



*A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year to All*

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## DECEMBER 2024/JANUARY 2025

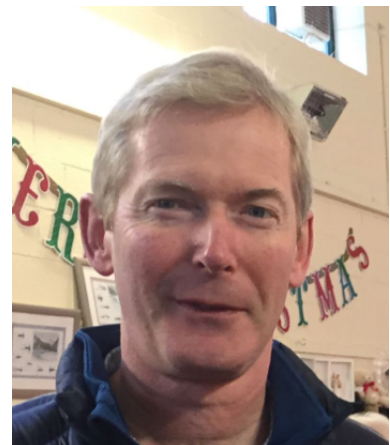
### In this Month's Newsletter:

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### The Rector Writes

The season of Advent begins with the First Sunday of Advent on 1st December this year and it marks the beginning of another Church new year. It is a penitential season as we take stock of our lives as well as make our preparations for Christmas and it may be good for all of us to take some time out to remind ourselves what it is all about. For a start, contrary to contemporary secular culture, our Christian Christmas does not begin until 'Oiche Nollaig' –Christmas Eve Night. It is then we celebrate the coming of Christ on earth over two thousand years ago. But as we journey through Advent – the three and half weeks before Christmas, let us remember that Christ has come to generations since Jesus' birth as they opened their hearts to him. If we do likewise, we too will be enabled to celebrate a truly glorious Christmas. Our calendar New Year, as



always, begins on 1st January and this also provides opportunities for new beginnings. It is my prayer that 2025 may be a year in which we move forward boldly and with confidence, both as individuals and as a parish family.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of myself and my family to wish one and all a blessed and holy Christmas and a happy New Year.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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**Tullow Church  
Christmas Services**

<b>Sunday 8th Dec at 10.30am</b> Family Carol Service	<b>Christmas Eve at 9pm</b> Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 15th Dec at 7pm</b> Carols by Candlelight	<b>Christmas Day at 8.30am</b> Holy Communion
<b>Christmas Eve at 10.30pm</b> Carols around the Crib for the little ones	<b>Christmas Day at 10.30am</b> Family service followed by short Communion Service

Christmas is a very exciting time for little ones and, as well as the Family Service at 10.30am on Christmas Day, there are two Services which are geared especially to them.

**Family Carol Service** on Sunday 8th December at **10.30am** followed by seasonal goodies in the Parish Hall. A great chance to get together to celebrate the season.

**Carols around the Crib** Christmas Eve 10.30am - for all ages but especially the little ones.



Of course the **Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 15th at 7pm** is always a special occasion for the bigger people and not just because of the mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Hall afterwards!

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### **Evergreens New Year Walk Sunday 5th January followed by meal in The Rectory**

Next walk: Sunday 5th January 2025

Starting: 12.00 noon from Church Hall after coffee.

Where: Ballycorus/Carrickgollagan area.

This walk will not be too long, and suitable for most of us, and will end with a meal in the Rectory kindly hosted by John and Vera. Evergreeners who feel unable for this walk will be most welcome to join us afterwards at the Rectory.

Be prepared for winter conditions and wear suitable warm clothing with gloves and hat. Bring a light lunch with hot flask.

Please note that all parishioners are members of the Club and they and their friends are welcome on the walks.

Donald Gill    087 1270592



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## **Tullow Friends Christmas Lunch Friday 6th December**

So many people have been looking forward to the Tullow Friends Christmas Lunch in Foxrock Golf Club that it is now booked out. It was a very enjoyable occasion last year and this year is sure to be the same.

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## **NEWS**

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## **Remembrance Sunday Service Sunday 10th November**

The Remembrance Sunday Service in Tullow is always a special one, not least because we remember the 17 members/associates of the parish who were killed in both world wars. This year was made extra poignant when Torren read the last letter written by his 25 year old uncle to his parents before he was killed in WW2.

As well as remembering those who fell in conflict, new life was also celebrated as the names of babies who were baptised in Tullow in recent years were read out and a candle lit for each of them.







## Service of Remembrance Sunday 24th November

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

Particular thanks to the Rector who created a Service which attracts so many family members and friends from outside and inside the Parish.



## Evergreens Walking Group

We had a lovely autumnal walk in mid November from Glencree Valley and up to and along a high track overlooking the Powerscourt Deer Park and Waterfall,

created by the Lord P a couple of centuries ago. Just magnificent, and enjoyed by our group of 8! Afterwards in the Golden Ball we made plans for the next walk after Christmas as detailed above.

Donald Gill 087 1270592

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### **Christmas is Coming with Sounds Ensemble 30th November**

Unfortunately this much anticipated event had to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond the organisers' control. This was a fundraiser for the Irish Heart Foundation but all who had booked have been refunded. Thanks to all who had booked for their support for this vital cause.

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### **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 or 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
- A handyman who will do small jobs

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



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## 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 December**

Sunday 1st - Hilary Cran and Lucinda Goodbody

Sunday 8th - Sue and Terry Forsyth

Sunday 15th - Bev and Dave Parker and Barbara Cooper

Sunday 22nd - Ger Poff and Barbara Cooper

Sunday 29th - Ger Poff and Barbara Cooper

### **Rota for January**

Sunday 5th - Joan and Don Beck

Sunday 12th - Jeannette Mee and Grit Tyrrell

Sunday 19th - Jonathan and Meta Morton

Sunday 26th - Barbara Cooper and Jane Bowes

Thanks so much to those who volunteered for December and January - please think about volunteering for February.

**Please contact Barbara Cooper on 086 8446274 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 at 8pm in Parish Hall**

As well as 'social' badminton every Thursday evening, we're busy planning the Christmas tournament in December which will be followed by a suitable celebration as well as another celebration in January. New members always welcome.

086 8418138 if you'd like to know more.

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

Please make a special effort to support the Bray Women's Refuge for our Christmas delivery. New children's clothes, women's nightwear, hygiene products, coffee, tea and biscuits are all very welcome. All items by Sunday 15th to enable delivery please.

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.

Joyce Buckley 087 2988769

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### **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 01 2894121 085 7793250

Hazel Alexander 087 9719836

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### **Tullow Crafty Crew**

Tullow Crafty Crew met on Thursday, 21st November 2024. The Parish Hall was a hive of activity with 14 attendees making crystal art cards, stickers, snoods, tapestry and creative knitting projects.

The next session will be in late January, date TBA.

Margaret Breadon 087 2941078

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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.

### **Little Star Preschool**

Now open.

[www.littlestarpreschoolfoxrock.ie](http://www.littlestarpreschoolfoxrock.ie)

### **Irish Dancing Classes for Children**

With the renowned Chaney Farrell Academy. New pupils are welcome. Online registration at [www.irishdancingclasses.ie](http://www.irishdancingclasses.ie)

### **Yoga Classes**

Catherine has classes on Mondays. 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 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: [pamela@take2.ie](mailto:pamela@take2.ie) or [www.take2.ie](http://www.take2.ie).

### **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 - 086 3900 223**

[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

## **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 087 6813989 if you can help.

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### **New Year's Prayer**

As we approach a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains that weigh us down. Let us resolve to live each day in the most loving ways that God enables us. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, ethnicity, colour or creed.

Let us keep God in our hearts and minds and call on His name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May 2025 be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon us and bestow upon each of us a bright, healthy and peaceful

new year.  
Amen.

## Foxrock News



### Foxrock Village is Age Friendly!

Last week 16 businesses in the village were awarded certificates stating that they make special efforts to welcome older members of the community. Those efforts complement the age friendly parking spaces and other improvements installed by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Co Council.

The certificates were presented by An Cathaoirleach Cllr Jim O'Leary and DLRCoCo CEO Frank Curran at a reception in The Gables.



The businesses are Toner Solicitors, Pure Pharmacy, Hunters Estate Agent, Cassini Boutique, Thomas's, Grumps, Fagan Motors, Texaco/Centra, Kerb, Sherry Fitzgerald, Guinness Gallery, The Gables, Brighton Road bistro, Santanna, Scarlet Heifer. Approved by Age Friendly Ireland, this is a FACE initiative supported by DLRCoCo.

#shoplocal and come to Foxrock Village.



### **Christmas Delivered to Your Door from Foxrock Village**

A new delivery service has started in Foxrock. You can get anything delivered from six businesses all in the same delivery and first delivery is FREE.

Pick a steak for dinner, a bottle of wine, a Christmas present, a new outfit and treats for after - all with one click! If you're working from home and fancy lunch

from Kerb and cakes or a sandwich from Grumps all it takes is one click and one delivery. If you're going out to dinner and want to bring a present the Guinness Gallery or Cassini will surely have something and Texaco/Centra or Kerb will have a bottle to go along with it. Santanna will make sure your hair looks good with their shampoos and other products.

All you need to do is download the Tap-Retail app or log on to [tap-retail.com](https://tap-retail.com) and you can order from Grumps, Guinness Gallery, Texaco/Centra, Santanna, Kerb and the Scarlet Heifer butcher. One order and one delivery no matter how many shops you order from. Tell your friends and family and delivery is within a 6km radius of Foxrock Village.

This exciting initiative is in collaboration with FACE and supported by DLRCoCo

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# FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

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

**TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2024**

IN THE FOXROCK PASTORAL CENTRE @ 8.00 P.M.

**XMAS EVENT** - *The Eclectic Mix- Music and Visuals Classical to Comical with (A little history, A little carol singing, A little Christmas refreshment)*

Arranged by *Padraig Laffan*



ADMISSION 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)

## 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 if you find any.

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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.

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.

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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.

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

Lay Ministers: Alan Rhodes and Mandy Swanwick

Rector's Church Warden: Nigel Swanwick

People's Church Warden: Torren Gale

Rector's Glebe Warden: Ernie Porter

People's Glebe Warden: Chris Wojnar

Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Stewart

Organist: Nathan Whitley

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: Jane Bowes

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 (secretary), Margaret Breadon,

Hilary Cran, Donald Gill, 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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