



# TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER



*A Happy and Peaceful Easter to All*

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**MARCH 2024**

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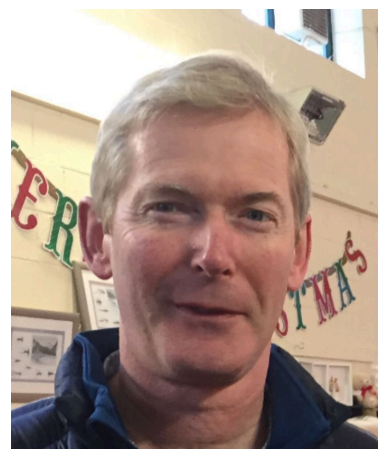
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## The Rector Writes

The Gospel which is the focus of our lectionary readings for this Church year is the Gospel of Mark. As we continue our journey through Lent, we can find two images of Jesus in that Gospel. In the earlier part of the Gospel, Jesus is full of urgent action and the word ‘immediately’ appears almost 40 times. However, when the Gospel moves on to his betrayal, trial, passion and crucifixion – which is essentially the second half of Mark’s Gospel, Jesus is no longer the active party, but rather he practices ‘purposeful passivity’. And the surprising thing is that both were equally powerful in their own way.

Obviously, those who experienced Jesus reaching out and touching them had every reason to appreciate his activity. However, in John’s Gospel we find that Pontius Pilate, his wife and a Roman centurion, all people who had never previously met Jesus, came to understand that Jesus is the Son of God – not from his activity, but from his inactivity. To translate that into today’s world, which had often been described as a hive of hyper-activity, stillness and calm can make the greater statement – especially to those who are trying to make sense of a confusing world and of their lives.

This reminds me of a session of talks



that Rev John Saxby, former bishop of Lincoln, gave a few years ago. Teasing out the balance between meaningful activity and purposeful passivity, the bishop posed the question, ‘what is the greatest need in our world today?’ After a short discussion it was unanimously agreed that ‘Peace’ is our greatest need – peace in ourselves (in our hearts and minds), peace in our homes and families, peace in our communities, peace amongst peoples and nations (just take Ukraine and Gaza for example) – the peace which only God can give which passes all understanding. In our Holy Communion Services when we are encouraged to exchange a sign of peace, it is precisely this we are invoking God to bestow on ourselves, our neighbours and our world. The sign of peace is NOT a simple greeting as one might exchange in the street or at a formal introduction with a mumbled ‘How are you?’ (which is usually a greeting and not a question!) It is much more profound than that and a refusal to exchange a sign of peace is a refusal to invoke God’s peace on ourselves and those around us – a refusal to be an instrument of God’s peace in the world.

The bishop posed two further questions. The first, using the analogy of the woman who suffered from haemorrhages cured by Jesus, is; ‘How generous is the hem of the Church’s cloak?’ Is it possible for people to reach out and touch it and to receive a generous healing and peace? The second is; ‘How wide is the circle of the Church and who is included (or indeed who is excluded)?’ To graphically illustrate this he likened the Church’s options to a person entering a huge multi-floored high-end department store

which offered the choice between an escalator or a lift to move between floors. The Church can either opt to be like a person who only wishes to visit a single department and chooses the lift.

They press the button for their chosen floor and is transferred to their chosen destination or department without any 'contamination' or knowledge of what is available in other floors of the store. Or, the Church can opt to use the escalator and thereby see all that is on offer and even interact with it as they make their way to their ultimate destination. If a Church is serious about mission and evangelism (which I sincerely hope we are here in Tullow), it must choose the escalator option.

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### **From the Registers:**

#### *Holy Baptism*

Sunday 11th February – Sophia Molly Tanner, daughter of Keith Tanner and Fiona Graham

Sunday 18th February – Ethan Owen David Driver, son of Robert Driver and Carla Donnellan.

May Sophia and Ethan grow in the Christian faith into which they have been baptised.

#### *Memorial Service*

Tuesday 27th February – Robert (Bob) Willis. May Linda, Neil, Erica and the extended Willis family know the comfort of the risen Christ in their loss.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### **Holy Week and Easter Services in Tullow**

#### **Palm Sunday 24th March**

8:30am – Holy Communion

10:30am – A Service for Palm Sunday

#### **Wednesday in Holy Week 27th March**

10:30am – Matins with Litany

8:00pm – An Evening Service

#### **Maundy Thursday 28th March**

8:00pm – Holy Communion

#### **Good Friday 29th March**

8:00pm – An Evening Service

#### **Easter Day Sunday 31st March**

8:30am – Holy Communion

10:30am – Holy Communion

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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

The Easter General Vestry is 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!

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**Evergreens Walking Club - 21st April, starting at the Parish Hall at 12.00 midday.**

Route: Ballinastoe Car Park along forest tracks to shoulder of White Hill overlooking Luggala Lake and mountain. Full details in April Newsletter. Mark date in your diary!

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)

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## NEWS

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To,  
Tullow Parish

Thank you for all  
your support & kindness  
over the years. We  
love putting on the  
show for all the  
community here at Tullow Parish

from,  
All the members of the  
African Gospel Choir Dublin



### **African Gospel Choir Saturday 10th February**

On their third visit to Tullow the African Gospel Choir and musicians pulled out all the stops and delivered a memorable evening of African spiritual melodies, uplifting versions of familiar favourites and a finale which had the entire audience on their feet singing and clapping.

One of the best things about the African Gospel Choir is that their music appeals to all ages and the capacity audience reflected that. Audience members commented on the energy and vibrancy of the choir and it's safe to say that everyone left with smiles on their faces - what more could anyone ask for! If you missed the concert this year, don't worry - they'll be back next year.

In addition to being a wonderful concert 10% of the profit goes to Bray Women's Refuge and Down Syndrome India as is the policy in Tullow.

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### **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.

Last month we showed some messages from parents of children whose lives have been saved by YOUR contributions - here are some more heartfelt messages of thanks.

They are truly good news stories.

## Theyashini

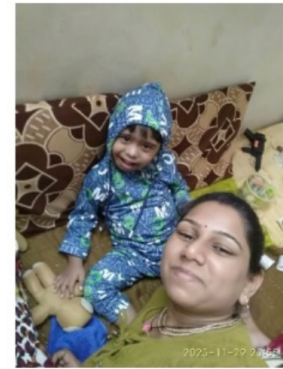


Thank you so much for your sponsorship which helped us in getting the surgery of our little one done at the right time. We cannot thank you enough for your generous gesture. We will remain eternally grateful to you for your kindness.

**R. Hemalatha and R. Ravi**



## Krishiv



Dear Sir & Mam

Thank you so much. Because of your support Krishiv's Operation became possible and Krishiv's life looks to becoming good and he would be able to lead a better life going ahead. Thanks for the hope and a new life for our son.

Thank you so much

Mr. Hemant Galchar



## **Kovinesh's father.**



Thank you isn't enough. I wish I could take some of the stress, worries, pain and heartbreak from you. I wish that I could mail you a large care package of extra energy, strength, love, and compassion that is needed every day. Thank you for taking care of my son. Once again, I want to say my big thanks to all the doctors and staff who were helped and supported us during our needed times.  
Love you all 😊 I am **Kovinesh Vijay**

### **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 - any good news is welcome. Tel Jane Bowes [086 8418138](tel:0868418138) or [bowesjane91@gmail.com](mailto:bowesjane91@gmail.com)

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### **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
- Gutter and chimney cleaning

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

## 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 March

Sunday 3rd - Ger Poff and Merle Dowling

Sunday 10th - Patricia Stewart and Hilary Cran

Sunday 17th - Barbara and David Cooper

Sunday 24th - Sandra Ruttle, Jane Bowes and Valeria Domaskina

Sunday 31st - Barbara and David Cooper

Thanks so much to those who volunteered for March, now volunteers for April are needed please.

**Please contact Barbara Cooper on [086 8446274](tel:0868446274) or email [barcoop@gmail.com](mailto:barcoop@gmail.com) and let her know when you'd like to help**

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### Badminton Club Thursdays 8pm Parish Hall

Tullow Badminton Club is a fun way to exercise and new members are always welcome. We're looking forward to our annual dinner in Baan Thai in Leopardstown - we know it'll be a great night!

[086 8418138](tel:0868418138) if you'd like to know more (about badminton - what happens at the dinner stays at the dinner 😊)

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

The next delivery to BWR will be at Easter so please think about leaving Easter goodies in the basket in the Outreach area at the back of the church.

Thank you

Hilary Cran

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### **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.

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### **Extract from Select Vestry Meeting 19th February**

- a smooth path for wheelchairs, walkers, buggies etc over the gravel is being investigated
- the Parish Safety Statement has been adopted and is on view in the church porch
- there were no applications for names to be added to the Register of Vestry members.

Other items are reported elsewhere in the newsletter.

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### **Tullow Book Club**

*The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell.

A good read despite some brutal scenes. The story and its plot, led to a good discussion.

Set in the 1500s, the storyline follows the life of Lucrezia, 5th child of the Archduke and Duchess of Tuscany, from her birth to her death at the age of 16.

The tale highlighted the levels that the aristocracy would go to secure their position in society. Lucrezia was only 15 when she was married off to the Duke of Ferrara, a man nearly twice her age. From the start of their marriage, it was

very clear that she was only a possession, to be admired and that her sole role was to produce an heir.

The book choice for next month is *The Figurine* by Victoria Hislop.

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### **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)

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### **Tullow Crafty Crew Parish Hall Thursday 29th February**

Tullow crafty community is growing. 19 people attended the Easter crafting event on Thursday 29th February - see photos. Next session Thursday 28th March 2024.

Margaret Breadon [087 2941078](tel:0872941078)



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### **Tullow Friends**

Tullow Friends have met and are planning an event in the coming weeks. Watch out for details in the April newsletter.

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### **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

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## 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](http://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](mailto:pamela@take2.ie) or [www.take2.ie](http://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](http://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)

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### **Lenten/Easter Prayer**

Lord Jesus, your journey to the cross was full of betrayal, grief, torture, and darkness, yet your love for us, your people, propelled you onward. Help us to comprehend just how powerful that love is, that you would suffer such a cruel death to make way for us to be with you in glory forever. What a gift, Lord Jesus. What a gift.

May our praise never cease in this season. May our worship be unending. May our love for you find new depths. May this season bring new hope and new healing. May we journey toward the cross prayerfully and purposefully, even through the pain, doubt, questions, and searching.

May we find resurrection life springing up from what appeared to be disaster, and may we be surprised by the joy in it all. May Easter be a day of complete celebration as we rejoice in our risen Saviour and praise our gracious Father.

In you, we find the truest joy, Lord Jesus.

Hallelujah and amen.



## FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

*The History Club's Next Public Lecture is on: -*  
**TUESDAY 19TH MARCH 2024**  
IN THE FOXROCK PASTORAL CENTRE @ 8.00 P.M.

### **A Forgotten Irish Author: Cornelius Ryan, 'The Longest Day' and 'A Bridge Too Far'.**

**SPEAKER: - *Philip Lecane***



Cornelius Ryan was born in Dublin in 1920. Educated at Synge Street School, he became a reporter in England. Attached to the American Army during the Second World War, his experiences led him to write *The Longest Day*, the best-selling account of the D-Day invasion. He had further success with *The Final Battle* and *A Bridge Too Far*. *The Longest Day* and *A Bridge Too Far* were turned into blockbuster films with all-star casts. Ryan died in 1974, at the height of his success. He was 54. Once world-famous, he is now virtually forgotten. This talk will be given fifty years after Ryan's death.

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](http://www.foxrocklocalhistory.ie)

E.Mail: [info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie](mailto:info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie)

## **Dundrum, Foxrock and Kingstown Railway 1865**

In the coming months FACE hopes to install panels in the car park in Foxrock village which will depict the history of the Harcourt Street Line but did you know there was a proposal to have a line running from Dundrum to Kingstown (Dún Laoghaire) via Foxrock?

The line would have left the then existing Harcourt Street line just north of Foxrock station and would have crossed Westminster Road at what is now Primrose Cottage - at the time it was the only house on Westminster Road. A revised road network at the end of Torquay and Westminster roads would have meant a level crossing approximately where The Terrace is now. The route would have taken it to Cornelscourt, Clonkeen Road, Rochestown Avenue before joining the Kingstown line near Glengara Park.

As was the procedure at the time, the proposal was discussed at a House of Lords committee in March 1865. William Bentley, the developer of Foxrock, was among those who spoke in favour of the proposal; Lord Longford, who complained that the line would cut up and disfigure his estate, and others spoke against and the proposal was not approved by the committee.

During the discussion at the committee it was said that in 1848 the population of Foxrock was one herdsman and a couple of hundred sheep and cattle! According to an opposing barrister the population of Foxrock at the 'last census' (presumably 1861) was 48. It was also said that there were two shops in Foxrock - a grocer and a provision merchant.

With thanks to Foxrock Local History Club's publication of *The Dundrum, Foxrock and Kingstown Railway* by Liam Clare

## **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](mailto:bowesjane91@gmail.com) or [086 8418138](tel:0868418138) if you find any.





### **Foxrock Tidy Towns**

Foxrock goes from strength to strength in the Tidy Towns and Tidy Districts competitions. Just 8 points more will see us in the medals in the national competition and Foxrock won the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown best district with a population under 3,000 last year.

The Tidy Towns teams are out and about helping to make sure that where we live is as tidy and attractive as possible so please help however you can - even sweeping and weeding outside your own house will help to make a difference.

The photo shows how the footpath on Torquay Road was widened by 2 feet thanks to the hard work of some members of the Tidy Towns team.

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## 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

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## 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.

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## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.

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**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, Chris Wojnar

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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.

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Please forward to other members of your family



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