



TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2025

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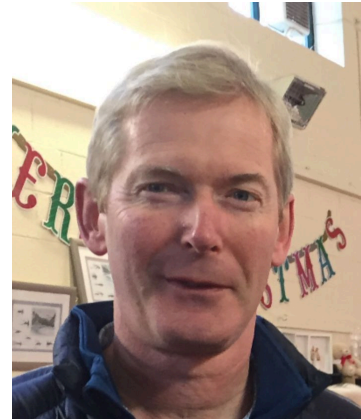
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The Rector Writes

The month of May is traditionally a very busy month in the Church of Ireland. The Church's General Synod meets in Naas on the 9th and 10th May, (with online follow up on the evenings of 13th and 15th May. As usual, the Synod will have a full agenda of reports to be considered and debated over the two days of in-person engagement. Among the items to be debated are reports from the Representative Church Body, the Church's Standing Committee, Board of Education, the Covenant Council, the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue, the Commission on Ministry and the Church of Ireland Marriage Council. Each of these headings impact in different ways on individual's lives and are further proof that the Church does not exist in a vacuum but rather has concern for those who grapple with these issues on a day to day basis. Perhaps, what is not generally publicised is that outside the actual Synod meeting hall there are many interesting and informative exhibitions and events which are given permission each year to catch the attention of those attending. This forum has proven over the years to be a valuable window for many Church organisations which would otherwise find it difficult to reach such an extensive audience.

As the General Synod prepares to meet let us pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to direct all its activities, including its debates and deliberations.

But it is not only for the Church that May is a busy month! Those preparing for state examinations will be making their final preparations and those at third level will be sitting theirs. For those sitting their finals there is the added concerns about what life holds in store after the completion of their studies. It can be a



very stressful time for households directly involved and the support, thoughts and prayers of the extended family (including the Church family) can be very welcome indeed. May God's blessing rest on all who feel under pressure and stress at this time.

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.

MAY

Sunday 11th May Family Service

Sunday 18th May Tullow Friends Soup Lunch and Wine Raffle

Thursday 22nd May Parish Golf Outing Rathfarnham Golf Club

JUNE

Sunday 8th June Evergreens Walk around Lough Dan

Saturday 21st June Tullow Friends Lunch at home of Ellis Family. In aid of Irish Cancer Society

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



Tullow Friends Soup Lunch and Wine Raffle Parish Hall Sunday 18th May

Tullow Friends are hosting a Soup Lunch and Wine Raffle in aid of Parish funds after the 10.30am Service.

€15 (**cash only please**) per ticket for the raffle and the chance to win wine worth far more than that.

We will also have a donation box in aid of Mimi Care, Shrewsbury House in Cabinteely which is a day care centre for people living with dementia.

Tullow Friends organisers: Eileen Adams, Cleo Ellis, Janet Moore, Marion Sutherland.



Parish Golf Outing Thursday 22nd May Rathfarnham Golf Club

Guests are very welcome, as are all standards of golfers - so if you are a golfer simply add your name to the sheet in the church porch.

Non-golfers – This event is planned as a fun social event. So if you are not a golfer and would like to join the golfers for a meal in the Clubhouse, post golf, please add your name to that sheet.

Alternatively contact Hilary Cran or Terry Forsyth

Hilary 087 2216053 Terry 087 2364326 or terenceforsyth@gmail.com



Let's Celebrate Summer!

Saturday 7th June Parish Hall 7.30pm for 8.00pm

This was a hugely popular event last year and was enjoyed by parishioners and their guests alike. Join us for a delicious Summer Supper and spend a lovely evening filled with food, good company, and lots of fun. We have nearly 100 seats to fill so round up friends and family for the perfect opportunity to relax

and socialise.

Bring your own wine/beer. €40 per person for main course, dessert, tea/coffee

Contact:

Alan Rhodes - 086 2531880 alanwrhodes@gmail.com

Sheila Meredith - 086 2487433 sheila@sheilamltd.ie

Jane Bowes - 086 8418138 bowesjane91@gmail.com

You can pay by cash or cheque (payable to Tullow Parish) to any of the above or transfer €40pp to Tullow Parish bank account IBAN IE 77 BOFI 901183 80669280 but **remember to put your full name** or we won't know who has sent money!

NEWS



Easter General Vestry Sunday 27th April

The Rector's Presidential Address, which was given at the Easter General Vestry, has been emailed to all parishioners on the parish email list. If you didn't receive it please contact Jane Bowes, secretary to the Select Vestry at bowesjane91@gmail.com or 086 8418138.

These are the results of nominations and elections held at the Easter General Vestry:

Election of Select Vestry:

The following were proposed and seconded as members of the Select Vestry – Patrick Abbott, Don Beck, Jane Bowes, Margaret Breadon, Hilary Cran, Sheila Meredith, Alan Rhodes, Sandra Ruttle, Max Smyth, Patricia Stewart, Mandy Swanwick, Glenn Taggart.

Nomination of Rector's Church Warden: Nigel Swanwick

Nomination of Rector's Glebe Warden: Ernie Porter

Election of People's Church Warden: Torren Gale, the existing church warden, indicated his availability. There being no other nomination, Torren was deemed elected.

Election of People's Glebe Warden: Chris Wojnar, the existing glebe warden, indicated his availability. There being no other nomination Chris was deemed elected.

At a subsequent brief meeting of the new Select Vestry Don Beck was proposed and seconded as Parish Treasurer. Jane Bowes was proposed and seconded as Secretary to the Select Vestry.

Thanks to the members of the outgoing Select Vestry for their commitment and dedication throughout the past year.





Easter in Tullow

Easter is a very special season in the church year. It is also a very busy one for the Rector and lay ministers Alan Rhodes and Mandy Swanwick who put a huge amount of preparation into the seven Services which were held between Palm Sunday and Easter Day - they deserve our thanks. Nathan, our organist, and the choir also merit thanks for their musical contribution which adds so much to our Services. Nathan's rendition of Widor's Toccata at the Easter Day Service was such a treat.

The new flexible space at the front of the church was beautifully enhanced by the donated candles and created a lovely intimate atmosphere for the Holy Week Services. There is always a sense of anticipation on entering the church for special seasons and this year, as ever, there was something to admire in every corner. The team of decorators, under Sandra Ruttle, had worked their usual magic as can be seen from the photos. Thank you all so much.





Evergreens Walking Club Sunday 13th April

The sun shone on a cool day for our walk in Glendalough. Fifteen Evergreens, the largest number since Covid, set forth up the Glendassan Valley, beside the river, along St Kevin's Way. Turning into the forest the track steepened so we slowed the pace to suit all until we reached the crest of the hill after a few minutes. In due course we descended to reach the Upper Lake, a lovely sight shimmering in the sun light. A bit further on we reached a clearing overlooking the top of the valley which was ideal for lunch.

It was a flat walk back to the monastic village and the hotel for some well earned refreshments.

Our next walk has been arranged for **Sunday 8th June** in the Lough Dan area in the heart of Wicklow. It will be followed by a barbecue in the Rectory, kindly hosted by John and Vera. More details in the June Newsletter.

Donald Gill



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 May

Sunday 4th - Sue and Terry Forsyth

Sunday 11th - Reilly Family

Sunday 18th - Tullow Friends Soup Lunch

Sunday 25th - Heather and Ken Gregory

Thanks so much to those who volunteered for May - please think about volunteering for June.

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 the plan is to play pickle ball on the last Thursday of each month. Come along and give it a try. At the moment we're organising the end of season tournament on 29th which will be followed by a suitable celebratory get together.

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

Outreach - Bray Women's Refuge

Thanks so much to everyone who left donations at the back of the church, they are appreciated very much so please continue to do so.

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

Tullow Book Club

The Glassmaker by Tracy Chevalier.

Unusual book in that it covered 6 centuries with one main character and her family that extended to 3 generations.

The technique gave the reader an appreciation of glassmaking in Venice and Murano and what the glassmaking trade went through as the centuries rolled on. Glass beadmaking was socially accepted as something women could do without interfering with the "real" business of glassmaking of glasses, goblets, bowls and chandeliers etc..

Very interesting storyline and cleverly put together. But if you intend to read this book, pay attention to the opening chapter!

Next month's book choice is *The Surf House* by Lucy Clarke.

Vera Tanner

Tullow Bowls Club

The Bowls Club had their last session on Tuesday 8th April before the summer break. This was followed on Friday 11th with the AGM and dinner after - a most enjoyable evening was had by all. We start the new season on Tuesday 23rd September as usual at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. If anyone would like any information about the Bowls and think about joining please contact

Hazel Alexander 087 9719836

Jonathan Morton 085 7793250



Tullow Crafty Crew Parish Hall One Thursday a Month

Tullow Crafty Crew met on Thursday 3rd April 2025. There were 13 attendees and we all enjoyed an Easter card making session. (See photos).

Next session will be on Thursday 1st May 2025.

Margaret Breadon 087 2941078

Wednesday Coffee and Service 10.30am

Do you like tea/coffee and a chat? Come along any Wednesday morning at 10.45am to the Coffee Room in the Parish Hall . All welcome.

A short Service is held in the church at 10.30am if you wish to attend.

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

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

The Fitness League Wednesdays 7.30 - 8.30pm Parish Hall

A new regular adult (not active retired) fitness class has started on Wednesdays. Movement to music and floor work with Patricia Dunne. Bring your own mat.

€135 for 15 weeks or €13 pay as you go.

Contact: Patricia Dunne 086 8863917

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



JUST A
THOUGHT

Prayer Corner

The Dublin & Glendalough Diocesan Mission Committee has designated 2025 as a year of prayer for growth in the United Dioceses. It is aiming to recruit 2025 members of the Dioceses to regularly pray for mission and growth and the Archbishop has penned a special prayer to be used in this context. In addition, Rev. Cathy Hallissey has adapted this prayer to make it more child friendly.

Both versions can be found below; first the original version, followed by the adapted version. If you would like to be involved in this initiative, you are encouraged to daily; pray the Lord's Prayer, pray one of the versions of the

prayer below and pray for growth in the Dioceses. You can register your commitment to do this on the Diocesan website: <https://dublin.anglican.org/ministries/mission/2025-prayer-movement/join-our-2025-prayer-movement>

Mission Prayer

Almighty God, we ask your blessing on the people of the Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough as they go about the work of mission in the everyday things of life.

As you sent your Son Jesus Christ to live the life of the world you created and to die for our sins, so give us a mission of worship and service in the same world during our days on earth.

Equip us to embrace our neighbour, to serve our society and to usher in the principles and the practices of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

This we ask in the name of the Risen Christ and in the strength of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Mission Prayer for Children's Ministry

Dear Father, hear us as we pray

For all your people every day
that, in these Dioceses we tread –
the path on which our Saviour led;

As Jesus came to teach us how
to serve each other here and now;
Make it our mission in these days
to bring about your Kingdom ways;

to practise care and unity
with neighbours and community
that, through your Spirit, love and worth
reflect your kingdom on this earth. Amen.

Make it our mission in these days
to bring about your Kingdom ways;
to practise care and unity

with neighbours and community
that, through your Spirit, love and worth
reflect your kingdom on this earth.
Amen.

Delivery Service from Foxrock Village

Exciting news! Eight businesses in Foxrock Village have teamed up with Tap Retail to bring you home deliveries from your favourite local shops like Centra, Grumps, Kerb, Scarlet Heifer, Guinness Gallery, Cassini Boutique, Santanna Hair Studio, and Iconic Beauty. You can even order from multiple stores and receive all your items in a single delivery.

As a special launch offer, all users within a 3km radius of Foxrock Village get FREE DELIVERY! Plus, each retailer has some fantastic promotional offers available right now.

Don't miss out – give it a try today! <https://linktr.ee/Foxrock.Village>

Thank you for supporting our local businesses

This initiative is funded by FACE and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.



Bealtaine Festival

An Age & Opportunity **arts** initiative



Bealtaine Festival Month

The Bealtaine Festival is Ireland's national celebration of the arts and creativity as we age. There are multiple events in every county, search the full programme on www.Bealtaine.ie



A fascinating and rare aerial photo. Springfield Park is just to the right and Stillorgnan Road, or what is now the N11, can be seen in the top third of the photo.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB'S EVENTS FOR MAY 2025

1) Saturday 17th May @ 11:00 am - A walking tour around the Georgian area led by Michael O'Flaherty. Meet at the Rutland Fountain opposite the National Gallery, Merrion Square.

2) Tuesday 21st May @ 20:00 The monthly talks in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

a. THE SHORT TALK: - **IVEAGH TRUST DUBLIN, BATHS AND BATHHOUSES**- By *Padraig Laffan*

b) FULL TALK: - **JAMES TISSOT'S MUSE - KATHLEEN NEWTON** By *Patricia O'Reilly*

3) Saturday 24th May @ 11:00 am - A guided tour of The Little Oratory Dun Laoghaire by Ger Meindl. Meet on Library Road, Dun Laoghaire between Rosary Gardens and Oratory Court.

4) NEW - THE FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE DLRCC SPRING/SUMMER OF HERITAGE PROGRAMME BY A SERIES OF TALKS IN DEANSGRANGE LIBRARY.

Monday 26th May @ 18:30 in Deansgrange Library a short talk on: - **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF FOXROCK** by *Myles Reid*

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
Tullov Friends: Cleo Ellis
Tullov Book Club: Vera Tanner
Tullov Crafty Crew: Margaret Breadon
Altar Linens: Vera Tanner

Members of the Select Vestry:

Rev John Tanner (chair), Don Beck (treasurer), Jane Bowes (secretary), Patrick Abbott, Margaret Breadon, Hilary Cran, Torren Gale, Sheila Meredith, Ernie Porter, Alan Rhodes, Sandra Ruttle, Max Smyth, Patricia Stewart, Mandy Swanwick, Nigel Swanwick, Glenn Taggart, Chris Wojnar.

Welcome to the Tullov 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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