



# TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

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**OCTOBER 2025**

**In this Month's Newsletter:**

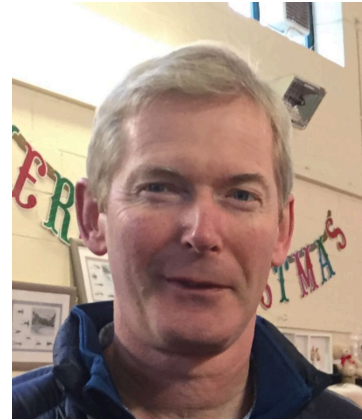
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## The Rector Writes

We live in a world driven by consumerism which is fuelled with the promise of finding meaning and happiness in material things. This leads to many chasing the latest trends in homes, cars, clothes, holidays etc.

However, for most, this becomes a frustrating and fruitless quest which ultimately ends in disappointment and unhappiness. By contrast, from my conversations with people in their 90's and beyond and asking about their long and full lives and their secret to longevity, they usually respond with the word 'contentment' – being happy and thankful for all they have experienced in life, both good and bad. I believe there is a lesson for us all in this as we come to this season of Harvest Thanksgiving when we give thanks for everything that is the product of human and divine effort. St Paul wrote in Philippians 4:11b - 13 *'for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me'*. We would do well to follow his example. *'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice'* (Philippians 4:4).



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## 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.

## OCTOBER

Sunday 12th October Harvest Festival with the Stedfast Band

Friday 24th October Concert in Tullow Church with John O'Connor and Ailbhe McDonagh

## NOVEMBER

Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 23rd November Service of Remembrance

Saturday 29th November Christmas Fair

## DECEMBER

Saturday 6th December African Gospel Choir

Friday 12th December Tullow Friends Christmas Lunch

Sunday 14th December Family Carol Service

Sunday 21st December Carols by Candlelight

**Advance notice: Pre-loved clothing sale in 2026**

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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## Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Brunch with the Stedfast Band Sunday 12th October 10.30am

Like last year, our Harvest Service will be extra special as the Stedfast Band return to play for us. This will be their fourth 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 the Bishops' Appeal.

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



The poster for 'Music in Foxrock' features a blue and white design. At the top right, it says 'The Foxrock Arts Society' and 'FACE Foxrock Area Community & Enterprise Cllr'. The title 'Music in Foxrock' is prominently displayed in white and orange. Below the title, there are two circular portraits: Ailbhe McDonagh on the left, holding a cello, and John O'Connor on the right. The text 'Ailbhe McDonagh' and 'John O'Connor' is written in large yellow letters over their respective portraits. Below the portraits, it says 'Tullow Church Friday 24th October at 7.30pm' in white. At the bottom, it says 'Book on Eventbrite.ie. Tickets €35 plus booking fee. Includes a wine reception kindly sponsored by Dunnes Stores.' in white.

The Foxrock Arts Society | FACE  
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# Music in Foxrock

**Ailbhe McDonagh**  
Tullow Church  
Friday 24th October  
at 7.30pm

**John O'Connor**

Book on [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie). Tickets €35 plus booking fee.  
Includes a wine reception kindly sponsored by Dunnes Stores.

## Music in Foxrock in Tullow Church Friday 24th October at 7.30pm

Join us for an unforgettable evening with the acclaimed pianist John O'Connor and the distinguished composer and concert cellist Ailbhe McDonagh. This performance promises a unique and immersive musical experience.

**Ailbhe McDonagh** is an Irish concert cellist and composer. She performs internationally as a soloist, chamber musician and recording artist, has several studio albums to her name and is Professor of Cello at the RIAM. She has



composed works for orchestra, chamber music ensembles and has been invited to give masterclasses worldwide.

**John O'Connor** has long been viewed as one of the greatest pianists of our time. A former Director of the Royal Irish Academy of Music, and a co-founder of the Dublin International Piano Competition, he has been awarded Honorary Doctorates by the National University of Ireland, Trinity College, Dublin Institute of Technology (now TUD) and honoured by the French, Austrian, Japanese, Italian and Polish governments.

The programme includes Beethoven's F major Sonata Op.5, no 1; Fantasiestucke Op. 73; Ailbhe McDonagh's beautiful Skellig and more.

Tickets are €35 (plus booking fee) and may be booked on Eventbrite.ie or on this link <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/music-in-foxrock-with-ailbhe-mcdonagh-and-john-oconor-tickets-1703624078479?aff=oddttdtcreator>

If you prefer not to book on Eventbrite please contact Jane Bowes on 086 8418138 or Sheila Moore on 086 2487433

**Music in Foxrock** is organised by the Foxrock Arts Society under the auspices of FACE (Foxrock Area Community and Enterprise)



### **Tullow Christmas Fair Saturday 29th November 10am - 1pm**

At the recent stallholders' meeting details for the Fair were organised. A full list of stallholders, drop off points and times etc will be emailed to all parishioners shortly but in the meantime please start preparing as we need everyone's help.

### **Please start making:**

- Jams and chutneys

**Please start sorting:**

- Party clothes - **only** party clothes, nothing else. Hopefully there will be a pre-loved clothes sale next year
- Handbags, jewellery and unwanted gifts
- Books - due to lack of storage we can only accept books two weeks before the fair
- Bric à Brac

Items donated for sale must not be broken, dirty or incomplete. It is the parish's responsibility to ensure items are safe, fit for purpose and in good condition - otherwise Tullow Parish is legally exposed.

Contact Sandra Ruttle on 087 2344964 if you have any queries



**\*ADVANCE NOTICE\* African Gospel Choir Tullow Church Saturday 6th December 7.30pm**

The African Gospel Choir will be making what is now their annual visit to Tullow Church in early December. There will be a Christmas touch to their performance so if you'd like to start the Christmas season feeling uplifted and happy come along on 6th December. More information about tickets will be in the November newsletter but in the meantime put 6th December in your diaries.

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### **Evergreen Walking Club**

On Sunday 28th September 7 Evergreens left the Church Hall for Glencree Valley in the Wicklow Hills. But our arranged car park was full! Quick thinking by our walk leader brought us further up the valley to a car park with spaces at Cloon which meant a different walk!

Up we headed through the forest on good forest roads, and later on a single mountain track. Still heading uphill towards Prince William's Seat, aware that some of us were making heavy weather over peaty heather and boulders.

On reaching the skyline it was time for a sandwich break. From our great viewpoint, we could see The Prince's Seat, about half an hour away - too far today. Maybe next time if the first car park has space. The Enniskerry Inn was a suitable place to hydrate and relax afterwards.

A provisional date for our post Christmas walk of Sunday 4th January was agreed in the Inn. Details to be advised in the December Newsletter.

Donald Gill  
087 127 0592

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### **Tullow in 1980s - more from the Rev Cecil Hyland Collection**

These photos are all from the Parish Fair in 1983.

Top left: Barbara McNeil and David Cooper

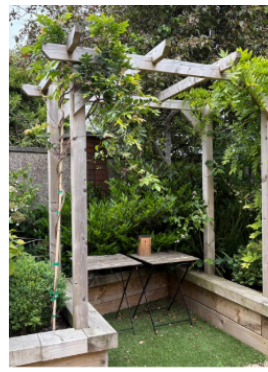
Top right: David Felton, Alex Malcolm, Graham Weir

Lower left: Church grounds - note the large trees at the entrance

Lower right: Hilary O'Herlihy, Margaret Driver







### Tullow Friends Make a Difference

Over the last few months Tullow Friends have been busy. They organised a Soup Lunch in the Parish Hall in May and €505 was raised for Mimi Care, Shrewsbury House in Cabinteely. This is a day care centre for people living with dementia and the money was used to create a garden at the centre. Tullow Friends have been planting, watering and weeding to ensure a peaceful oasis for users of the centre.

In June Tullow Friends organised an afternoon tea fundraiser in aid of Purple House, a cancer care charity. The wonderful amount of €1,020 was raised which is a real tribute to the hard work of the organising group, particularly hosts Cleo and Les Ellis, and the generosity of the attendees.

A letter of acknowledgment and thanks from Purple House says that the “donation ensures that families living with cancer can find comfort, hope and practical help when they need it most” and that it enables the team at Purple House “to offer support free of charge so that financial worries never stand in the way of care”.

Wholehearted thanks to all who organised and supported these two events.

### **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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## **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 September**

Sunday 5th - Patrick Abbott and Barbara Cooper

Sunday 12th - Harvest Brunch

Sunday 19th - Moulton Family

Sunday 26th - Jane Bowes and Barbara Cooper

Thanks so much to those who volunteered for October. We need volunteers for November so if you enjoy the Sunday morning coffee please offer to help out occasionally.

**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**

The members play social badminton (not league) and we're also experimenting with pickle ball on the last Thursday of the month.

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

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### **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

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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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### **Select Vestry Meeting 1st September - extract from the minutes**

- five completed tenders have been received for the accessible toilet project. A sub-group of the Select Vestry will examine and make a recommendation with the assistance of the architect.

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### **Tullow Book Club**

*The Women* by Kristin Hannah.

The story is set in USA and in Vietnam covering the Vietnam war and its aftermath.

Frances is determined to make her father proud of her and earn a place on his “hero’s wall” in his study.

She studies to become a nurse and eventually gets accepted to go and serve in Vietnam during the war. Two years later, she returns to a very different country to the one she left, with anti-war protests and hostility towards the soldiers and nurses that returned after their tour of duty. Her parents told people that she had gone to Italy for a couple of years, such was the shame of having a member of your family involved in the war.

The book highlights the sacrifices that these young people made by going to serve their country during a time of war, along with the lack of support for nurses and medical staff who suffered post-traumatic stress disorder. Lives continued to be destroyed long after the war was over.

Choice for next month’s meeting is – *My Name Is Emilia Del Valle* by Isabel Allende



Vera Tanner

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### **Tullow Bowls Club Tuesdays Parish Hall 7.30pm**

If you would like information about the bowls or are thinking about joining please contact

Hazel Alexander 087 9719836

Jonathan Morton 085 7793250

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### **Tullow Crafty Crew Parish Hall Thursday 23rd October 2.30pm - 4pm**

Tullow Crafty Crew met on Thursday 25th September for the first Autumn session. We had 17 participants and we made water lily napkins. Next session on Thursday 23rd October 2025.

Margaret 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 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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### **Support Tullow Parish Hall Tenants**

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

### **Little Star Preschool**

Started again on 27th August.

[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 8.15pm - 9.15pm

Feel stretched, not stressed. Suitable for all levels.

Contact: Catherine 087 7864853 [catherinesyogamat@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:pamela@take2.ie) or [www.take2.ie](http://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](http://www.thefitnessleague.ie)

### **Ladies Keep Fit Class Wednesdays 8 - 9pm Parish Hall**

If you want to feel energised, stretched and strengthened while working

through the whole body then this is the class for you.

First class is FREE.

Contact Patricia 086 8863917

### **Tullow Brownies and Girl Guides Parish Hall Mondays 6.30 - 8pm**

Irish Girl Guides is a youth-driven female organisation offering a varied programme for girls and young woman age 5-30. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer leader, please contact Alice on 086 3541195 for more information. No experience necessary!

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JUST A  
THOUGHT

#### **A Harvest Prayer** (*Christian Aid*)

Creator God, you give life and light to the world.

We rejoice together in the wonder and the fullness of your creation.

We give thanks for small seeds that flourish into great trees and bear fruit in abundance.

We delight in the gifts of nature and the hope that a good harvest can bring.

Loving God, you know our sorrows and our failings.

We have cut down what was flourishing.

We have consumed and destroyed what was given to us to nurture.

We repent our wrongdoing and ask you to guide us in the ways of righteousness.

Living God, you call upon us to sow peace,  
grow faith, and tend to one another in love.  
Plant in us a commitment to pursue that call.  
Strengthen our hope as we seek together the  
coming of your kingdom on earth.  
**Amen.**

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### **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.



### **Foxrock and Leopardstown c1951**

Foxrock and Leopardstown Racecourse. The Harcourt Street railway line can be seen running along the lower edge of the racecourse. The buildings in the middle of the racecourse are the stables and the groundskeeper's house. Leopardstown Hospital is on the right of the photo.

Westminster Road is coming in from the lower left with Torquay Road to the

right and Brighton Road to the left. Foxrock village is at the crossroads and the roof of the garage can be seen as well as the 'hotel' which was where the red brick houses opposite The Gables are now.

Best seen on a large screen such as a laptop or tablet.

From: The Old Drone: Norman Ashe Aerial Photographic Collection on Facebook

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### **Foxrock Local History Club Tuesday 21st October Foxrock Parish Centre 8pm**

*Cottage Industries in the Rural Economy* - a talk by Prof. Liam Downey

Admission free for members, €5 for non-members

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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: 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.

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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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Please forward to other members of your family



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