



TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

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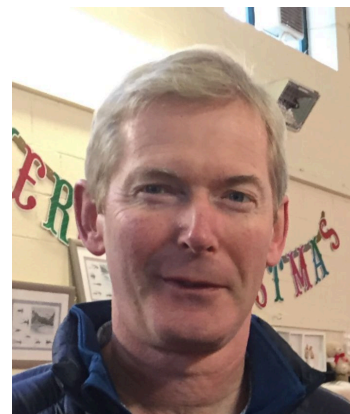
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The Rector Writes

As this Newsletter appears, we will be embarking on the Church season of Lent on Ash Wednesday 5th March. It is the traditional season in which Christians around the world try to prepare themselves spiritually to commemorate the traumatic events of the first Holy Week and Easter. It is no accident that in the Northern Hemisphere this season coincides with the climatic season of Spring. Lent affords us the opportunity to re-evaluate ourselves and to make amends for things which need changing in our lives. But all this is done in the positive light of promise – the promise of the risen Christ which we will be celebrating at Easter. Meanwhile all around us, despite many odds, nature is beginning to sprout forth once more with early flowers and shrub blossoms leading the way.

Avid gardeners will already be getting busy making preparations for the many changes that spring usher in. Although all may seem lifeless and hopeless, they know that there is life lurking beneath the surface that needs to be nurtured and encouraged to ensure it achieves its full potential. Perhaps we would do well to learn from nature's book and move forward in faith even if things may not yet show much signs of promise!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



CALENDAR

Some people have mentioned that they used to find the calendar in the printed newsletter useful. In the absence of a printed edition an alternative is to screenshot this calendar and print or put into your photos on your phone. Let us know if you find this useful.

MARCH

Wednesday 5th March Ash Wednesday - Lent begins

Sunday 9th March Family Service

Saturday 29th March Samuel Beckett's *All That Fall* performed in the church

Sunday 30th March Mothering Sunday (Mother's Day)

APRIL

Sunday 13th April Family Service

Friday 18th April Good Friday

Sunday 20th April Easter Sunday

Sunday 27th April Easter General Vestry

MAY

Thursday 22nd May Parish Golf Outing Rathfarnham Golf Club

NOVEMBER

Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 23rd November Service of Remembrance

Saturday 29th November Christmas Fair

DECEMBER

Saturday 6th December African Gospel Choir

Sunday 14th December Family Carol Service

Sunday 21st December Carols by Candlelight

Advance notice: Pre-loved clothing sale in 2026



Lent

Ash Wednesday Services 26th March

10.30am - Holy Communion

8.00pm - An evening Service for the beginning of Lent





***All that Fall* - Beckett in Foxrock 2025**
Saturday 29th March at 8pm
Tullow Church

How many villages have a play written about them by a Nobel Laureate? That rare distinction applies to Foxrock Village. *All that Fall*, originally written as a radio play and seldom performed, features the characters and sounds of a re-imagined Brighton Road, Leopardstown Racecourse, Foxrock station and village.

A cast of eight - Geraldine Plunkett, Donncha Crowley, Michael Judd, Marcus Lamb, Paul Marron, Deirdre Monaghan, Eimear Morrissey and Matthew O'Brien will bring to life what has been called 'Beckett's best play'.

Experience this special limited capacity rare event in a unique location – the church itself where Samuel Beckett and his mother worshipped. As it is a play for radio the audience will be given blindfolds - adding to the uniqueness of the occasion.

Samuel Beckett, Nobel Laureate, was born and brought up in Foxrock and was a regular attender, along with his mother, at Tullow Church. A commemorative plaque was unveiled in 2016 by

Beckett's niece.

Tickets €35 including booking fee. If you prefer not to book on Eventbrite please contact Jane Bowes on 086 8418138 or Sheila Moore on 086 2487433

Booking essential on Eventbrite.ie. Search for *All That Fall* or click here https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/beckett-in-foxrock-all-that-fall-tickets-1209858291719?aff=oddtcreator&utm_campaign=postpublish&utm_medium=sparkpost&utm_source=email

All That Fall - Beckett in Foxrock 2025 is organised by FACE (Foxrock Area Community and Enterprise) in association with Tullow Parish and Mouth on Fire Theatre Company. It is co-funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and sponsored by O'Flynn Group.



Easter General Vestry Sunday 27th 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, the members of which will guide the Parish over the next year under the leadership of the Rector who is the Chair.

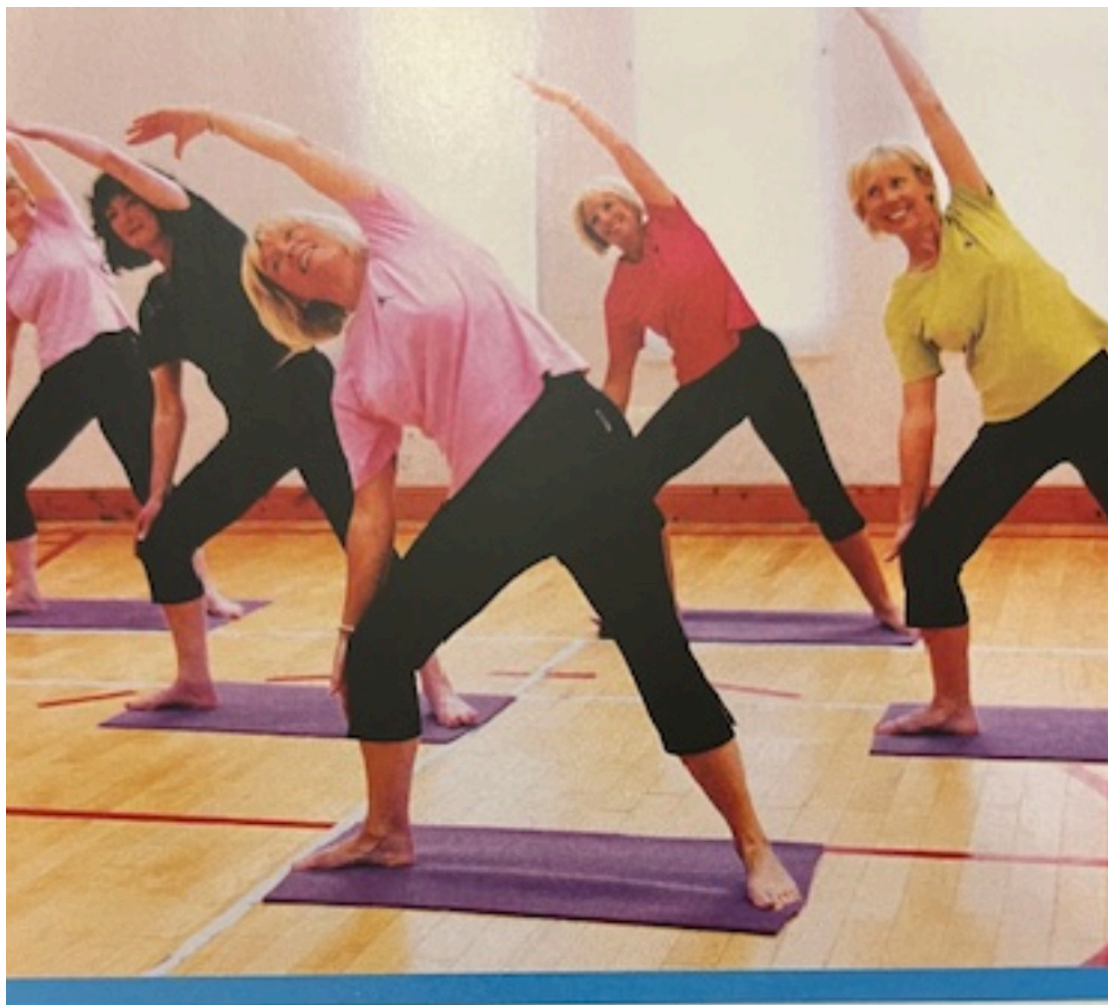
Come along and have your say about the future of the Parish. It does NOT mean you'll get landed with a job!

To vote at the Easter General Vestry, or be elected onto the Select Vestry you need to be on the Register of Vestry Members (see below).

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.

In a change to previous practice, the Register of Vestry Members can be amended at any time. If you would like to be on the register please contact one of the Church Wardens - Torren Gale or Nigel Swanwick or the Rector or pick up a form at the back of the church. It's easy and it's free.



The Fitness League

Website: www.thefitnessleague.ie

The Fitness League Wednesdays 7.30 - 8.30pm Parish Hall

A new fitness class for adults will be starting on Wednesday 12th March. Movement to music and floor work with Patricia Dunne. Bring your own mat.

Free trial on Wednesday 12th March, afterwards €135 for 15 weeks or €13 pay as you go.

Patricia Dunne 086 8863917

We have been asked to bring this event to your attention.

**Saturday 22nd March,
10am - 3pm**

**Newcastle Parish Centre,
Co. Wicklow, A63 X782.**

HE RESTORES *MY SOUL*

A Quiet Day reflecting on Psalm 23

Facilitated by Lydia Monds, CMH:I

Sessions will include:

Time exploring the Psalm in new ways.

Contemplative prayer practices

Time for silence, personal reflection
& creative response.

Church's
Ministry
of Healing
✦ Ireland

Tea, Coffee & Soup provided. B.Y.O. lunch

Free Event. Donations welcome. To book, contact Jeanne:

healing.dgdce@gmail.com

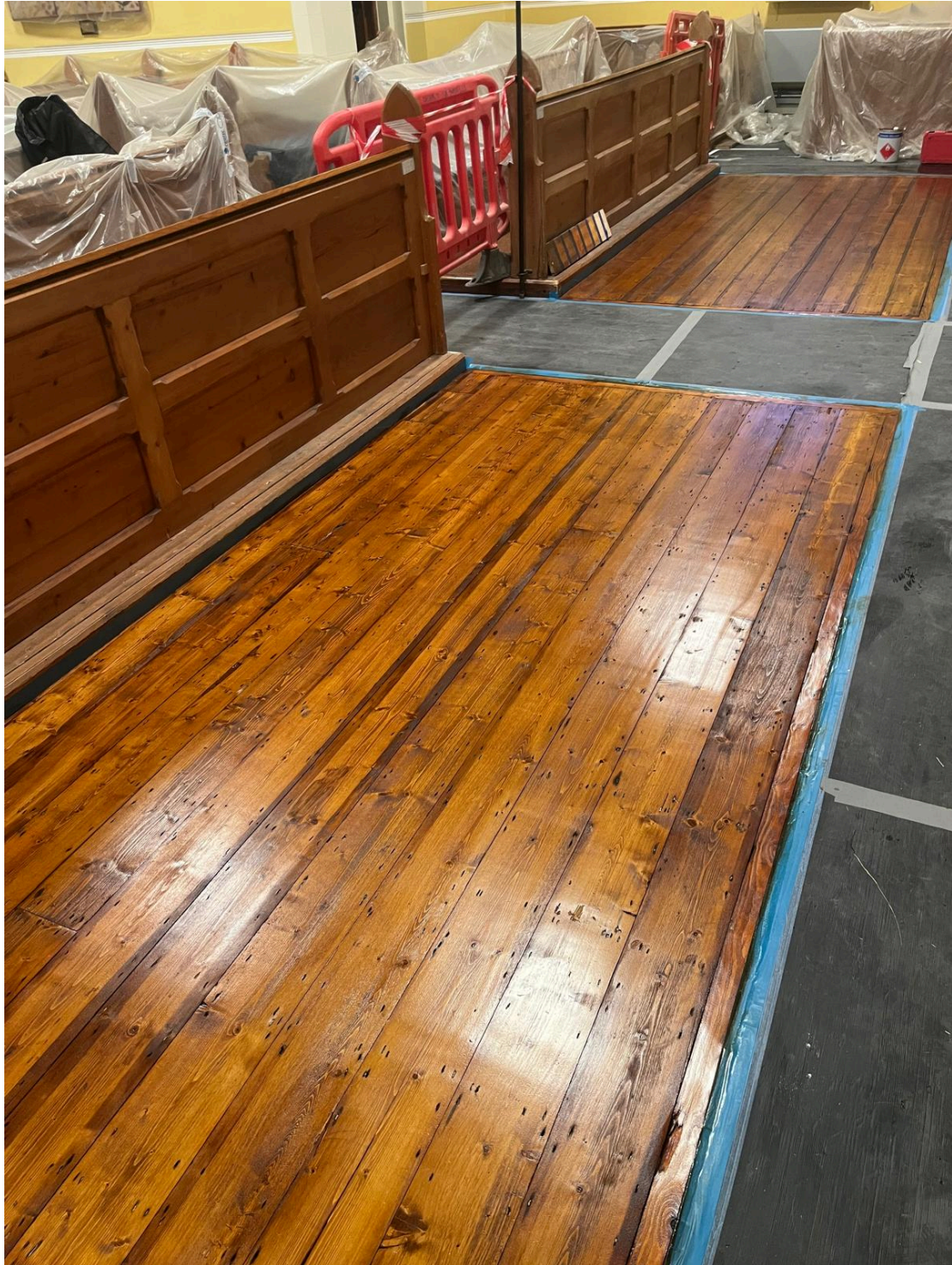
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Church Interior

The interior works in the church are nearly complete. The result offers greater space for weddings, funerals and musical events such as choirs and bands. The opportunities are limited only by our imagination!

There's some cleaning to be done for Sunday's Services which will be a Celebration of Holy Communion at 8:30am and Parish Communion at 10:30am.

A huge 'thank you' to Oliver Crampton & Sons who carried out the work.
Hope to see as many parishioners, friends and visitors as possible on Sunday.



Evergreens Walking Club

The Evergreens had a very pleasant walk on Sunday 9th February in the Killiney Hill area. Spring had almost arrived as we set off from our start near Dalkey DART Station. We stopped at the Metal Sailor, Coliemore Harbour, Sorrento Park, and the large EIRE sign off the Vico Road created to warn German Bombers during WW2 of our neutrality. Then up to the Obelisk on the Hill, and finishing in Killiney Castle Hotel for well earned refreshments! And the weather wasn't too bad for February! Supper was enjoyed in the Rectory with many thanks to John and Vera.

The next walk will be on Sunday 13th April in the Laragh area. Full details in the April newsletter.

Donald Gill
087 1270592



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

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 March

Sunday 2nd - Hilary Cran and Christine McCluskey

Sunday 9th - Merle Dowling and Glynis McConnell

Sunday 16th - Cleo and Les Ellis

Sunday 23rd - Barbara Cooper and Jill Malcolm

Sunday 30th - Moulton Family

Thanks so much to those who volunteered for March - please think about volunteering for April.

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

Badminton Club Thursdays at 8pm in Parish Hall

We play 'social' badminton which is a fun way to get exercise. We have a new net which is easier to put up and has the added benefit of turning into a pickle ball net. Having acquired the bats (racquets?) for pickle ball we tried it out - it was strange starting a new game knowing nothing but we sort of got the hang of it so maybe we'll mix pickle ball and badminton at some sessions.

New members always welcome. 086 8418138 if you'd like to know more.

Outreach - Bray Women's Refuge

Please make a special effort to support the Bray Women's Refuge. New children's clothes, women's nightwear, hygiene products, coffee, tea and biscuits are all very welcome.

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.

Joyce Buckley 087 2988769

NOTE:

It was re-affirmed at the Select Vestry meeting in December that Joyce Buckley continues to manage the funds raised for Down Syndrome India.

Tullow Book Club

Fire by John Boyne.

The group found this book a disturbing read, due to the storyline following a paedophile.

John Boyne chose a woman character to be the predator of teenage boys. The story alternates between Freya's childhood and present day where Freya is a successful Burns Specialist.

A new member of her team Aaron, slowly breaks down barriers that Freya kept in place with her team. But towards the end of the book, he reveals to Freya, something she did not want to hear.

The book scored high marks. But a recommendation that you do not use as nighttime reading.

Book for next month is *Quiet Tide* by Marianne Lee

Vera Tanner

Tulow Bowls Club Parish Hall Tuesdays 7.30pm

The Bowls club is back in full swing so if anybody is interested in joining or having a go, please turn up at Tulow 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



Tullow Crafty Crew Parish Hall One Thursday a Month

Tullow Crafty Crew met on Thursday 27th February 2025. The Parish Hall was a hive of activity with 17 attendees finger knitting snoods along with other knitting and crochet projects (see photos). We also had a birthday celebration on the day - see photo of cake!

The next session will be on Thursday 3rd April 2.30 - 4pm

Margaret Breadon 087 2941078

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

Ger Poff was a very active and regular attender at the Wednesday morning Service and coffee. €23? . Was donated to the Irish Cancer Society in memory of Ger.

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 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 or www.take2.ie.

The Fitness League - Celebrating 90 years of Inspirational Teaching!

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 3900223

www.thefitnessleague.ie

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Movement to music and floor work with Patricia Dunne. Bring your own mat.

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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



A Lenten Prayer

Almighty and ever living God,
you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent.

May this Lententide be one of outward focus;
seeking you in those we often ignore.
Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.
Give us hearts hungry to serve you
and those who need what we have to offer;
this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To Make You Smile 😊

Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins
or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen

Foxrock Local History Club

The next meeting of Foxrock Local History Club is Tuesday 18th March at 8pm in the Parish Centre behind Foxrock Church.

The short talk will be announced. The main talk will be by Christiaan Corlett - *New Thoughts on St. Kevin and Glendalough*

Free to members, non-members €5

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 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 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.

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

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: Ken Gregory

Church of Ireland Review: Jill Malcolm

Badminton: Jane Bowes

Bowls Club: Jonathan Morton

Tullow Friends: Cleo Ellis

Tullow Book Club: Vera Tanner

Tullow Crafty Crew: Margaret Breadon

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.

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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