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# **NOVEMBER 2025**

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# **The Rector Writes**

The ongoing conflict in Ukraine, an uneasy ceasefire in Gaza (where Israel still carries out bombing raids but claim they are not breaching that ceasefire as well as raids on Lebanon, the West Bank and Syria!), civil war in Sudan as well as many other current conflicts, prove that our world is a broken and divided place. It is fuelled by the growing trend of defining 'us' as against 'others' – a populist trend that is gaining traction, especially in Far-Right politics.

This month, on Sunday 9th November, we will be holding our annual Service of Remembrance.

This Service commemorates those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the causes of justice, peace and freedom during the two world wars of the twentieth century. The purpose of this Remembrance is not to glorify war or death in any way, but rather to highlight the horrors of war and conflict. It is also to highlight the futility of war in which there are never any winners but all are ultimately losers.

When Jesus was asked by a young lawyer (Luke 10:25), 'What must I do to inherit eternal life?', Jesus, in turn, asked the lawyer what the Scriptures taught. The lawyer replied, 'To love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength – and to love our neighbour as ourself.' Jesus commended him for his answer. However, the lawyer wanting to justify himself asked, 'Who is my neighbour?' In response, Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan. From that parable we learn that our neighbour is everyone (without exception) who might be in need – even if they can be classified as 'other' and not one of 'us'. If we are to live out our



Christian beliefs and to follow the teachings of Jesus,

we too will need to heed Jesus' final command to the lawyer, 'Go and do likewise'. (Luke 10:37b)

# From the Registers

#### **Funerals**

Friday 12th September – Muriel Grey

Tuesday 14th October - Camillus Ryan

Friday 24th October (in Monkstown Parish Church) - Mark Lee

May the extended Grey, Ryan and Lee families know the comfort of the risen Christ in their loss.

#### **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.

#### **NOVEMBER**

<u>Sunday 9th November</u> Remembrance Sunday <u>Sunday 23rd November</u> Service of Remembrance <u>Saturday 29th November</u> Winter Fair

#### **DECEMBER**

Saturday 6th December African Gospel Choir

<u>Friday 12th December</u> Tullow Friends Christmas Lunch

Sunday 14th December Family Carol Service

Sunday 21st December Carols by Candlelight

Advance notice: Pre-loved clothing sale in 2026



# Winter Fair Saturday 29th November 10am - 1pm

This year we are having a Winter Fair with the familiar popular mix of sweet treats, deli, books, jewellery, gifts, Bric à Brac, tea, coffee and raffle but this year we will also have a crafts stall, occasion wear clothes, handbags and other

activities.

More information will be emailed next week but in the meantime please start gathering the following for donation, and contributions to the Cakes and Deli stalls would be very much appreciated.

Cakes - Jennifer Sowman (086 3154118)

Deli - Helen Burns (087 2338786)

Books - Jane Bowes (086 8418138) and Sheila Moore (086 2487433)

Bric à Brac - Torren Gale (087 8199400)

Jewellery, Accessories and Handbags - Sandra Rhodes (086 8341267)

Occasion Wear - Gillian Bowes (087 2899659)

If you have items to donate please contact the relevant stall holder; also the <u>container at the church will be open after the 10.30am Service on 9th, 16th and 23rd November.</u>

If you have any queries please contact Sandra Ruttle 087 2344964.

Please do not donate anything which is dirty, broken or incomplete - it costs us to get rid of them and they cannot be put on sale.

We also greatly appreciate shoppers for the above so if you are unable to make or contribute items just come along on the day and buy! Tell your friends and family.



African Gospel Choir and Band Tullow Church Saturday 6th December 7.30pm

# Be Enthralled and Inspired

Join us for an unforgettable evening of soul-stirring music, uplifting melodies and a touch of Christmas at the **African Gospel Choir** event - their fourth visit to Tullow.

Experience the joy and energy of gospel music as you immerse yourself in an evening of celebration and praise. Be prepared to clap your hands, tap your feet, and sing along to powerful songs that will touch your soul.

Mark your calendars and join us for an evening that promises to be both enchanting and inspiring.

Tickets €20 (including booking fee) on Eventbrite.ie here

<a href="https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/african-gospel-choir-tickets-1910113925169?">https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/african-gospel-choir-tickets-1910113925169?</a>

aff=oddtdtcreator If you prefer not to book on Eventbrite please contact Mandy Swanwick on 086 1532502 or Jane Bowes on 086 8418138



# Remembrance Sunday Service Sunday 10th November 10.30am

The Remembrance Sunday Service remembers all the fallen in all wars. Tullow has a particular reason to remember as 17 members/associates of the parish were killed in both world wars, among whom were the three Wilson brothers from Carrickmines House and their cousin Nurse Sophia Barrett who perished in the RMS Leinster. This is always a very moving and memorable Service.



### Service of Remembrance Sunday 23rd November 5pm

Have you lost someone whose memory you would like to commemorate? A family member or a friend?

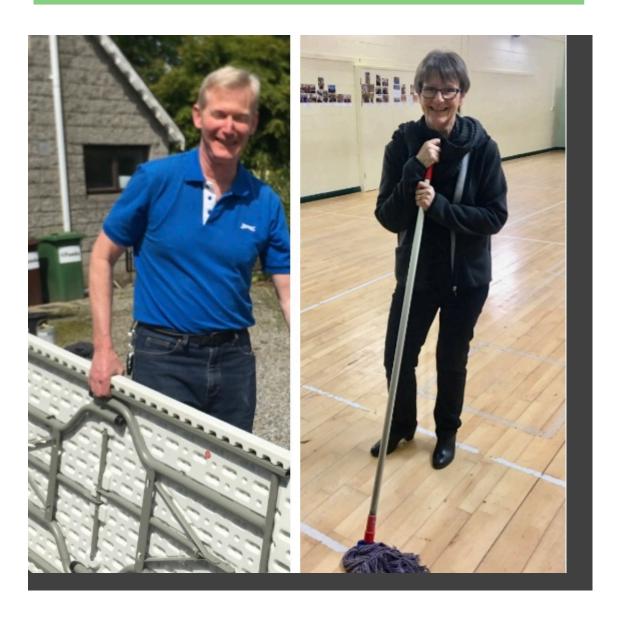
This ecumenical Service is for all in the community who have lost loved ones in recent years. Names of the deceased will be recorded before the start of the Service and candles will be lit in their memory.

This is a moving Service which can be very healing for many people.

Please help us spread the word to family, friends, neighbours and families of former parishioners. All are welcome no matter which church they would normally attend or denomination with which they would identify.

# **NEWS**

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# Rev John and Vera are Leaving

As most parishioners know by now, John will be retiring at the end of February, and he and Vera will be moving back to Cork. They have been part of the Tullow community for over 18 years, and we will deeply miss them both.

John and Vera have always been wonderfully hands-on in every aspect of parish life (as can be seen in the photo ), and their energy and commitment

have made a lasting difference. Parish life will certainly be the poorer without them.

A suitable farewell event will be organised in the New Year to thank them for their many years of dedicated service and friendship.



# Music in Foxrock with Ailbhe McDonagh and John O'Conor in Tullow Church

Friday 24th October will live long in the memories of the capacity audience at the Foxrock Art Society's concert by John O'Conor and Ailbhe McDonagh. Hearing world class musicians in an intimate setting was a very special experience. We heard not only Beethoven but Ailbhe's own compositions *Valencia* and *Skellig* and the encore was the incredibly beautiful *Carnival of the Animals* by Saint-Saens.

We had two stars performing for us but the third star was the church itself. Thanks to Alan's arrangements of 150 candles, the church looked beautiful and, at the wine reception afterwards, was much commented upon.

The Foxrock Arts Society was formed in 2024 under the auspices of FACE (Foxrock Area Community and Enterprise)





# Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Brunch with the Stedfast Band

The Harvest Service is always a special one and this year, like the last three, the Stedfast Band played their selection of popular hymns. The large congregation sang lustily and heard a thoughtful sermon preached by Canon Ricky Rowntree.

As you can see from the photos the church was beautifully and imaginatively decorated by the team under Sandra Ruttle and the brunch afterwards, provided by Vera Tanner and her team, was much appreciated.

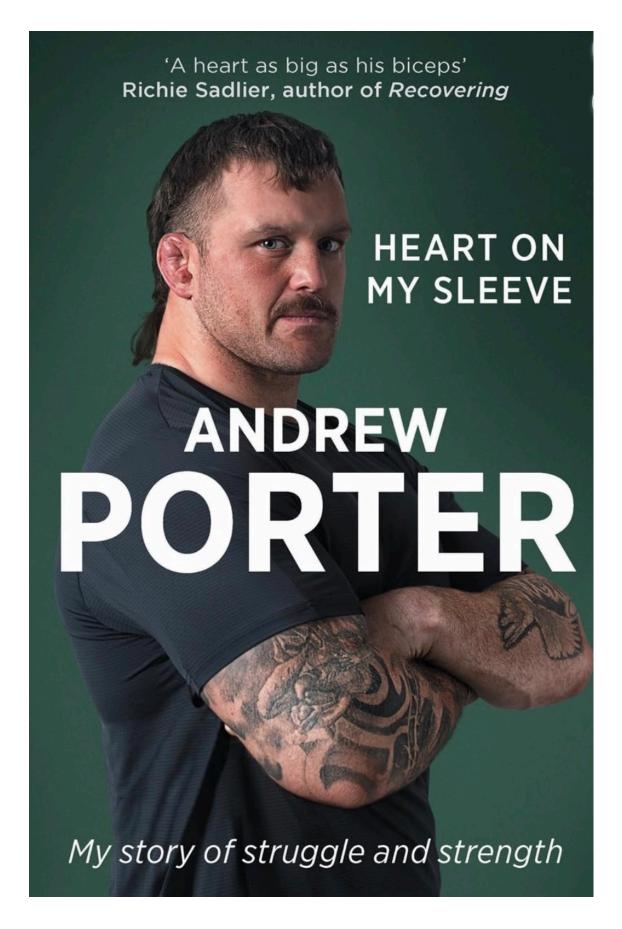
The collection in aid of Bray Women's Refuge, Down Syndrome India and the Bishops' Appeal raised €615 so huge thanks to all who contributed both financially and practically to ensure an enjoyable and productive event.



# **Installation of Accessible Toilet**

Work on installing an accessible toilet and re-configuring the existing toilet area started this week. Build time is 6 - 7 weeks and we will have a nice new toilet area when finished. A substantial grant towards the cost has been awarded from the government's Community Centres Investment Fund.





# Two pieces of good news this month

As many will know, Andrew Porter, Ireland's rugby prop, was raised in Tullow parish. His book *Heart on My Sleeve* was published recently and he also made a much-praised appearance on the *Late Late Show.* Andrew's connection with Tullow adds an extra dimension when watching matches, as well as the fact that his Dad, Ernie, is a Glebe warden! The book would make an ideal

Christmas present.

The second piece of good news is in an article written by author Joseph O'Connor in The Irish Times on 23rd October. The Leslie whose letter he writes about was the uncle of church warden Torren Gale. Leslie's moving letter was first read out by Joseph O'Connor at the Letters for Life event in Tullow last year; Torren also read it on Remembrance Sunday last year.





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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

# 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 November**

Sunday 2nd - Christine McCluskey and Barbara Cooper

Sunday 9th - Sue and Terry Forsyth

Sunday 16th - Heather and Ken Gregory

Sunday 23rd - Eileen and Richard Adams

Sunday 30th - Joan and Don Beck

Thanks so much to those who volunteered for November. We need volunteers for December and January 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 and let her know when you'd like to help

# **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.

# 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

# **Select Vestry Meeting 13th October - extract from the minutes**

- Tullow has been assigned a mentor from SEAI (Sustainable Energy Ireland) to look at reducing energy costs in the Parish Hall
- a vote of thanks to Vera Tanner and her team for organising the very successful Harvest Brunch was passed unanimously

  Other items are reported elsewhere in the newsletter.

#### **Tullow Book Club**

My Name Is Emilia Del Valle by Isabel Allende

Despite the fact that English is not the author's first language, there was nothing lost in translation in this book.

The story is set in the late 1800s in San Franciso and Chile. Emilia was born and reared in San Franciso. Educated by her step father, she was encouraged to write. She started by writing novelettes but had to use a male pen name. She goes on to get a job writing the social columns for the local newspaper but again having to use her male pen name.

It wasn't until the build up of civil war in Chile, that the opportunity came for her to report under her own name. Fluent in Spanish, she made a strong case for being the right person to go to Chile and report on the war. Her mother was more than supportive for her young daughter to go as she saw it as an opportunity for Emilia to find her natural father and claim her inheritance!

Emilia achieved success in her job and finding her father, as well as her extended family.

The author gives a harrowing picture of one-to-one combat, where battles were won or lost in hours, and the huge sacrifices made by all involved. Again, this book picks up the theme of women's rights to equal opportunities.

Next month's book choice is *The Life Impossible* by Matt Haig.

Vera Tanner

# 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









Tullow Crafty Crew Parish Hall Thursday 20th November 2.30pm - 4pm Tullow Crafty Crew met on Thursday 23rd October for our second Autumn session. We had 14 participants and we made paper Halloween pumpkins and bats. Next session on Thursday 20 November 2025

Margaret 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**

Started again on 27th August.

www.littlestarpreschoolfoxrock.ie

# **Irish Dancing Classes for Children**

With the renowned Chaney Farrell Academy. New pupils are welcome. Online registration at <a href="https://www.irishdancingclasses.ie">www.irishdancingclasses.ie</a>

# **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

#### 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

**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!



# A Prayer for Peace

We are moulded, each one of us, in the image of God, and within our souls there is a fingerprint none can erase. We pray for those who have no regard for anyone but self, who put no value on human life. For nations and individuals who abuse and kill. We are not called to be judge or jury, but we are called to be agents of change, and if the butterfly that flaps its wings should be our attitude to others then so be it, Lord, and may the hurricane this generates somewhere within the world reach into the hearts and souls of those for whom we pray, and reveal to them how precious are those for whom they have no love, and how precious are they who now bring tears to the eyes of God. Amen.

- John Birch

#### **Foxrock News**



# Foxrock is on a Winning Streak!

Foxrock has been in the news recently for the best possible reasons.

**Firstly** - for the third year running Foxrock won Best District Award in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Council

**Secondly** - the village was shortlist in the national Age Friendly awards **Thirdly** - and this is seriously exciting - Foxrock won a bronze medal in the National SuperValu Tidy Towns Awards.

All of the above are tributes to the hard work of the FACE Foxrock Tidy Towns volunteers, some of whom are in the parish, who work all year round picking litter and weeds and organising various things to ensure that Foxrock is an attractive place in which to live, do business and visit.

Businesses and residents all play their part and we are all proud of the above successes.

### **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 <a href="mailto:bowesjane91@gmail.com">bowesjane91@gmail.com</a> or 086 8418138 if you find any.

# FOXROCK LOCAL DISTORY CLUD



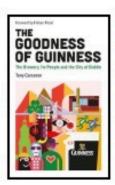
The History Club's Next Public Lectures are on: -

# IN THE FOXROCK PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE

(1) ON TUESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2025 @ 8.00 P.M. OUR A.G.M

FOLLOWED BY: - THE GOODNESS OF GUINNESS.

By Tony Corcoran



There is no other company, industry, or premises more closely aligned—indeed almost synonymous—with its hometown than Guinness's St. James's Gate Brewery and the city of Dublin. Guinness has had an enormous influence over the city's economic, social, and cultural life. In this warm and fascinating piece of history, Tony Corcoran examines the magnitude of the brewery's operation, and the working lives of the thousands of Dubliners who have depended on Guinness for their livelihood, either directly or indirectly. The company's unusually progressive treatment of its workers—health care, training, and housing—is revealed in detail, as is the Guinness family's philanthropy and compassion towards the less well-off residents of the city. Tracing Guinness's progressive attitudes to their roots, Corcoran also explores the important roles of the strong-willed women in each generation of the Guinness dynasty. A labor of love, full of anecdotes, humour, and historical insights into one of Dublin's most important and best-loved institutions. Tony is the third generation of

his family since 1891 to have worked in the brewery.

# THEN ON MONDAY NOV 24th @ 18:30 IN THE DEANSGRANGE LIBRARY

(FREE - BUT BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL AT (01)2047218)

TOPIC: - CARRIGLEA- From Country House to the College of Art and Design BY Moira Laffan

Carriglea Park is located in Kill O The Grange in south County Dublin, at the junction of Kill Avenue and Rochestown Avenue. The Rev Thomas Goff, lived at Carriglea Park in the late 18th and early 19th century, he was a very wealthy and powerful man who could do and say what he liked — a Church of Ireland minister, land owner and sometimes army chaplain. While living at Carriglea House, Rev Thomas planted an orchard behind the house which is still there today. After his death the house was certified as an industrial school in 1894, after it was acquired



by the Christian Brothers, and started operating in 1896. It was operated as a residential training school for boys. The site was given to the Department of Education in 1982 and is now the location of the Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology, a third-level institute of technology with over 2000 students.

Entrance is €5.00 for non-members – Members 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

E.Mail: info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie

#### 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 <a href="www.tullowdublin.org">www.tullowdublin.org</a>. 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 <u>we have their email address</u> 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 and Facebook**

The Parish website <a href="www.tullowdublin.org">www.tullowdublin.org</a> 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 (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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