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# **OCTOBER 2024**

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# **The Rector Writes**

We are approaching the first anniversary of Hamas' brutal attack on Israeli civilians with over 1200 deaths and almost 250 taken hostage. These attacks justifiably widely condemned and described as a war crime. However, one year on, the situation in the Middle East is even more volatile with continuing attacks by Israel on Gaza, West Bank and Southern Lebanon and a risk of all-out war in the region (even though it is hard not to describe the current situation as all out war). Again, war crimes are being committed - this time largely by the Israeli forces and their command. There has been some condemnation of these crimes, but it is much more muted. The result is a double standard that does not augur well for future world peace. Added to this, the resulting human suffering is a catastrophe that is virtually impossible to imagine. Civilians including the most vulnerable are dying from starvation and lack of access to basic health care. The current death toll in Gaza alone is estimated to be in excess of 41,000 - some 1 in 55 of the pre-war population. How can human beings inflict such suffering on others? How can this horror be brought to an enduring and speedy end?

The Old Testament gave a command of, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth'. The basis of this was to create some form of parity of justice. Under no circumstance could the current death toll, overall destruction and resultant suffering be described as a parity of justice or retribution. And Our Lord, went further when he said, 'You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

'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? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:38-48

Moving to a more positive note, October is our traditional month for Harvest Thanksgiving. This year our Thanksgiving Service will be on Sunday 20th. Although there may be a temptation to feel pessimistic, there is much to be thankful for. For instance, we should never take the hard work of others for granted. We may sometimes forget to be grateful or show appreciation for the time, effort, dedication and skills required in some of the more menial tasks which keep our lives comfortable and running smoothly. However, it is very important at this time of Harvest Thanksgiving that we make the effort to acknowledge and give thanks for these as well as all other blessings so freely given to us by God.

#### From the Registers

#### **Funeral**

11th September – Valerie Joan Bond – may her brother Brian and the extended Bond family know the comfort of the risen Christ in their loss.

#### **Holy Baptism**

22nd September – Emily Rose Spence, daughter of Peter Spence and Laura Shannon Spence. May Emily Rose grow in the faith in which she has been baptised.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



# Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Brunch with the Stedfast Band Sunday 20th October 10.30am

This year our Harvest Service will be extra special as the Stedfast Band will play. This will be their third annual visit and it is always hugely popular, enjoyable and uplifting.

Come and see the beautifully decorated church, sing with the Stedfast Band and then enjoy the brunch which will be served in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 am Service. Think sausages, quiche, traybakes etc. There will be a collection in aid of Bray Women's Refuge, Down Syndrome India and Christian Aid.

Harvest is one of the happiest times in the church year when we give thanks for all our blessings - looking forward to seeing you.



# Charity Christmas Card Sale Parish Hall Sunday 3rd 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

#### **Events in November and December**

Sunday 3rd November - Christmas Card Sale Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Sunday Sunday 24th November - Community Service of Remembrance for Deceased Loved Ones Saturday 30th November - Christmas at Tullow Brass Band Concert

Sunday 8th December - Family Carol Service Sunday 15th December - Carols by Candlelight

#### **NEWS**

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#### Bakes, Books and Bric à Brac 28th September

The Parish Hall was buzzing on Saturday as customers happily browsed and bought cakes, raffle tickets, tasty things from the deli stall, had a cup of tea with tray bakes, then moved on to the books, gifts, jewellery and pre-loved clothes. We're very happy to report that, although the final figure isn't in yet, over €5,500 was raised for parish funds and for the two charities supported by the parish - Bray Women's Refuge and Down Syndrome India.

A huge vote of thanks has to go to all the people who worked hard to raise the money on the day and in the days and weeks beforehand. So many people in the parish baked, made things for the deli, donated books and items for the raffle, Bric à brac and gifts stalls, baked for and made and served tea and coffee on the day and worked on setting up and clearing away the stalls. A special mention has to be made of the 'muscle team' who pulled and hauled furniture, put up the tent - and then had to do it all again at the end of the day!

A lot of preparation goes on beforehand - seeking helpers, organising and putting up posters, publicity, sorting and seeking donations etc etc but it is lovely to see so many parishioners involved and having a laugh.

Thank you all but especially to Sandra Ruttle who coordinated everything with a smile 😊



#### Letters for Life 10th September

Letters are a literary art form and many examples were read at the recent fundraiser for the Irish Cancer Society. They ranged from the quirky to the humorous to those which will stay long in the memories of the audience.

The personal nature of many of them, with the donors in the audience, added to the experience. They included a letter from Erskine Childers to a 12 year old girl, a letter from Stan Laurel reminiscing about his time in Ireland, Samuel Beckett bemoaning the rain and wind in Dublin but probably the most memorable letter was only discovered at 5pm the night before. A 25 year old RAF wireless operator from Cowper Road wrote a farewell letter to his parents; he was killed in 1941 just 17 days after writing the letter which was found by his nephew who, along with his brothers, was in the audience.

That letter will be read at the 10.30am Service on Remembrance Sunday 10th November - don't miss it!



There are very few people who have not been touched by cancer and this showed in the enthusiastic support given by everyone involved in the Letters for Life event. The celebrity readers - Andrew Porter, Geraldine Plunkett, Joseph O'Connor, Madeleine Keane, Peter Collins, Sinead Moriarty, Stephen Collins, the musicians - our own Nathan Whitley and the Wesley Trad Group, the team on the night - all said YES straightaway when asked if they would be involved. Not only did the audience buy tickets (it was sold out!) but many people who couldn't go on the night gave donations.

Everyone's generosity was extraordinary and we are thrilled that the Irish Cancer Society has received €10,160 so a huge THANK YOU to everyone who took part and who came to watch what was a very entertaining evening.

#### Jane Bowes





24/09/2024

Jane Bowes Supporter number 715537

#### Your support brings hope. Thank you.

Dear Jane,

Thank you so much for choosing to support us with your Letters for Life fundraiser. We are so grateful and appreciate your support!

Your generous donation of €10,160 will help us support and improve the lives of those affected by cancer through our ongoing essential services to patients across the country.

Because of you, we can ensure cancer patients and their families have access to free support, advice and information. Along with other vital services, your gift is helping to provide:

• Our Support Line (1800 200 700): Our nurses are here for those affected by cancer to answer questions and provide advice and support at every step of the way

• Night Nurses: Our night nurses provide end-of-life care for cancer patients in their own home, allowing patients to remain at home for the last days of their lives surrounded by their families and loved ones.

• Cancer Research: we are constantly looking for better diagnostics and treatments for cancer patients so that people diagnosed with cancer will have access to the best science available.

Thanks again for your donation and all who contributed to it!

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul Clements | Fundraising Officer Irish Cancer Society | 43/45 Northumberland Rd, Dublin 4 E: pclements@irishcancer.ie W: http://www.cancer.ie



#### **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 <u>086 8418138</u> 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
- A handyman who will do small jobs

If you can add to this or are interested in anything listed please contact Jane Bowes on <u>086 8418138</u> or bowesjane91@gmail.com

#### **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 October**

Sunday 6th - Moulton Family Sunday 13th - Barbara Cooper and Merle Dowling Sunday 20th - Harvest Sunday 27th - Meta and Jonathan Morton

Thanks so much to those who volunteered for October - please think about volunteering for November.

# Please contact Barbara Cooper on <u>086 8446274</u> or email barcoop@gmail.com and let her know when you'd like to help

#### Badminton Club Thursdays at 8pm in Parish Hall

Badminton has started again and we look forward to seeing all the regular members as well as some new ones.

086 8418138 if you'd like to know more.

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

Tea, coffee, biscuits and personal hygiene items always needed - please

leave in basket in the Outreach area at the back of the church. Thank you Hilary Cran



Some of the children whose lives we have helped to save

### **Outreach - Down Syndrome India**

What greater gift can our Tullow Parish Christian community give - a full life opportunity to a needy child.

Harvest 2017 was the birth of our Outreach Programme 'Down Syndrome India' and in that time we have funded, each year, a life saving operation for a child in

India with the common heart defect that often comes with Down Syndrome. This is lifesaving surgery allowing the children go on to fill their full potential.

We have been offering parishioners the option of throwing their loose coins in the glasshouse at the rear of the church or taking a collection tin home, again available at the rear of the church, for a more sustained giving experience.

This year we have had a lot less in the tins, under  $\leq 150$  in total, but with operations costing in the region of  $\leq 2,500/\leq 3,000$ , we may need a more reliable funding model BUT we go forward in faith and as I write there is a message gone out to Down Syndrome India asking about their current needs.... 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.

Joyce Buckley 087 2988769

#### **Tullow Book Club**

#### No One Saw a Thing by Andra Mara

A thriller that had you reading fast and furiously as you wanted to know – do they find 5 year old Faye? Every parent's nightmare when you let two of your children go on ahead and board a train, only to have the doors shut in your face, preventing you from getting on.

The background to the story is based on a reunion of friends who shared a house during their college days. As the plot unfolds, old jokes and banter exposes the true relationships within the group and their feeling for each other.

Next month's book choice is *Water* by John Boyne.

Vera Tanner

## Tullow Bowls Club Parish Hall Tuesdays 7.30pm

The Bowls club is back in full swing. If there is anybody who is interested in

joining or having a go, please turn up at Tullow Parish Hall any Tuesday 7.30pm. You would be most welcome. Tea and a bit of craic (chat) from about 9pm Please wear flat soled shoes If you wish contact Jonathan Morton <u>01 2894121</u> <u>085 7793250</u> Hazel Alexander <u>087 9719836</u>



Tullow Crafty Crew Thursday end October Parish Hall 2.30 - 4pm Tullow Crafty Crew met on Thursday 12th September to open the autumn 🄌 season. We made crystal art cards - see photos. Next session will be on Thursday 24th October 2024. Margaret Breadon <u>087 2941078</u>

#### Tullow Select Vestry - extract from minutes of meeting on 16th September

- lights in the Parish Hall have been replaced with LED
- Junior Church Wardens are being recruited
- preparations are in train to re-start Sunday Club

#### 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.

## Little Star Preschool Now open. www.littlestarpreschoolfoxrock.ie

#### Irish Dancing Classes for Children

With the renowned Chaney Farrell Academy. New pupils are welcome. Online registration at <u>www.irishdancingclasses.ie</u>

#### **Yoga Classes**

Catherine has classes on Mondays. 8 weeks starting 2nd September. Contact her if you'd like to join.

Feel stretched, not stressed. Suitable for all levels. Mondays 8.15pm - 9.15pm. Contact: Catherine <u>087 7864853</u> catherinesyogamat@gmail.com

#### Take 2 - now enrolling

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: <u>pamela@take2.ie</u> or <u>www.take2.ie</u>.

## The Fitness League - Celebrating 90 years of Inspirational Teaching!

Fitness League Classes for the Active Retired. In the Parish Hall on Mondays 2.15pm - 3.00pm. Join anytime, €7 per class.

Exercise and music - a terrific combination! This is a standing and chair-based class. Improve your cardiovascular fitness and function as well as your posture, strength, balance and coordination.

Contact **Yvonne McMahon -** <u>086 3900 223</u> <u>www.thefitnessleague.ie</u>

### **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 <u>086 3541195</u>

### **Tullow 57th Scout Group**

The Tullow Scout (and cubs) group meets in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays 7-8.15pm. They are in urgent need of another female leader without whom they cannot operate. Please contact Jennifer Kelly on <u>087 6813989</u> if you can help.



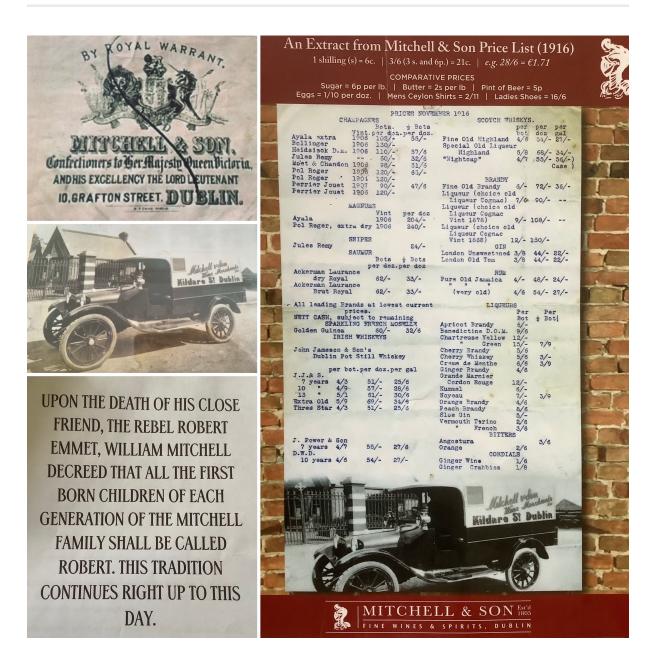
In a joint press release during the weekend of 28/29th September, the Archbishops of Armagh; John McDowell and of Dublin; Michael Jackson called on all parishes to pray for peace in the Middle East and have suggested 'A Prayer of the Eastern Church' as appropriate

### A PRAYER OF THE EASTERN CHURCH

Be mindful, O Lord, of thy people present here before thee, and of those who are absent through age, sickness, or infirmity. Care for the infants, guide the young, support the aged, encourage the faint-hearted, collect the scattered, and bring back the wandering to thy fold. Travel with the voyagers, defend the widows, shield the orphans, deliver the captives, heal the sick. Succour all who are in tribulation, necessity, or distress. Remember for good all those that love us, and those that hate us, and those that have desired us, unworthy as we are, to pray for them. And those whom we have forgotten, do thou, O Lord, remember. For thou art the helper of the helpless, the saviour of the lost, the refuge of the wanderer, the healer of the sick. Thou, who knowest the need of each one, and hast heard their prayer, grant unto each according to thy merciful

loving-kindness, and thy eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



#### Mitchell and Son

Mitchell and Son is Ireland's oldest wine merchants. Established in 1805, they used to be on Grafton Street before moving to Kildare Street and the company is now run by the 6th and 7th generations of the Mitchell family. They were, and still are, well known for their Green and Red Spot whiskies. According to one of the family, Irish whiskey was THE whiskey to drink right up to the 1920s. That may explain why Charles Dickens, who lived in London, got whiskey delivered from wine merchants in Dublin. He obviously liked what he ordered as he sent a letter of thanks dated 1877 which is still in the firm's archives.

Mitchell's have had a connection with Tullow Parish for over 60 years and one of the family still sings in the choir!

Grafton Street at the time of Charles Dickens' letter



**Foxrock Station and the Harcourt Street Line Talk Monday 11th November** In August FACE engaged Cathy Scuffil to give a talk on Foxrock Station and the Harcourt Street Line. It booked out very quickly and there was a waiting list. FACE is delighted that Cathy will repeat her talk on **Monday 11th November in** Foxrock Golf Club at 7.30pm.

There will be a €5 charge payable at the door and booking is essential - please email facefoxrock@gmail.com to book.

#### **Foxrock Local History Club**

Next meeting in the Pastoral Centre, Foxrock Church, Tuesday 15th October 8pm Short talk - Memories of Lehaunstown Races by Liam Clare Main talk - Tales from a Wicklow Tea Room 1898-1960 by Michael Fewer

€5 for non-members

#### **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 <u>bowesjane91@gmail.com</u> or <u>086 8418138</u> 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.

If you have a loved one in the Garden of Remembrance please take away flower pots and planters when they've gone past their best. At the moment, Ross, the gardener, removes them and puts them on the gravel strip near the back wall but they are very unsightly there. Thank you.

#### 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 <u>www.tullowdublin.org</u>. 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.

Under GDPR regulations someone has to request to be put on the email list. If someone is on the Parish List and <u>we have their email address</u> 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 <u>www.tullowdublin.org</u> 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.

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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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