



TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

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December 2018/ January 2019



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All

Christmas Services

Christmas is a busy time in the church but you might like to note these particular services:

Junior Carol Service 10.30am Sunday 9th December

Child friendly carol service - a family favourite.

Carols by Candlelight 7pm Sunday 16th December

Singing is a wonderful way to ease stress. Sing your heart out, listen to the choir, enjoy a seasonal reception afterwards and get in the Christmas spirit - stress free!

Carols Around the Crib 10.30am Christmas Eve

Singing Carols Around the Crib on Christmas Eve is a lovely way for the whole family - close and extended - to begin Christmas. It's particularly enjoyable for children so bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews etc along.

The Rector Writes

As we begin the season of Advent and our preparations for Christmas it may be good to take some time out to remind ourselves what it is all about. For a start, contrary to secular culture, Christmas does not begin until 'Oiche Nollaig', Christmas Eve Night. Then we celebrate the coming of Christ on earth over two thousand years ago. But as we journey through Advent, let us remember that Christ has come to generations since then as they opened their hearts to him. If we do likewise we will be able to celebrate a truly glorious Christmas.



May I take this opportunity on behalf of my family and me to wish one and all a happy and holy Christmas and a blessed New Year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tullow Friends Christmas Lunch Thursday 13th December

Tullow Friends' Christmas Lunch is in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel in Killiney. The cost is €30 which includes a free raffle and mulled wine on arrival. We hope to fill three tables so please put your name on the list in the church porch.

Cleo Ellis

Evergreens' Walk 12 noon Sunday 6th January River Dodder

This is an enjoyable festive season ramble along good tracks beside the river. Historically the river powered over 50 mills with 'green' energy with only a few ruins left as evidence. The river is a vast source of wildlife and I have observed kingfishers, herons and wagtails. Starting at Clonskeagh, we will walk upstream

for a while before returning for refreshments at Clonskeagh House pub!
John and Vera have kindly invited all Evergreens and friends to the Rectory for supper afterwards.

Donald Gill, walk leader 087 1270592



Line Dancing 8pm Friday 18th January Parish Hall

Line dancing is great fun and you don't need a partner or any experience. Full instruction is given by a qualified teacher and there's wine, beer and water to complete the evening. €10 payable at the door. Vera Tanner 086 8070270 or Jane Bowes 086 8418138 for more information.

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 expected to do more work or contribute more time or money than if you are not registered.

The Register of Vestry Members is revised every January. If you would like to be on the Register there are forms at the back of the church - ask one of the Church Wardens but make sure you do it before the end of January.

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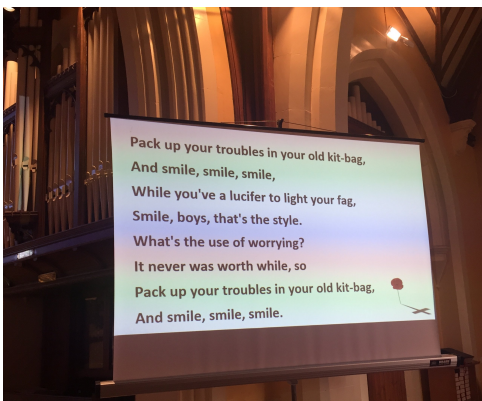


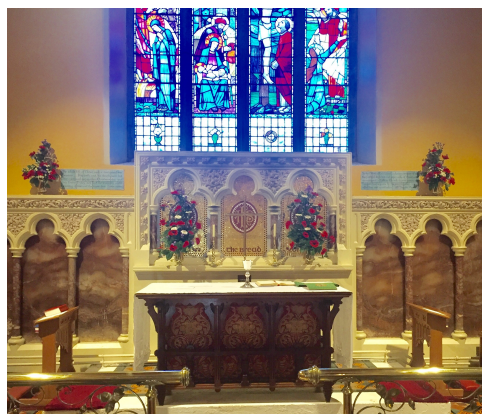


Christmas Fair - update

Preliminary figures suggest that in excess of €8,000 was taken in at the Christmas Fair. This is a wonderful result - all due to the hard work of many people. Photographic evidence will be on show in the Parish Hall at the reception following the Carols by Candlelight Service on 16th December!

At time of writing the Christmas Fair hasn't yet happened but we are confident it will be a big success. This will be due to the many people who have worked so hard - the bakers, the jam and chutney makers, the ticket sellers, the tea and coffee makers, the poster erectors, the big man in red, all the stall holders and the many others who generate the funds which are vital to the parish finances. A BIG Thank You to all but especially to Fair Coordinator Joyce Buckley whose imagination, expertise and hard work ensure that all will flow smoothly and effectively.





Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Sunday service on 11th November will live long in the memories of the large congregation. The stories of each of the 17 parishioners and associates who were lost in both world wars were read and a trumpeter played the Last Post and Reveille. (Thanks to Peter from the Steadfast Band). The carefully chosen hymns and prayers, as well as the beautifully arranged poppies on the altar and around the church, added to the solemnity of the occasion. A moving final organ piece preceded a rousing rendition of A Long Long Way to Tipperary /Pack Up Your Troubles. Parishioners, and the many visitors, also appreciated the post-service reception in the hall.



Service for Deceased Parishioners

This service on Sunday 25th November was one of the most moving services of recent years. An almost full church of family members from far and wide remembered loved ones by joining in the commemorative candle ceremony and the specially chosen prayers and hymns. Thanks to all involved in putting together what we hope will be an annual service.

As part of the service a beautiful tapestry was 'unveiled'. Hand stitched by a parishioner, it is on the wall of the nave of the church and was erected by the Johnson family in memory of their parents Benita and Frank Johnson, both active parishioners for many years.

Tullow Friends Pavilion Outing

Tullow Friends had an entertaining evening in The Pavilion in Dún Laoghaire on 23rd November. 'Waiting in the Wings' by Noel Coward was a light hearted comedy with some food for thought. Entertainingly acted by St. Patrick's Drama Group.



Connect Group Lunch

The Connect Group lunch in the Rectory on 22nd November was preceded by a short Holy Communion service. As it was also Thanksgiving there was an American theme with mini pumpkins and popcorn. Many thanks to all the team for a delicious lunch of mango chicken and Eve's Pudding and also to Bob, Frank and Henry for driving duties. Henry also provided an amusing piece 'We're Not Gone Yet'. Thanks to Ken for playing the organ and to Janet for her beautifully wrapped gifts for all. To Vera for setting the tables with autumnal décor and for allowing us to take over the rectory kitchen yet again. To Jill M and Meta for coming to our assistance as some of the team were unavailable. Big thanks to all attendees and to the Rector, Jill F, Hilary, Dawn, Shirley, Christine and Alison for making a very enjoyable occasion for all.

Happy Christmas to all from the Connect Group. Jennifer Sowman.

PARISH ORGANISATION

| TULLOW PARISH - CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY - December 2018 / January 2019 | | | | | | |
|---|----------|------------------------------|--|--|-------------------|--|
| DAY | DATE | TIME | SERVICE | READINGS | READERS | FLOWERS / COFFEE |
| SUNDAY Advent Sunday | 2nd Dec | 8:30am 10:30am | Holy Communion Parish Communion | 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 / Luke 21:25-36 | Leslie Ellis | Cleo and Leslie Ellis |
| WEDNESDAY | 5th | 10:15am | Matins with Litany | | | Wednesday Rota |
| SUNDAY 2nd Sunday in Advent | 9th | 8:30am 10:30am | Holy Communion Family Carol Service | Malachi 3:1-4 / Luke 3:1-6 | Jonathan Morton | Meta and Jonathan Morton |
| WEDNESDAY | 12th | 10:15am | Holy Communion | Malachi 3:1-4 / Luke 3:1-6 | | Wednesday Rota |
| SUNDAY 3rd Sunday in Advent | 16th | 8:30am 10:30am 7:00pm | Holy Communion Morning Prayer Carols by Candlelight | Zephaniah 3:14-20 / Luke 3:7-18 | Ken Gregory | Christmas Flowers / Swanwick family |
| WEDNESDAY | 19th | 10:15am | Matins with Litany | | | Wednesday Rota |
| SUNDAY 4th Sunday in Advent | 23rd | 8:30am 10:30am | Holy Communion Morning Prayer | Micah 5:2-5a / Luke 1:39-55 | Barbara Cooper | Christmas Flowers / Barbara and David Cooper |
| MONDAY Christmas Eve | 24th | 10:30am 9:00pm | Carols around the Crib First Communion of Christmas | Titus 3:4-7 / Luke 2:1-20 | | Christmas Flowers |
| TUESDAY Christmas Day | 25th | 8:30am 10:30am 11:30am | Holy Communion Family Service for Christmas Holy Communion | Isaiah 52:7-10 / John 1:1-14 | Christmas Readers | Christmas Flowers |
| SUNDAY 1st Sunday of Christmas | 30th Dec | 10:30am | Morning Prayer | 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Luke 2:41-52 | James Tyrrell | Christmas Flowers / Grit and James Tyrrell |
| WEDNESDAY | 2nd Jan | 10:15am | Holy Communion | Ephesians 3:1-12 / Matthew 2:1-12 | | Wednesday Rota |
| SUNDAY The Epiphany | 6th | 8:30am 10:30am | Holy Communion Parish Communion | Ephesians 3:1-12 / Matthew 2:1-12 | Shirley Nicholson | Marie and Ted Wallace |
| WEDNESDAY | 9th | 10:15am | Matins with Litany | | | Wednesday Rota |
| SUNDAY 1st Sunday after the Epiphany - The Baptism of our Lord | 13th | 8:30am 10:30am | Holy Communion Family Service | Isaiah 43:1-7 / Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 | Rhoda Margetson | Barbara and David Cooper |
| WEDNESDAY | 16th | 10:15am | Matins with Litany | | | Wednesday Rota |
| SUNDAY 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany | 20th | 8:30am 10:30am 7:00pm | Holy Communion Morning Prayer 'Sundown' | Isaiah 62:1-5 / John 2:1-11 | Sue Forsyth | Sue and Terry Forsyth |
| WEDNESDAY | 23rd | 10:15am | Holy Communion | Acts 9:1-22 / Matthew 19:27-30 | | Wednesday Rota |
| SUNDAY 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany | 27th | 8:30am 10:30am | Holy Communion Morning Prayer | Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 / Luke 4:14-21 | Rob Johnson | Rosie and Rob Johnson |
| WEDNESDAY | 30st | 10:15am | Holy Communion (St. Brigid) | 1 John 1:1-4 / John 10:7-16 | | Wednesday Rota |

From the Register

Baptism of Evann Pearse Taggart son of Glenn Taggart and Jeanette Mee.

Outreach – Bray Women's Refuge

Bray Women's Refuge is making a particular appeal this Christmas for pyjamas for women and children. The Refuge has finished its building work so can now accept donations of non-perishable food. Food and donations of new pyjamas may be left in the basket at the back of the church.



Extract from Minutes of Select Vestry Meeting 21st November

Heating, Lighting, Electrics - the glebe wardens presented a detailed report on options for heating, lighting and electrics. As it is a complex issue with many interdependencies, the Select Vestry members were asked to study the report so it can be discussed in detail and decisions made at the next meeting.

Ramp - easy access ramp is completed. It will be available for use when railings are delivered and disabled parking spaces and walkways are in place.
UPDATE - ramp finished in time for the Christmas Fair!

Garden of Remembrance - the working group presented their report on various options regarding maintenance and development of the Garden. This will remain an agenda item until various issues are clarified and decisions taken.

Parish Sustainability Group - the Sustainability Group presented their report and recommended actions. The overall vision for the future is that of the 'Church at the Heart of the Community'. From that vision various targeted actions will flow. The recent consultation process demonstrated that there is strong positivity among parishioners towards the parish; also acceptance and enthusiasm for changes which will be necessary to ensure the parish expands and is relevant to various groups in the community. This process will involve the whole parish.

Changes are already taking place e.g. the Service of the Word on the second Sunday of the month, enhanced website in progress, email edition of the newsletter to name just a few. More to come...

The report was adopted by the Select Vestry and will be presented to the parish in the new year.

Tulow Almost 100 Years Ago - from the minutes of the Tulow Select Vestry

The choir is an important part of our worship particularly at this time of the year but things were done slightly differently nearly 100 years ago!

19 May 1916 - Resignation of paid chorister Miss Joyce Bell. It was agreed to make a renewed effort at strengthening the choir by voluntary assistance.

There was a difficulty however in securing ladies who would attend choir and practices regularly. It was agreed that as a matter of 'patriotism and necessary economy the services of the second chorister be replaced by voluntary help until the end of the war'.

27 May 1916 - No voluntary help secured but the temporary paid soprano was asked to stay on. She was paid 4/= (4 shillings) (£23) per Sunday for Morning Service.

18 January 1918 - Still considering the position of paid soprano. Temporary soprano resigned. Salary of paid alto chorister increased to £18pa (£1,100).

11 June 1929 - Offer received from a 'friend of the church' to pay the salaries of two choristers for five years. Offer gratefully accepted.

23 May 1930 - New chorister Miss Olive Buchanan of Rathmines appointed at £21pa (£1,504).

26 July 1934 - Money to pay the choristers nearly exhausted so their services were dispensed with at the end of December.

With thanks to the RCB where the minute books are held.

Select Vestry

In case you ever wondered what the Select Vestry is - twelve parishioners are elected annually at the Easter General Vestry by parish members who are on the General Vestry Register. They, plus the Rector, Glebe and Church Wardens form the Select Vestry. Members are responsible for what are often called the three Fs - finance, furniture and fabric (buildings). This means managing the parish finances, looking after the running of the parish buildings and ensuring compliance with state and church legislation and regulations. Parishioners who are not on the Tulow General Register of Vestry Members, and wish to vote for Select Vestry members, may register before the end of January. Forms are at the back of the church, just ask the Church Wardens.

Tulow Book Club

Many people love settling down with a good book over Christmas so you might like to know that Tulow Book Club will be reading *They Were Sisters* by Dorothy Whipple for their January meeting. It's about three sisters and their choice of husbands and was originally published in 1943.

Badminton 8.30pm Every Thursday Parish Hall

All members are in serious training and anticipating a hard fought Christmas competition on Thursday 13th December – the last badminton night of 2018. The prize giving will be held at the Christmas party the following Saturday up in the heights of Ballintyre. Badminton will start again on Thursday 10th January.

Paddy Bowes 086 2585194

Tullow Indoor Bowling Club Every Tuesday 7.30 Parish Hall

Bowling is great exercise and it's very sociable. Do come along and try it, new members are always welcome.

Joan Darling

Teen Corner

This is many people's favourite time of the year so, in spite of Christmas exams (good luck with those!), hopefully you'll be able to come to the Junior Carol Service on 9th December and the Carols Around the Crib on Christmas Eve.

William Moulton (083 8252629) will be delighted to do those jobs you hate – sweeping up leaves etc.

Website

The parish website www.tullowdublin.org is being given a make-over. This means it may be unavailable for short periods from time to time but bear with us - it will be worth it!

Welcome to the email edition of the Tullow Parish newsletter. This is a very active parish so there's lots to report each month. Unfortunately there's just not enough space in the printed edition so be sure to read all of this edition especially the piece about Tullow 100 years ago!

We would really appreciate feedback - both critical and otherwise on the email edition.

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