



TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

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JUNE 2025

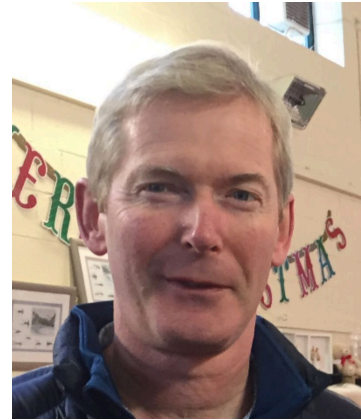
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The Rector Writes

As we begin the month of June we are entering a time that can be extremely stressful for families – especially the extended families of those undertaking state examinations. For those undertaking their Leaving Certificate, years of study and preparation are now concentrated into a couple of weeks of tests that can have a major impact of the student's future. Although some marks may be already allocated in certain subjects such as Aural and Oral components of languages, the hopes and dreams still ride on how many points can be achieved over these short weeks. It can be a time of uncertainty, anxiety, worry, self-doubt and the full gambit of negative emotions and feelings. It is a time which requires the ultimate in self-care. It is a time to ensure that every effort is made to strike a balance between rest and study. It is a time to seek calmness and peace – the calmness and peace which many try to find in the world around them, but which can only be ultimately found in God. Therefore, it is a time for candidates and their families to seek God's guidance and direction through prayer. To quote John Ortberg, a clinical psychologist, 'If you don't come apart for a while, you will come apart in a while'.

The month of June can also see a time of change for those finishing their primary education as they await their transition to their chosen secondary school. For some this is an adventure which they await with excitement, but for others it holds the dread of the unknown and a separation from friend that will not be going to the same school. Again, it would be good to commit the entire spectrum of those feelings to God as they make that next step along the road of life.



Finally, as we will be remembering all those who are preparing for State Examinations and their families during Services over the coming weeks, we will also be remembering those who have undertaken third level examinations as they await results. We wish them all every blessing and may it be our prayer that everyone's hard work will be justly rewarded.

From the Registers

Funerals

23rd May 2025 (in St. Philip & St James Booterstown) - Zoe Hoffman.

29th May 2025 – Ann Stuart.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Simon and Nora, Rachel and Sarah Hoffman and with Neil, Caroline, Ian, Alan Stuart and their families at this sad time. May they know the comfort of the risen Christ in their loss.

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.

JUNE

Saturday 7th June Summer Supper

Saturday 8th June Family Service

Sunday 8th June Evergreens Walk around Lough Dan

Saturday 21st June Tullow Friends Lunch at home of Ellis Family. In aid of Purple House Cancer Care

OCTOBER

Sunday 12th October Harvest Festival with the Stedfast Band

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



Saturday 7th June Parish Hall 7.30pm for 8.00pm

There are still some tickets left for the Summer Supper. €40 per person for main course, dessert, tea/coffee and bring your own wine/beer or whatever. It will be a fun and enjoyable night.

Final numbers have to be given to the caterers on Wednesday.

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!



Evergreen Walking Club Sunday 8th June

Lough Dan area, starting at Oldbridge

We meet as usual at 12.00pm at the Parish Hall and share cars. All parishioners and friends welcome, plus dogs on lead. The route has gentle hills, and we wait for everyone! Scenery is magnificent in this valley in central Wicklow overlooking Lough Dan.

Suitable outdoor clothing and boots/strong shoes are recommended. (The current summer weather at time of writing may not last!). Bring a light lunch and drink. We will finish up in a local hostelry in Roundwood.

A barbeque has been arranged after the walk in the Rectory with thanks to John and Vera! Basic BBQ food will be provided but feel free to bring your own special fare plus wines, drinks etc!

Donald Gill
087 1270592



Experience Foxrock Village

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd June

2 pm to 4 pm on Beckett Green

(opposite Sherry Fitzgerald)

Music and entertainment for all the family

*Visit our wonderful local shops,
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Tullow Friends Cancer Care Fundraiser 2.30pm Saturday 21st June

Ellis Family, 'Glenowen', Old Bray Road, Cabinteely, D18 R2N7

Remember family, friends and parishioners at an afternoon tea fundraiser in aid of Purple House Cancer Care. There will be a donation bottle at the event.

Places are limited so add your name and phone number to the list in the church porch or contact Cleo Ellis on 087 2648775

NEWS



Down Syndrome India Life Saving Operation for Gnana Sri Age 2

Down Syndrome India is one of the charities supported by Tullow Parish. Along with Bray Women's Refuge, 10% of income from non-specific parish fundraisers is split between these two charities and many of you contribute separately to Down Syndrome India by filling the special collection tins which are available at the back of the church.

We have helped many children in the past but now little Gnana Sri who is almost two years old needs our help. She is in urgent need of a lifesaving heart operation and, thanks to your generosity, we are in a position to send the money to pay for her operation.

Please continue to help little ones whose parents are unable to pay for their children's operations.



Tullow Friends Soup Lunch and Raffle/Bottle Stall

We would like to thank everyone who came to our soup lunch and raffle/bottle stall on Sunday 18th May and also the many parishioners who were unable to attend but sent donations.

A special thank you to everyone who helped behind the scenes and front of house - it wouldn't have been possible without you.

Between the raffle and donations we raised €455 for Parish funds.

We also raised €505 for the development of a sensory garden at MiMi Daycare Centre for those living with dementia.

€960 is an amazing amount of money so thank you again.

Tullow Friends organising group - Cleo, Eileen, Janet, Marion.



The photographer was missing when the winning team members were presented with their prize!

Tullow Golf Outing

This outing had not been held since 2019, but on May 22, the 2025 Tullow Golf outing took place in Rathfarnham Golf Club. Weather-wise the day was excellent and the course was in top condition. On arrival we discovered that the club was preparing to host a big Pro-Am golf event the following day. The preparation for this event “spooked” some of the players when they saw a Golf Ireland van and mobile score board arriving on the course just before their tee-off time. Some were worried that a Sky Sport TV camera crew would arrive before they teed off !!

The competition format was a “Team of Three”, best 2 scores to score on each hole and 3 on the last hole. There was also a “Yellow Ball” competition, the

rules of which seemed pretty straightforward to the committee, but were apparently more “opaque” to those playing. Anyhow all was explained, hopefully satisfactorily.

The overall winner was Les Ellis’s team, comprising Les, Simon Murray and Mark Kennedy (some of his golfing relations). Cliff Forsyth’s team, comprising Cliff, Dave Parker and Christine McCluskey won the Yellow Ball competition and Hilary Cran won “Nearest the Pin”.

Later the golfers were joined by friends and family and 31 of us sat down for a meal in the clubhouse and the formal prize giving.

Thanks to the generosity of those participating, who donated bottles of wine to add to the prize fund, all players received a prize.

A big thank you from the Golf Committee to all who participated.

Terry Forsyth





The good news this month is that the recent good weather had an effect on many of us - not least Bridget Ferguson who, at 92, was enticed by her son Tim into the sea at Sandycove. Luckily the smile came after her initial reaction!

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 June

Sunday 1st - Moulton Family

Sunday 8th - Eileen and Richard Adams

Sunday 15th - Jennifer and Frank Sowman

Sunday 22nd - Hilary Cran and Patrick Abbott

Sunday 29th - Barbara Cooper and Jane Bowes

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

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

The badminton club members are now on holidays (we wish!) until early/mid September. Club members extend their heartfelt sympathy to long-time member Neil on the death of his beloved wife Ann.

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.

Remember it is YOUR donations which will pay for little Gnana Sri's lifesaving operation.

Joyce Buckley 087 2988769

Select Vestry - extract from minutes of 20th May

- tenders being sought for accessible toilet
 - still seeking solution to creating smooth path over gravel
 - Tullow Friends were congratulated on the success of their Soup Lunch
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Tullow Book Club

The Surf House by Lucy Clarke.

Bea has had enough of her successful modelling career. But on walking out of a job, she walks into serious trouble, resulting in a mugging, attempted murder, a stabbing, followed later by blackmail as well as someone looking for a missing person. Marnie comes to her rescue. She part owns a B & B beside a surfing beach on the coast of Morrocco and Bea is given accommodation and a job.

Shortly after Bea settling in, Seth arrives looking for his sister who not been in touch with family or friends for the past year.

If anything the author tried to put too much into the plot and the consensus was that the ending was weak. However, the setting possibly saved the book from a very low score.

Book choice for September is *The Women* by Kristin Hannah.

Vera Tanner

Tullow Bowls Club

The Bowls Club had their last session in April but will return as usual on Tuesday 23rd September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. If you would like information about the bowls or are thinking 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 1st May 2025 for the last session of the season.

We look forward to our Autumn sessions starting in September. Why not join us and try a new craft or bring your current project.

In the meantime, happy crafting!

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.

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The Parish Hall has a wide range of groups and organisations using it. Please support them.

Little Star Preschool

Now enrolling for September.

www.littlestarpreschoolfoxrock.ie

Irish Dancing Classes for Children

With the renowned Chaney Farrell Academy. New pupils are welcome although finished now until September. Online registration at www.irishdancingclasses.ie

Yoga Classes

Catherine has classes on Mondays. Due to finish at the end of June but may continue if there is a demand. 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.

Enrolling now for September.

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.

Finishing for the summer on 16th June.

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

The Brownies finish on 7th June and the Guides on 9th June.

For more information please contact Alice on 086 3541195

JUST A THOUGHT

Prayer Corner

A prayer for this month

Take time to claim your strength; they are gifts of God.

Take time to have fun; it's God's way of teaching you your strengths.

Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.

Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.

Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent.

Take time to share with others; they will bless you, and you will bless them.

Take time to have hope, you are a child of God.

Let us put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during this time of year. May we all help make our homes a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings bestowed upon us. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts – no matter what may be challenging us. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Foxrock News

Foxrock Clinic, a very recent and welcome addition to Foxrock village, is due to open in mid June. A GP practice beside Pure Pharmacy in the village, Drs Diarmaid Scully and Kirsty Dunne are the principals and the clinic is open for registration of new patients. See www.foxrockclinic.com or phone 01 9144246 email: foxrockclinic@gmail.com

Foxrock Age Friendly Village

The local community and businesses in Foxrock have been busy working together to make Foxrock an Age Friendly Village. Over the last year, Foxrock Area Community and Enterprise (FACE) have worked alongside Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to make Foxrock an even better place for people to live and grow old in.

Age Friendly parking spaces have been introduced in the village. Work is also being carried out to upgrade footpaths and to improve accessibility throughout the village. FACE have carried out repair works on flower beds, and unnecessary street clutter has been removed, including old post boxes. Changes to the traffic lights crossing time will help those with additional mobility requirements.

Beckett Square, at the heart of the village, now boasts some new age friendly seating, which

has proven very popular. There are further plans to introduce wheelchair accessible tables in the Square.

In December 2024 the hard work carried out by businesses in the area to take steps to become more Age Friendly was acknowledged when 15 businesses were awarded Age Friendly Ireland Business Recognition certificates. The certificates were presented at a ceremony attended by An Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Councillor Jim O'Leary and the Chief Executive Frank Curran, Director of Services Therese Langan and Aidan Blighe and Mary Fitzsimmons, Age Friendly Ireland East Regional Manager.

Age Friendly DLR are working with Age Friendly Ireland to achieve formal recognition for Foxrock as an Age Friendly Village, and we are hopeful that this will be achieved in 2025.



From dlr Age Friendly magazine 2025

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/41507644/4/>

Foxrock Local History Club

As part of DLRCoCo's Spring/Summer of Heritage programme Foxrock Local History Club members will give a series of talks about the area in Deansgrange Library.

Booking necessary at the library on 01 2047218

Monday 23rd June 6.30pm

Our Townlands by Pádraig Laffan

Admission €5 for non-FLHC 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 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
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Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Stewart
Organist: Nathan Whitley
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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 (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 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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Please forward to other members of your family



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