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April 2019

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Easter Services in Tullow

Holy Week starts with

Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday with palm crosses and reading of the Passion Gospel

And continues as we join with other churches in the area

Monday 15th 8pm in St Matthias, Killiney-Ballybrack

Tuesday 16th 8pm Christ Church, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 17th 8pm Holy Trinity, Killiney

The special speaker at these services will be Philip McKinley, Lay Chaplain to DCU. Philip was instrumental in making DCU a University of Sanctuary which ensures places for a limited number of students living in direct provision.

Thursday 18th 8pm in Tullow. A really special service marking the Last Supper, includes the 'Gospel of the Watch' with a dramatic twist!

Good Friday 19th 8pm Tullow

The Rector Writes

I have to confess that there is something about Easter that makes it my favourite time of the year. We have just passed the Vernal Equinox and therefore the hours of daylight exceed the hours of darkness. The cold, dreary nights of winter are finally behind us for yet another year. The world of nature which had been in "hibernation" is dramatically coming back to life.

But Easter itself is the season of hope! Easter is the season when we celebrate with joy the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is this and this alone that make Christianity a unique faith of hope. By it, we as Christians have the hope that death is not the end of anything but rather another beginning. By it, we also have the assurance that the core message of John's Gospel rings true, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life". (John 3:16)

As we celebrate this Easter let us be aware of the needs of those around us who are trapped in suffering and want and may we be inspired to



show through our actions what our faith of hope really means to us. May the peace and hope of Christ be yours this Eastertide.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter General Vestry Sunday 28th April 12 noon

The Easter General Vestry is a bit like the AGM of the parish. A new Select Vestry (committee) will be elected and the members will guide the parish over the next year under the guidance of the Chair aka the Rector! The parish is in the process of change — it's important that everyone is involved and informed. Come along and have your say about the future of the parish. It does NOT mean you'll get landed with a job!

Parish Change Programme - report on Sunday 28th April 12 noon

Most people will be aware that a change programme is underway in the parish. Lots of things have already happened and many more will happen in the coming year. Some of the changes already in place include the easy access ramp, family service on the second Sunday of the month, email newsletter, Alpha and Lenten courses. Plans for the future include new heating system, updated lighting and electrics, strategy for engaging with new residents, special events, parish outreach and much more. Come along on Sunday 28th April and hear what's going to happen! The success of the change programme and the future of the parish depends on everyone being aware of and engaging with it.

Tullow Friends Swap Shop 7.30pm Thursday 11th April

On Monday 19th March a small group went to see the film *The Favourite* at the Mermaid Theatre – they gave it mixed reviews.

SWAP SHOP is back in Glenowen, Old Bray Road, Cabinteely. Always a successful and popular event, it's our first fund raising event of the year in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. Entrance €10 includes wine and savouries. Maximum 3 items to swap. Even if you have nothing to swap we would love to see you. Contact Janet Moore, 087 1713564 for more information.









Beckett in Foxrock - the President comes to Tullow

Saturday 23rd March was a special day – the President of Ireland came to Tullow Church to pay tribute to a former parishioner. Beckett in Foxrock, the fourth annual tribute to Nobel Laureate Samuel Beckett, saw a rare performance of Beckett's radio play *All that Fall*, which is set in a reimagined Foxrock. The performance by a cast of nine, led by Geraldine Plunkett, was sold out three weeks before the event.

President and Mrs Higgins thoroughly enjoyed the show and met the cast and many of the audience at the reception in the hall afterwards. This was very much a community occasion and we were happy to welcome the parish priest from Cabinteely/Foxrock, the chair of the Foxrock Pastoral Council, chair of FACE, chair of Foxrock Local History Society and the CEO of the racecourse whose fictional predecessor featured in the play. Other notables included the Archbishop of Dublin Michael Jackson, Samuel Beckett's niece Caroline, former owners of Coodrinagh where Beckett was born, Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor and Marie Heaney. A special 20 page souvenir programme was produced and there are some spare copies in the porch of the church if you would like one.

A large team of helpers from the parish ensured that everything ran smoothly and that the audience was well fed afterwards. Thanks to The Gables Restaurant and Bar, they were also well watered! This event wouldn't

have been possible without the financial support of Dublin UNESCO City of Literature, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, parishioner Jeannette Mee and Foxrock Area Community & Enterprise (FACE) and we thank them wholeheartedly.

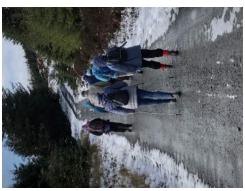
If you would like to see more photos of this special occasion log onto tinyurl.com/beckett2019

Garden of Remembrance

We are about to engage in an upgrade to our beautiful Garden of Remembrance and will be financing the work by pre-selling the right to bury to an agreed number of non-parishioners. We are selling these rights as follows: Parishioners €1,500 and Non-Parishioners €2,500. More information on the refurbishment will be forthcoming very soon. If you are interested in buying a plot please contact the Rector.

Joyce Buckley







Evergreens

Due to a yellow snow warning our planned walk at Glendalough was rescheduled to nearer home at Ballinastoe Woods. Shortly after starting to walk we encountered snow on the track but continued upwards to the top of the ridge. A break for lunch on a snowy bank was picturesque if a little chilly but cured by hot drinks and sandwiches. South towards Luggala Mountain and Lough Tay, Lugnaquilla Mountain was misty in the distance. Refreshments in the Enniskerry Inn were welcomed by all.

Our final walk for the season is on Sunday 12th May when we travel to the nearby Glencullen.

Donald Gill, Walk Leader

Memories are Made of This

Do you remember using trams in Dublin? (Not the Luas!) Do you remember when gardai were on point duty at junctions before traffic lights? Do you like reminiscing about the past? Would you like to swap stories with like-minded people? Alan Cook, long term Foxrock resident, is getting small groups of older people together to do just that. Contact Alan, who lives in The Coppins, on alancook@eircom.net or talk to the Rector who will pass on a message.

Irish Wheelchair Association is Recruiting

We've been asked to let you know that the Irish Wheelchair Association, which now works directly with the elderly in the community as part of their Enhanced Homecare Services, is looking for people to carry out this service on behalf of the IWA. If you, or someone you know, are interested in working with the IWA as a caregiver please send your CV to <a href="mailto:mailt

A Fetac Level 5 in healthcare or its equivalent is needed. Excellent pay rates, inter-client mileage and training is provided.



PARISH ORGANISATION



TULLOW PARISH CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY April 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE	READINGS	READERS	FLOWERS	COFFEE
WEDNESDAY	3rd	10:15am	Matins with Litany				
SUNDAY	7th	8:30am	Holy Communion				
The Fifth Sunday in Lent		10:30am	Parish Communion	Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8	Finian Cantillon		Jenny Moulton and family
WEDNESDAY	10th	10:15am	Holy Communion	Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8			Wednesday Rota
SUNDAY	14th	8:30am	Haly Communion				
The Sixth Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday		10:30am	Service of the Word	Luke 19:28-40 Isaiah 50:4-9a	Bob Willis		Jane and Paddy Bowes
MONDAY	15th	8:00pm	St. Matthias, Killiney				N/A
TUESDAY	16th	8:00pm	Christ Church, Dun Laoghaire				N/A
WEDNESDAY	17th	10:15am	Matins with Litany				Wednesday Rota
		8:00pm	Holy Trinity, Killiney				N/A
MAUNDY THURSDAY	18th	8:00pm	Holy Communion Tullow Church	1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35			N/A
GOOD FRIDAY	19th	8:00pm	Service of the Word Tullow Church				N/A
SUNDAY	21st	8:30am	Holy Communion				
Easter Day		10:30am	Parish Communion	Acts 10:34-43 Luke 24:1-12	Joyce Buckley	Easter Flowers	Joan Beck and Barbara Cooper
WEDNESDAY	24th	10:15am	Matins with Litany				Wednesday Rota
SUNDAY	28th	8:30am	Holy Communion				
Second Sunday of Easter	awe-0	10:30am	Morning Prayer followed by Easter General Vestry	Acts 5:27-32 John 20:19-31	Torren Gale	Easter Flowers	Torren Gale and Vera Tanner

Dates for the Diary

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Monday 1st April at 8:00pm – Final Lenten Group study in the Rectory
Tuesday 9th April at 8:00pm – Meeting of the Select Vestry
Sunday 28th April after mid morning Service – Easter General Vestry

Extract from Select Vestry Minutes Meeting 4th March 2019

- Destratification fans to boost heating will be installed in the church in April
- Disabled parking area and ramp access will be completed shortly
- Defibrillator in outer hall is monitored by Tullow Scouts. CPR training for some members of the parish is being pursued
- Agreed works for lighting, electrics and heating, which will include a new boiler, are being put to tender. It is hoped that the work will be carried out during the summer
- The Hall Committee is working to ensure efficient communication with hall tenants
- Full report on actions arising out of the Parish Consultation process will be given at the Easter General Vestry
- Six people's names were added to the list of Registered Vestrypersons.







Parish Photographic Archive

Fascinating photos are starting to come in to be added to the photographic archive. If you have any photos of the church or parish activities please lend to us to be scanned, you keep the original. Bowesjane91@gmail.com or 086 8418138

Thanks to Meta and Jonathan Morton for these photos. The top one is Carrickmines Cross in 1991 looking towards Brighton Road - note the absence of traffic lights.

The other two photos date from 2005 - a highly successful and fun 70s disconight!

Outreach - Down Syndrome India

We are recharging our bank balance in readiness for calls for help from Down Syndrome India for children who need surgery but who will not survive joining long public hospital waiting lists. Your support is still needed - take a tin (available at back of the church) and pop in a few euro each week, save your coins, drop them into our Glasshouse on the Outreach table, take a

book and leave a donation - every little helps. Joyce Buckley

Website and Facebook

Tullow's social media are important communication channels. Nearly 250 people like and follow Tullow Parish on Facebook. Tell your friends and neighbours and help us spread the word. Don't forget the new look www.tullowdublin.org

Tullow Almost 100 years Ago – from the minutes of the Tullow Select Vestry

Parish Finance is a constant issue but that's nothing new!

22.11.1916 – Church funds show a deficit of several pounds. Concern expressed about the rising costs of heating and lighting.

30.1.1920 – the debt on the Rectory was £95 (€4,863). A circular was sent to all householders in the parish asking each to subscribe £1 (€48).

26.2.1920 - £60.9.7 (€3,108) was received from the appeal. The sum of £92.16.8 (€4,791) was sent to the Board of Works.

30.11.1920 – A meeting of all parishioners was called to discuss parish finances – 20 attended.

June 1924 – Meeting of parishioners called to look at establishing a permanent fund in order to invest and use the interest to supplement the rector's stipend to avoid having to hold entertainments for that purpose. 20 parishioners attended. The working of an 'Envelope System' in the Methodist Church of Ireland was explained.

Throughout 1920s there were constant references to the inadequacies of parish finances. 'Entertainments' had to be organised regularly in order to supplement the rector's stipend. Some references to falling numbers of parishioners.

12.7.1928 – Agreed to adopt a 'Free Will Offering System' on a trial basis. This was in addition to the Sustentation Fund and Special Collections.

Badminton Every Thursday 8.30pm Parish Hall

Some time ago we described the badminton club as anfractuous (full of twists and turns), while some were ornery (stubborn, irritable or grumpy) types. Now to add to this they can be loquacious (tending to talk a lot), one or two are fubsy (short and stout) but they are in general ineffable (beyond words). In other words, words can't describe them (and I'm short of things to say this month).

Tullow Book Club

Members had a slight difficulty with the flow of the story in *Our Friends in Berlin*, but it was still enjoyed by all. The title chosen for next month is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles which has been called the perfect book to curl up with while the world goes by your window.

Teen Corner

It's nearly time for the annual chocfest that is Easter but let's not forget the real reason we have a happy celebration at Easter – it's not all about eggs, the Easter Bunny and chocolate. Hope to see you at one of the services at this important time of the year in the church.

William Moulton still has space in his work diary to help with spring cleaning in the garden or in the house. Contact him on 083 8252629

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 Reader: Alan Rhodes

Rector's Church Warden: Heather Swanwick People's Church Warden: Joyce Buckley Rector's Glebe Warden: Paddy Bowes People's Glebe Warden: Nigel Swanwick

Organist: Dr Paul McNulty Parish Treasurer: Don Beck

Select Vestry Secretary: 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: Paul Hayes

Parish Hall Committee: Rev John Tanner, Barbara Cooper, Bob Willis, Paddy

Bowes

Flower Rota: Sandra Ruttle
Badminton: Paddy Bowes
Bowls Club: Jonathan Morton
Tullow Friends: Cleo Ellis
Tullow Book Club: Vera Tanner

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

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