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February 2020

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- More photos of the Christmas Fair
- 'Stars' of the Linedancing
- A 70s disco in 2005
-and much more

The Rector Writes

The season of Christmas officially finishes on 2nd February - the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. From then until Ash Wednesday 26th February we have the opportunity to reflect on such Sunday themes as God's creation and the Transfiguration before embarking on Lenten

preparations. This short interval is part of what is known as 'Common Time' when our liturgical colour will be green. At the beginning of Lent the liturgical colour will again change from green to penitential purple.

From the Register

Funeral

Tuesday 17th December – Yvonne Hayes Dixon. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gordon, Penny, Jim, Tracey, Leylie, Pam, Trevor and their families in their loss.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Beckett in Foxrock 2020 Saturday 28th March

This will be the fifth annual celebration of Samuel Beckett's connection with Tullow Church and the Foxrock area. *Krapp's Last Tape*, along with some of Beckett's letters where he reminisces about the area, will be performed in the church on Saturday 28th March at 8pm. Considered very autobiographical, *Krapp's Last Tape* contains a line about the character falling asleep in the church and falling off the pew – we guarantee this will not happen to anyone!

Tickets (€30 incl wine reception) will go on sale in early February on Eventbrite.ie (search for **Beckett in Foxrock 2020**). If you prefer not to book online please contact Jane Bowes 086 8418138.

Tullow Friends Soup Lunch Parish Hall Sunday 16th February

Our annual soup lunch will be after Morning Service on Sunday 16th February so make sure you only have a light breakfast that day. Come along, enjoy the lunch and give a donation for The Alzheimer Society of Ireland which is our chosen charity for the year. Our AGM will be in early March – more information to come.

On 16th January a large group enjoyed the much talked about film of *Little Women* – there's a lot to be said for going to the cinema in the afternoon!

Cleo Ellis 087 2648775

Parent and Baby Group Thursdays 11am - 12.30pm Parish Hall (upstairs)

A drop-in parent and baby group is a good way for new parents to relax, network and exchange ideas and tips. This group is open to all, come along for as long or as short a time as you wish, just bring a changing mat with you. If you don't have a baby tell your relatives, neighbours and friends who may have a little one.

Contact Caroline Jolley, parish development worker, if you have any queries jolleycaroline@yahoo.ie

NEWS

Line Dancing

Heaters were not needed in the parish hall on 24th January when parishioners and non-parishioners danced off (some) of the extra Christmas calories. As usual fun was had by all thanks to our great teacher and the demonstration group which had some familiar faces (see above!).

Next session is being organised - we'll let you know in plenty of time 🤗

Christmas in Tullow

Christmas in Tullow started with the Christmas Fair on 30th November when the wonderful sum of €9,509.29 was raised. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to achieve that. Carols by Candlelight was as atmospheric as always and thanks are due to Paul and the choir for ensuring that the music and singing were an essential part of the evening. A big attendance of little and not-so-little people at Carols Around the Crib on Christmas Eve enjoyed the imaginative Service. Special appreciation has to be expressed to all whose talent and imagination were put to work to decorate the church – the lights, the tree and all the beautiful arrangements in every corner enhanced what is such a special time of the year. Many thanks are due to the Rector and Alan – four different Services in two days mean a lot of hard work and preparation and all in addition to the usual Services.

PARISH ORGANISATION

Sexton's House

A lot of investigative work went on during 2019 so that the building could be refurbished with the minimum delay once it became vacant. With the assistance of a project manager, four builders went through it to advise and price work needed; also three estate agents gave their estimates as to the rental which might be obtained and the standard required - needs a total revamp!

Builders are scarce at the moment, and obviously we couldn't tie one down until the vacancy occurred. However, now having discussed the work to be done and the builder who could best meet our criteria, we are in a position (subject to a few final decisions) to start work with provisional start date of 2nd March.

Please bear with us for any disturbance over the March/April period, we feel that when this project is finished Tullow will have a very valuable asset which will add to our finances for many many years to come.

Parish Sustentation Fund

Funding the parish is an on-going problem in most, if not all, parishes and Tullow is no exception. The backbone of parish finances is the Sustentation Fund which helps to 'sustain' the parish. This fund is used for day-to-day expenses in the parish such as maintenance and repairs, heating, utilities, insurance as well as part payment of the Rector's salary. The parish needs your financial help; if you are not already a contributor to this fund, and feel you could assist, please contact Bob Willis. Payments may be made in a single amount or by instalments. Thank you in advance.

Bob Willis, treasurer of Sustentation Fund. 01 2894542 or 087 2476298

Extract from Minutes of Select Vestry Meetings 2nd December 2019 & 13th January 2020

- RCB granted €8,000 towards cost of heating, lighting and electrics
- 2020 budget was agreed
- Thanks expressed to Don Beck for his work on the parish accounts; to Paddy Bowes and Nigel Swanwick for their work on the new heating, lighting and electrics in the church; to Mandy Swanwick and Jane Bowes for organising the performance by the African Gospel Choir; to Joyce Buckley for organising the Christmas Fair
- A traffic management plan for the car park was agreed. A contractor has

been asked to price it

- Sexton's House Refurbishment – see separate article
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Evergreens Walking Group

Donald (our leader) unfortunately was unable to join the group but all present enjoyed a lovely walk around Killiney Hill and beach area in beautiful weather. Afternoon tea in Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel followed then supper, chat and laughter around a seasonal table in Hilary Cran's home kindly hosted by Hilary and John Sharpe.

Put Sunday 6th March in your diaries. Our next walk is to Trooperstown Hill near Laragh. More details in the March newsletter or in the Evergreens brochure at the back of the church.

Donald Gill, walk leader 087 1270592

Parish Development Worker

Under the direction of the Select Vestry and the Parish Sustainability Group, Caroline's priorities are engaging young families, families of teenagers, residents of new housing areas and those less connected with the parish. She is also working at building a presence in the community in line with the vision of Tullow being a church at the heart of the community. As part of building a presence she will be collaborating with FACE on biodiversity projects in the area. The parish's role in those projects will be fully acknowledged.

The Paediatric First Aid course organised by Caroline was booked out and attracted many appreciative comments. The Parent and Baby Group which is now on Thursday mornings is starting to attract babies and their minders. Plans are being put in place for further activities and engagement – watch this space! If you have ideas please contact Caroline at jolleycaroline@yahoo.ie or talk to her at coffee after church.

Outreach – Down Syndrome India

Our relationship with DSI is now in its third year and in that time we have paid for life-saving surgery for five children. We help when a child is in a critical state and a delay could endanger their life. Each surgery costs in the region of €3,500. Our contact in India is Dr Rekha Ramachandran, a world expert on the improvement of lives for people with Down Syndrome.

Please take a tin from the Outreach Corner at the back of the church and feed it at home with coins or drop your small change into the glasshouse in the

Outreach Corner.

Joyce Buckley

Outreach – Bray Women's Refuge

A big Thank You to everyone who donated items for the Christmas delivery to the Refuge. A lovely letter of thanks was received. Please don't leave any secondhand items, only new can be accepted.

Hilary Cran

Remembrance Garden

The Remembrance Garden is looking very peaceful and will shortly be enhanced by the magnolia tree in full bloom. Don't forget that the right to burial there is available to parishioners for €1,500 and a limited number of spaces for non-parishioners at €2,500. Contact the Rector if you're interested. Leaflets at the back of the church and also at local undertakers.

Badminton Club Every Thursday 8.30pm Parish Hall

20 intrepid gourmets descended on China Sichuan on 17th January for their 4th annual dinner in that fine restaurant. Very enjoyable evening, fabulous food with convivial company - what more can you ask for? If only the badminton was up to the same standard!

New members very welcome - just arrive along on any Thursday @ 8.30 pm (racquets not necessary but, as mentioned before, a sense of humour is vital!)

Paddy Bowes 086 2585194

Tullow Book Club

The verdict on *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett was that it is a book of relationships, ranging from the house itself to the main characters, Danny and Maeve, to a mother who reappears after 40 years. The plot involves various emotions from wanting justice for Danny and Maeve to curiosity about a number of the other characters especially Danny and Maeve's mother.

Next book is *Akin* by bestselling author Emma Donoghue

Vera Tanner

Tullow Indoor Bowls Club Every Tuesday 7.30 Parish Hall

We're still playing matches for the Kerr Trophy but have regular bowling sessions every Tuesday evening. New members always welcome – experience

not necessary.

Jonathan Morton 01 2894121 Joan Darling 01 2855021

Parish Photographic Archive

Enjoy these photos of a 1970s themed disco fundraiser from October 2005. Thanks to Meta Morton. There are rumours of photos of a fashion show (with a difference) some time in the 80s - please search your albums! Lend us any photos of parish activities, the church or the local area and we'll scan and return the original to you. Email bowesjane91@gmail.com or Jane Bowes 086 841813

Teen Corner

Christmas is a distant memory now the tree is down and all the boxes of sweets finished. If you're thinking of giving up something for Lent – maybe think instead about how you could use your talents for even a small benefit for others? Many will be busy studying for the mocks and we wish them well. Don't forget the Sundown Service 7pm on Sunday 16th February.

William Moulton will help you get your garden ready for Spring growth as well as any other small jobs needing to be done. Contact him at 083 8252629.

Website, Facebook & Instagram

Once again we'd like to thank Alan R and Samm for all the work they do to keep the parish website www.tullowdublin.org and our Facebook page (search for Tullow Parish) up to date and widely promoted. The Instagram account BeckettinFoxrock is also associated with the parish.

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:

People's Church Warden: Ken Gregory

Rector's Glebe Warden: Ernie Porter

People's Glebe Warden: Nigel Swanwick
Heating, Lighting, Electrics Project: Paddy Bowes & Nigel Swanwick
Sexton's House Refurbishment Project: Paddy Bowes, Ken Gregory, Nigel Swanwick, Chris Wojnar
Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Stewart
Parish Development Worker: Caroline Jolley
Organist: Dr Paul McNulty
Parish Treasurer: Don Beck
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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
Altar Linens: Vera Tanner

Welcome to the email edition of the Tullow Parish newsletter. This is a very active parish so there's lots to report each month. We would really appreciate feedback - both critical and otherwise on the email edition.

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