Church of St Columbanus,
Loughlinstown Drive, Loughlinstown - A96 FP78**

*by Finbarr O'Leary and Conor Crowley;
Commissioned Presenters of Centering Prayer*

The workshop will be available on two dates.

You can choose either of the following:

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Saturday, February 3rd
10am-2.30pm

OR

Saturday, February 10th
10am - 2.30pm

(Please bring your own lunch - Tea/Coffee will be available)

Cost €40 per person

To find out more information and/or book a place, please contact Finbarr O'Leary at:

Mobile: 0868042810; Email: finbarr25f@gmail.com



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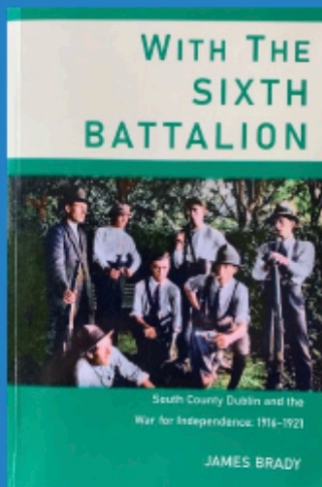
The History Club's Next Public Lecture is on: -

TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2024

IN THE FOXROCK PASTORAL CENTRE @ 8.00 P.M.

With the 6th Battalion – South County Dublin and the War of Independence 1916-1921

SPEAKER: - *James Brady*



James Brady is a History and Politics graduate; his main areas of research are local history and Irish political history. He lives in Dun Laoghaire.

South County Dublin was affluent, often loyal and sometimes republican. Encompassing the suburbs and outlying villages like Foxrock and Deansgrange. This talk will cover the culmination of nearly a decade of research by James into the role played by the local volunteer movements that would eventually comprise of the 6th Battalion of the Dublin Brigade, Irish Republican Army.

This talk will focus on the local area and the sometimes-unknown stories of the War of Independence that James has collected from interviews with families of the members of the 6th Battalion. It will be a new look at this period and the local impact of the events close to the area. Be sure to add this to your calendar.

Entrance is €5.00 for non-members – Members Free

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

Our website: www.foxrocklocalhistory.ie

E.Mail: 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: Vacant

People's Church Warden: Torren Gale

Rector's Glebe Warden: Ernie Porter

People's Glebe Warden: Chris Wojnar

Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Stewart

Organist: Nathan Whitely

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, 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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