



TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

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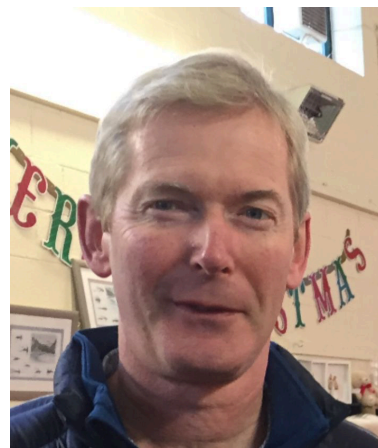
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The Rector Writes

I wonder if you have noticed the proliferation of courier service on our roads and streets over recent years. Amazon Prime, DPD, DHL, Fastway, just to name a few and, of course, not to forget An Post. At the end of the day, they are all merely delivery systems – a means of getting a product from a seller to a purchaser. A delivery system is not the product, but just the means to transfer a product.

As a Church, have we ever seriously considered delivery systems? As we begin the joyful Easter season when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, the Epistle to the Romans says, *'But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?'* (Romans 10:14). This passage paints a picture of people who need to hear the life-changing message of the risen Christ, of the Church that has been entrusted with that message, and of the fact that unless that message is delivered, then people will not know about it. As a Church, it would appear that the instinct is to delay in order to avoid upset to members. However, in John's Gospel, in an



interchange between Jesus and his disciples, we are invited to do the opposite: to reap a harvest, to get on and do it. Indeed, we are told that the fields are ripe for harvesting.'

As already mentioned, a delivery system is not the product – it is just a way of getting something from 'here to there'. The delivery systems we use to communicate the message of Easter hope are just that – a means of getting the message to those who need to hear it. The message of the risen Christ is the 'product' which remains of central importance. And as Church, our range of Church Services are one of our main delivery systems. Therefore, we have to constantly review how effective those delivery systems are – because delivery systems do matter!

May the joy and hope of the risen Christ be yours this Eastertide.

From the Registers:

Funeral Service

13th March – Jim Houston – may Verity, Nevill and their families know the comfort of the risen Christ in their loss.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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 be asked to do anything.



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

Where: Ballinastoe Wood near Roundwood

After a windy, wet and cold winter we are awaiting the arrival of warmer spring days. Our next walk promises just that. The start is from Ballinastoe Car Park and climbs gradually on good tracks to a glorious ridge below White Hill and overlooking Luggala Lake. The walk time is 2/3 hours.

Walks start from Tullow Church at 12.00 noon.

Please wear appropriate clothing and boots or good outdoor footwear.

Bring a light lunch, a sandwich, bar/ fruit and a hot flask or drink.

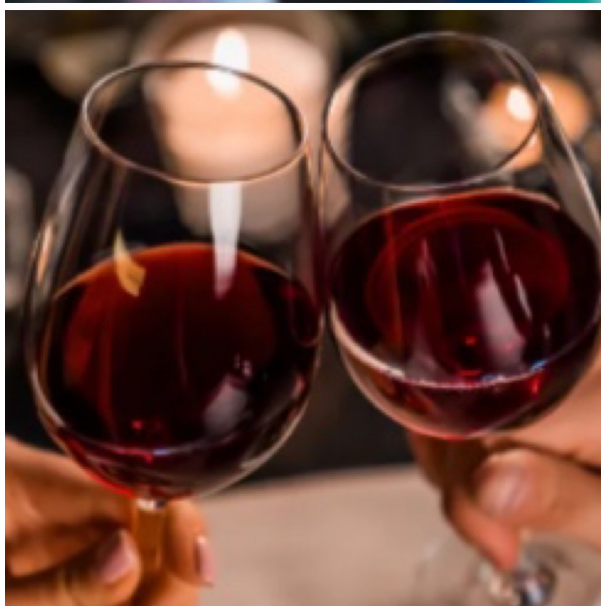
Dogs are welcome.

Car sharing is policy.

Walks end up in a local hostelry or cafe.

The club is for all parishioners and their friends and we look forward to meeting many of our newer parishioners.

Donald Gill [087 1270592](tel:0871270592)



**Tullow Friends Gathering Wednesday 24th April 7.30pm
At Glenowen, Old Bray Road, Cabinteely**

There will be a selection of pre-owned designer clothes and unwanted gifts for sale during the evening. A light supper, tea, coffee and wine will be served.

Entrance fee €5.00 (cash please) includes annual Tullow Friends membership for those who wish to join or re-join.

All welcome, bring a friend.

NEWS



Easter in Tullow

Easter is a very special time of the year in the life of the Church. While it culminates on Easter Day, the six Services in four days all require a lot of preparation. Thanks are due to the team who work hard to make it such a memorable time - the Rector, Alan, Mandy and the choir.

A special thanks has to go to Nathan, our organist and choirmaster for the wonderful rendition of Widor's Toccata at the end of the Service. That piece requires a high level of skill and Nathan's playing really showcased the organ. We are blessed to have such an organ and such talent to play it. Have a look at it on the Tullow Facebook page - Service for Easter Day.



Easter in Tullow

There was a definite Wow factor when walking into the church on Easter Day. Tullow is an attractive church and is always beautifully decorated especially for special occasions but the decorating team under Sandra Ruttle really surpassed themselves this year. There were many comments about how pretty the church looked - the altar, pulpit, the porch, every window had something to look at and admire. A huge Thank You to everyone who worked hard on Easter Saturday to create such a beautiful result.





Return of the Tapestry

It was so lovely to come into church and see that our beautiful tapestry has been returned. Stitched by Joyce Buckley in memory of Benita and Frank Johnson, the tapestry had been affected by dampness but it has now been stretched and is back in its proper place on the newly decorated wall.



2024 Rugby Championship

We're running out of superlatives to describe the current Irish rugby squad but look at the pride and happiness of two parishioners - Tullow Glebe Warden Ernie Porter with his son Andrew - truly a Good News Story!

Congratulations also to the other squad members especially those who live in Foxrock!



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



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

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 April

Sunday 7th - Barbara and David Cooper

Sunday 14th - Cleo and Leslie Ellis

Sunday 21st - Heather and Ken Gregory

Sunday 28th - Meta and Jonathan Morton

Thanks so much to those who volunteered for April, now volunteers for May 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 are always welcome. We're not hugely competitive and we enjoy a good laugh.

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

Outreach - Bray Women's Refuge

New underwear and nightclothes for women and children are always needed - please leave in basket in the Outreach area at the back of the church.

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.

Tullow Book Club

No report from the book club this month but they are meeting for lunch on Saturday 6th April so the book is sure to be discussed!

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 Thursday 28th March

15 people attended the snood finger knitting session on 28th March. Next session Thursday 25th April 2024.

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

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)



The Hope of Spring Prayer

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 nature all around us.

Spring 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 a long wet 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 everyday lives.

We hope in you and in your promises.

We hope in your gift of Spring.

Amen.



Anam Cara South Dublin Parent Evening Monday 8th April 7.15pm

Anam Cara, the organisation which supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

We have been asked to help spread the word about this. Please bring to the attention of anyone you feel may find it helpful. For more information, see anamcara.ie or call the Information Line on [01 4045378](tel:014045378)

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

New Research Notes on the Building of Dún Laoghaire Harbour by Donal O'Sullivan

Donal has contributed many times to the Foxrock Local History Club talks programme. He is the author of books on Dún Laoghaire, Dublin Bay Sailing Club and the National Yacht Club's history. His early career was with the ESB where he helped save the Sean Keating paintings for the state.

Donal will talk about his extensive research on the harbour of Dún Laoghaire and some recent notes he has uncovered about the building of this wonderful harbour.

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: Owen Driver

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

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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