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# May 2019

#### In this month's newsletter

- Easter General Vestry and new Select Vestry
- Many upcoming activities including opera, golf, walking, touring
- Renovation of Remembrance Garden
- New residents flyer
- A very special birthday and much more.....



## Gift Day Saturday 25th May Church Open 10am - 4pm

In Tullow Parish the Gift Day is the largest single source of income in the year - without it we would have to borrow thus adding a financial burden on to parishioners. The Select Vestry encourages people to give what they can

as we embark on an ambitious programme of parish development for the future – this includes new heating, lighting and electrics in the church.

The church will be open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 25th and provides an opportunity for people to drop in, have a cup of tea or coffee and learn more about what's planned. The Parish Work Day is also on that morning.

Envelopes with your contribution may be placed in the special box at the back of the church, put on the collection plate at any service or given to the Rector or Treasurer Don Beck. The Select Vestry extends its deepest thanks and appreciation in advance for your support of this important fund-raising effort.

#### **The Rector Writes**

As we begin the summer season, the parish grounds are a hive of physical activity. Works to complete the easy access ramp and associated parking area as well as the re-vamp of the Garden of Remembrance are afoot. We are also looking forward to starting work on the long awaited heating, lighting and electrical rewiring of the Church works in the near future. Along with this there projects are plans to advertise and seek the recruitment of a part-time Development officer to help grow and expand our parish outreach. Watch this space.



# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Evergreens Walking Club Parish Hall 12 noon Sunday 12th May**

This walk is in the Glencullen Valley in the next parish! The route is not too difficult and the high point overlooks the mountainous Glencree Valley dominated by Kippure mountain. Walkers should wear suitable outdoor gear, boots are best for some tracks. Bring a hot flask and a sandwich. Afterwards we will retire to Johnny Fox's Pub for refreshments on a BYO principle. New members and dogs on a lead welcome. Donald Gill, Walk Leader 087 1270592



# Line Dancing for Beginners Parish Hall Friday 17th May 8pm

A fun, easy way to burn the calories. No need for a partner and experience not necessary as full instruction will be given by a qualified teacher. Come by yourself or bring friends - no need to book. €10 payable at the door. Refreshments available at the door. Contact Vera Tanner 086 8070270 if you have any questions.



# DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

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SATURDAY MORNING 11TH MAY 2019, 4:15AM.

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# Darkness into Light in Cabinteely Saturday 11th May 4.15am!

The coaches in Cabinteely Athletic Club are organising Darkness into Light in Cabinteely in aid of Pieta House and have asked us to help publicise it. Last year €90,000 was raised and the aim is to increase that this year.

# **Work Party Church Grounds Saturday 25th May**

The annual clean up of the church grounds will be on the morning of Saturday 25th May. Come along around 9am in your work clothes. Tools etc will be provided. It's good fun and there will be cake!

More information by email nearer the date.

A tour of Borris House in Co. Carlow followed by lunch, at own expense, at The Arboretum, Leighlinbridge. Option available for those who do not want to tour the house.

Cost is €15 for the bus and €10 for the tour. Correct cash on the day please. Leaving church car park 10.15am. More information in the church porch. Please add your name to the list BEFORE 1st June if you wish to go.

A good night was had by all on the 11th April at the Swap Shop which is now a favourite annual event. It has also become a good social evening and raises much needed funds for this year's charity - the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland.

Cleo 087 2648775 (chairperson), Janet 086 1713564, Marian 087 2715255



## Parish Golf Outing Thursday 20th June

Our golf outing, as last year, will be at Rathfarnham Golf Club and the format will be a 3-person team. Tees have been reserved from 1.45pm and golfers are encouraged to arrive at the club from 12 noon for soup and a sandwich before play.

Dinner and the prize giving are scheduled for 7.30pm. Non-golfers are welcome to join us in the Clubhouse for dinner.

Please put your name on the list in the porch to indicate your intention to play. (If you have not organised a 3-person team, put your own name on the list and we will organise a team for you.)

Looking forward to seeing you on June 20th.

Terry Forsyth and Hilary Cran

#### Wexford Opera Festival Outing Wednesday 23rd October

Following the very successful outing to the Wexford Festival Opera last year, a day trip is again being organised this year. The fee is €65 which includes two festival favourites – lunchtime recital in St. Iberius' Church and a short opera in Clayton White's Hotel theatre in the afternoon. Lunch in the Clayton Hotel is included.

Train leaves Dún Laoghaire station at 8.58am and arrives back in Dún Laoghaire at 8.22pm (TBC). €65 does not include train fare. Seats for the group are reserved on the train and Irish Rail have kindly agreed to waive seat reservation fees. Everyone who went on this outing last year thoroughly enjoyed it so, as there are limited tickets, early booking is advisable.

Contact Joyce Buckley 087 2988769 for full details.

#### **NEWS**

#### **Easter General Vestry**

The Easter General Vestry (parish AGM) was held on Sunday 28th April. The new Select Vestry (committee) for the coming year is Don Beck (treasurer), Jane Bowes, Paddy Bowes, Joyce Buckley, Barbara Cooper, Hilary Cran, Owen Driver (secretary), Alan Rhodes, Sandra Ruttle, Patricia Stewart, Bob Willis, Chris Wojner. Heather Swanwick is Rector's Church Warden, Ernie Porter Rector's Glebe Warden, People's Church Warden Ken Gregory, People's Glebe Warden Nigel Swanwick. The Rector thanked Joyce Buckley and Paddy Bowes for their service as People's Church Warden and Rector's Glebe Warden. Paddy will oversee the heating, lighting and electrics project to its conclusion. Margaret Breadon and Elaine Arrowsmith, who both stepped down from the Select Vestry, were thanked; Margaret will continue to maintain the events calendar.

Don presented the financial report for 2018 and budget for 2019 and was thanked for his ongoing work on the parochial finances. Earlier at the 10.30am service the Rector thanked everyone who works to ensure Tullow is an active, vibrant parish. See the full list at the end of the newsletter.

Kelley Bermingham, Community Officer with St. Patrick's Cathedral, gave a short thought-provoking talk using the analogy of the cross about how we connect with people, our spiritual life and our interaction with our environment.

A short presentation based on the Sustainability Group's report was made. A synopsis of the report and recommended actions will be delivered to each household in the parish in the next couple of weeks.

#### **Tullow Sustainability Group Report**

The printed copy of the report by the Sustainability Group is being distributed to all households in the parish along with the printed edition of the May newsletter. If you do not receive it please contact The Rector or email tullowdublinnewsletter@gmail.com

#### Remembrance Garden Renovation

Paths are being laid in the Garden of Remembrance to enhance the area and to make it a safer space. The RCB has granted to sell rights of burial to 30 non-parishioners at €2,500 each; the charge for parishioners is €1,500. If you are thinking of having your ashes or those of family members interred in Tullow please speak with the Rector who will answer any questions you may have. The cost of the refurbishment will be covered by income received from purchases of plots. Work will commence on the 29th April and will take three weeks.

# Tullow Church of Ireland, Brighton Road



# 'A Church at the Heart of the Community'



#### **New Residents Flyer**

As recommended in the Sustainability Group's report, a flyer aimed at new residents in the area has been produced. If you have new neighbours, drop one in their letterbox – they might greet you in church one day. Copies are at the back of the church. Flyers will also be inserted in the next Foxrock Area Community and Enterprise (FACE) newsletter. We are very grateful to FACE for sponsoring the design and print of the flyers.



#### **Easter Ceremonies**

Joining with a cluster of parishes for some Holy Week services proved successful in that the congregations on both the Monday and Tuesday were underestimated and people had to share service sheets and other material. The special speaker, Philip McKinley proved to be popular, engaging and insightful as he explored some of the essential of a good story, in this case the Passion story, by using the questions Where? Who? and Why? On Thursday evening in Tullow we continued these by exploring How? and When? as well as Why? we 'Do this in Remembrance of Me'. The Good Friday Service was a reflection on the Passion story interspersed with readings and hymns.

Thanks to everyone who helped decorate the church with seasonal spring flowers – as beautiful as always.

#### **Lenten Course**

There was encouraging interest in the Lenten Course held in the Rectory and participants found it very helpful as it explored over five sessions the Gospel reading for the following Sunday and provided insights that may not otherwise have been seen or understood.



# **A Very Special Birthday Celebration**

There was a very special birthday celebration at the 10.30am service on Sunday 31st March – Gladys Locke reached the wonderful age of 103. The whole congregation congratulated and celebrated with her. Thanks to Heather Gregory for the special cake.

The celebrations continued on Tuesday 10th April when Gladys was invited to Áras an Uachtaráin for afternoon tea. Thanks to Ken Gregory for the escort!

# PARISH ORGANISATION

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#### **TULLOW PARISH CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY** May 2019 SERVICE READINGS READERS FLOWERS DATE TIME COFFEE Ephesians 1:3-10 John 14:1-14 Holy Communion St. Philip & St. James WEDNESDAY 10:15am Wednesday Rota 1st David & Barbara Cooper Third Sunday of Easter 10:30am Parish Communion Barbara Cooper TBA 10:15am Wednesday Rota WEDNESDAY 8th Matins with Litany 8:30am Acts 9:36-43 John 10:22-30 Hilary Cran and John Sharpe Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:30am Service of the Word Hilary Cran TBA WEDNESDAY 10:15am Holy Communion St. Matthias Acts 1:15-26 John 15:9-17 15th Wednesday Rota SUNDAY 19th 8:30am Holy Communion Acts 11:1-18 John 13:31-35 Joan Darling and Patricia Stewart Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:30am Morning Prayer Joan Darling ТВА 7:00pm Sundown Matins with Litany WEDNESDAY 22nd 10:15am Wednesday Rota

Acts 16:9-15 John 14:23-29

Acts 1:1-11 Luke 24:44-53

Ken Gregory

ТВА

Heather and Ken

Wednesday Rota

# WEDNESDAY

SUNDAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday

Monday 2nd May at 8:00pm - Meeting of Select Vestry

Sunday 12th May at Midday - The Evergreens will leave the Church Grounds for their walk in Glencullen, Boranaralty

Holy Communion

Morning Prayer

26th

Thursday 16th – Saturday 18th – General Synod will take place in Derry
Friday 17th May at 8:00pm – Line Dancing in the Parish Hall
Sunday 19th May after 10:30am Service – Bake Sale and collection for Christian Aid during Coffee after Church

8:30am

10:30am

10:15am

#### A Story for all Ages

# About four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

#### **Extract from Minutes of Meeting of Select Vestry 9th April 2019**

- Work on the easy access ramp and disabled parking space will be completed at end of April (update: delayed by 6 weeks due to unexpected medical procedure on builder)
- Agreed to seek advice on a traffic management plan for the church grounds
- De-stratification fans have been installed in the church. These do not generate heat but maximise the heat already in the church
- The heating, lighting, electrics consultant will be instructed to go to tender shortly for the agreed work which it is hoped will take place during the
- Report of Sustainability Group will be distributed to all households in the parish after the Easter General Vestry
- Agreed that old photographs of the church dating back to 19th century will be framed and displayed in the coffee room



#### **Badminton Every Thursday 8.30pm Parish Hall**

Those privileged to be in the hall on 25th April watched an amazing match when Fiona and Nigel vs Melanie and Ray went to 34-32 (first to reach 21 are usually the winners). The audience cheered, clapped and, in some cases, made scurrilous comments! Many (in)sincere health enquiries regarding the participants made on What's App the following day.

No truth that the very special guest at the badminton Annual Dinner will be Michael D; been there, done that, got the tee-shirt! Surprisingly the China Sichuan has agreed to have us all back, now our third time there. Michael O'K will be with us in spirit.

Season ends this month but back again in September. Paddy Bowes 086 2585194

#### **Bowling Club**

The last night of bowling was on Tuesday 26th April with AGM on the same night. There was a full attendance, chaired by Rev Tanner. Those elected: Jonathan Morton (Captain), Joan Darling (Secretary), Meta Morton (Treasurer). Our annual dinner was held in The Gables on Thursday 28th, a very pleasant evening was had by all. On Friday 29th at Saint Canice's

Finglas we won the final of the Kerr Trophy beating Crumlin on a very difficult mat. Congratulations to all the members who participated in the various matches. We look forward to the restart in late September, date to be confirmed. If anybody would like to try bowls in the new season they would be most welcome, contact Jonathan Morton 01 2894121

#### **Tullow Book Club**

Despite some disjointed storylines, *A Gentleman in Moscow* was enjoyed by all. We all loved Count Alexander who had an incredible ability of reconciling himself to whatever situation was presented to him. The book chosen for next month's meeting is *The Penguin Lessons* by Tom Mitchell. Vera Tanner

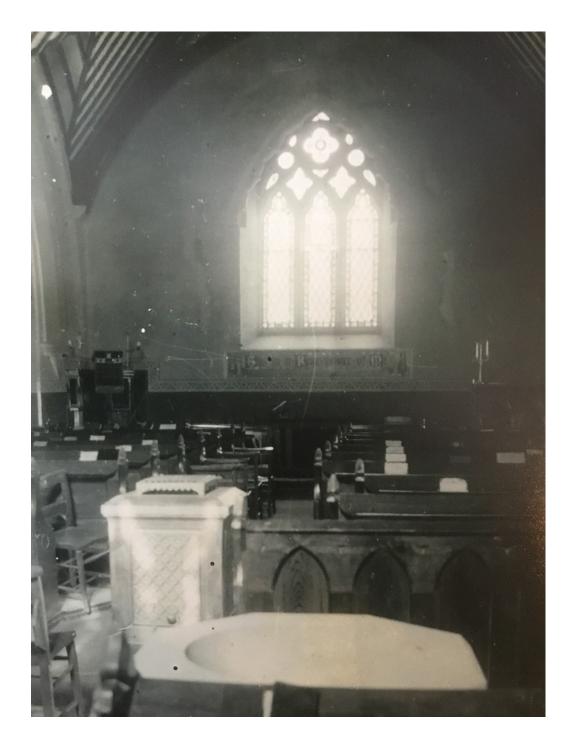
#### **Teen Corner**

May can be a time of change - for those in secondary school there's not much time left until the long summer holidays, third level students have already finished formal classes while primary level children still have a few weeks to go. Exams loom for many and some are thinking about going on to the next stage of education or work or travel. Good luck with whatever is coming in your lives. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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

#### **Website and Facebook**

Many people depend on websites and social media nowadays for information so please tell your friends and families about 'Tullow Parish' on Facebook and our website <a href="https://www.tullowdublin.org">www.tullowdublin.org</a>



#### **Parish Photographic Archive**

Interior of the church pre 1904 extension. The arch to the left is where the Vestry is now. Thanks to The Rector for the photo.

Do you have photos of the church or parish activities over the years? Will you share them? We will scan and print, you keep the originals.

Email <u>bowesjane91@gmail.com</u> or phone Jane Bowes 086 8418138

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 Minister: Alan Rhodes

Rector's Church Warden: Heather Swanwick

People's Church Warden: Ken Gregory Rector's Glebe Warden: Ernie Porter People's Glebe Warden: Nigel Swanwick Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Stewart

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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