



TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

All shall be well, all shall be well...
For there is a Force of love moving
through the universe That holds us
fast and will never let us go."

Saint Julian of Norwich (c.a. 1342-1416)

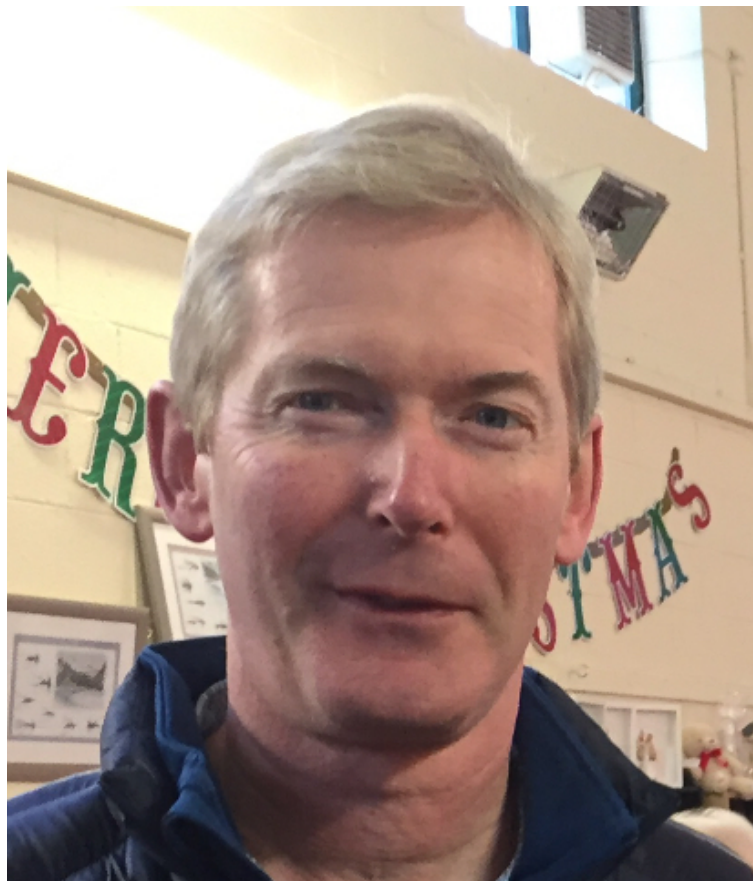
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As all church and parish activities are cancelled this newsletter is rather different, however there is still some parish news as well as other,

hopefully interesting, items.

In this month's newsletter

- Tullow Garden Trail
 - who do you recognise from 1980s?
 - walks within 20k
 - what is Brennanstown famous for?
 - fundraisers needed
 - books and films
 - Samuel Beckett and The Church Review
 - do your shopping safely
 -and much more
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The Rector Writes

As the country begins the process of easing lockdown restriction, there are those who are fearful that it is happening too quickly and too soon due to the vulnerability of an underlying health condition. Others are arguing that the easing is too slow and is causing major problems for peoples' mental health, having a negative effect on children's education and development and causing an economic catastrophe which will take generations to remedy. As in most arguments, there is some merit to both sides and it will be difficult to get the balance right. In seeking a way forward, I am reminded yet again of one of the tenets of Anglicanism – the via media – the middle way, as a possible answer.

According to the present government roadmap, church buildings are not due to be reopened for public worship until after 20th July. That effectively means the first Sunday Services would be due to take place on Sunday 26th July.

However, under current public health advice regarding a minimum of 2 metres social distancing, this will seriously curtail the size of congregation here in Tullow. Having completed an exercise of measurement, the capacity of the church building will be just 25 individuals from different households.

Hopefully we will see a reduction in the 2-metre rule ahead of the resumption of Services.

Yet again, it is heartening to see how families and communities have rallied together throughout this crisis. Jesus' second commandment to 'love your neighbour as yourself' is finding new expression in so many practical ways. It is my hope and prayer that people will continue this practice as we move forward together.

From the Register

Funeral

15th May - Gordon Dixon, beloved husband of the late Yvonne Hayes Dixon and the late Ruth Dixon. We extend our sympathy to Gordon's children Pam, Trevor, Penny, Jim, Tracey and Leylie, his brother Leslie, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We also extend our sympathy to Torren Gale on the recent death of his father Brian.

May all those who are bereaved find the comfort of God's love in their loss.



Tullov Garden Trail - Weekends of 4th, 5th & 11th, 12th July

It's June already and our Tullov Garden Trail is drawing nearer. Isn't it lovely to have something to look forward to after all the weeks of staying at home?

Saturday and Sunday afternoons on the first two weekends in July are the days to put in your diaries.

It's mainly a social event but you will see some really lovely gardens, there'll be refreshments, sunshine (the Rector will see to that!) and a bring and buy table in each garden with plants and produce, homemade jams and possibly cakes. If you have any plants or garden produce you'd like to find homes for we'd be delighted to have them. Also please donate homemade jams, cakes etc you may have to spare.

The Tullov Garden Trail is for parishioners, their friends and neighbours and we are looking forward to a really good response from all of you. Put reminders in your diaries and make plans to visit several, or all, of the gardens.

There will be a donation box at venues and all proceeds are for our sadly

depleted Parish funds.

BOOKING: In order to comply with anticipated guidelines, we ask you to book in advance as we will have to limit numbers at each garden. An email giving full details will be sent out shortly to everyone on the Parish email list.

Thanks to all those kind home-owners who have agreed to welcome us and our friends into their gardens for a peek behind those walls and gates and to provide the added treat of light refreshments.

Now we just need the Almighty to hold off the rain for those two weekends and we remind the Rector - that's your department John!

Jennifer Sowman 086 3154118



Gift Day was on 30th May but don't worry - envelopes are still being gratefully accepted.

May I thank all of the parishioners who have contributed so far to the Tullow Gift Day. I am delighted to report that we have already passed €8,000 which is 50% of our target.

May I also request those contributors who donate by bank transfer to put their name on the instructions. This is important as it enables me to send a thank you letter and importantly claim the tax rebate from the Government.

I have received two such donations- 18th March €750 and 18th May €150 through the 365 code and would greatly appreciate the donors contacting me.

Don Beck
Honorary Treasurer



Tullow Church Services Online

As you are probably aware, the Rector, with various accomplices, creates a Service online for every Sunday. If you know of anyone who is not on the email list and would like to receive email links to the Services please contact tulowdublinnewsletter@gmail.com or Jane Bowes 086 8418138

The Services are also available on the Parish website <http://tullow.dublin.anglican.org/> and also on Facebook at Tullow Parish.

Fundraisers - Organisers and Helpers Needed

As you can imagine, our Parish finances have been badly affected by the Covid-19 virus shutdown - your help is needed. Can you think of and/or organise a fundraiser which might work if social distancing remains in force in the months to come?

We have a garden trail in early July (more information elsewhere), the African Gospel Choir is scheduled for 7th November and the Christmas Fair at the end of November, however the choir and Fair are probably doubtful.

Do you have any ideas? Could you get a couple of friends together to organise something? Have you heard of a socially distant fundraiser elsewhere?

Please have a think and contact the Rector on revjohntanner@gmail.com or 086 3021376

Thank You!



Beckett and *The Church Review*

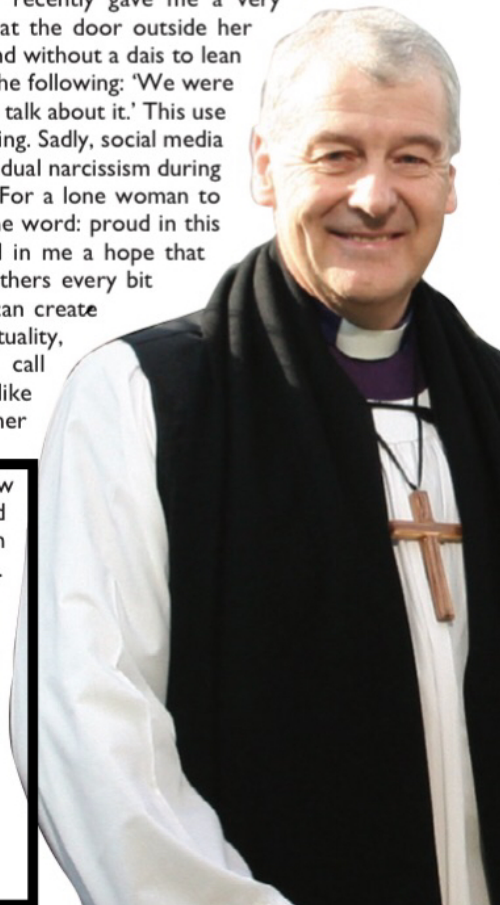
Tullow and Samuel Beckett had a mention in the Archbishop's editorial in the May edition of *The Church Review* which was emailed to all on the parish email list on 29th April.

Watching the 9 o'clock News one evening recently gave me a very particular type of hope. A lady aged 82 stood at the door outside her house in County Cavan and, totally unscripted and without a dais to lean upon or a coat of arms to self-identify, she said the following: 'We were a proud generation. We helped others and didn't talk about it.' This use of the word; proud I found fascinating and liberating. Sadly, social media has facilitated too much self-promotion and individual narcissism during these terrible times – a different sort of pride. For a lone woman to re-calibrate our understanding and our use of the word: proud in this way was both refreshing and inspiring. It raised in me a hope that if we can do likewise, do the good things for others every bit as much as for ourselves in these times, if we can create and sustain a community of care in a fog of virtuality, then subsequent generations might be able to call us: proud, in this noble sense. This woman was like Anna, the daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher from St Luke chapter 2.

Every year for the past number of years, Tullow Parish Church in the diocese of Dublin has staged a Beckett play. Beckett worshipped there with his mother as a child and was confirmed there. These performances are truly magnificent. There are lines of Beckett, quoted worldwide and in different contexts time after time, that I sense are for our times:

Fail again
Fail better
No matter
Try again
Fail again
Fail better.

† Michael



**Outreach - Down Syndrome India**

Little Saindavi had her life saving operation in July last year and had her second birthday recently; you can see how happy and healthy she looks. Please keep gathering your coins so we can continue to help children like Saindavi. When we return to church they can be placed in the glasshouse in the Outreach area at the back of the church. Our link with Down Syndrome India enables us to fund life saving heart operations for children born with Down Syndrome in India.

Outreach - Bray Women's Refuge

We have been unable to deliver anything to the refuge over the last few weeks but deliveries will be starting after 8th June so please leave toiletries and dry goods in the named box outside the back of the church near the Vestry door.



Evergreens Walking Club

Greetings to all Evergreens and friends! No doubt we are all enjoying the wonderful spring sunshine at home and out and about within government guidelines. Presently we can extend our travel boundaries from the house “as the crow flies” to 5km and from 8th June to 20km. This latter date will bring the countryside of south Co Dublin and north Co Wicklow within reach by foot or car. At the time of writing many car parks and access routes closed due to Covid 19 precautions. Hopefully they will be open soon, but be warned!

I have listed four walking suggestions within the 20km limit. All these walks can be modified or shortened to be suitable for children. Depending on age, children can out walk many adults! Young kids love water and woodlands to collect sticks and cones. Also they love following trail signs like those in the Dublin Mountain Way trail.

Appropriate outdoor gear and footwear should be worn as weather can be fickle and uplands can be much cooler and exposed than suburban Dublin. All walks are under two hours.

- **Killiney Hill** has many variations. Park low down or near Dalkey Station to avoid heavy traffic in the Burton Road car park. And include the harbours and beaches to make a great walk. Explore new tracks.
- **Carrickgollogan, Lead Mines Chimney and Scalp Woods** have a choice of several routes. Approach by Barnaslingan Lane past Kilternan, and enter car park at top of hill. Part of the walk uses the Dublin Mountain Way trail. (Now that’s a real adventure of about 50kms from Tallaght to Shankill. Well outside Government limits!)
- **Bray Head and cliff walk to Greystones** starts from car park at end of promenade, or one at a higher level. Climb Bray Head to Cross, head south and follow scenic path along ridge for 20/30 minutes reaching a rocky

spur. Cross rocks and descend by a visible track leading down to join the cliff walk. Turn left and return to Bray.

• **Little Sugar Loaf** is an overlooked gem with mountain experience. Leave N11 at Kilmacanogue and park near first roundabout. Head south on road for about 20 minutes until a sign post is reached to indicate a walking trail up the mountain. This leads to the summit with a pleasant scramble over the last section. Wander along the four summit knolls and return by the same route. Experienced walkers can continue along the ridge and descend to join an unmarked track on the left which leads back to the start.

There are 2 good maps worth buying, *Wicklow East* and *The Dublin Mountains*, both published by East West Mapping, available at most outdoor shops. These show all roads and walking tracks including forest trails, and car parks.

The walking programme for Evergreens will recommence when government guidelines allow, hopefully in the autumn.

Donald Gill

P.S. The photo is of Austria in 2019 not Wicklow!



Can you recognise anyone? Look closely! All parishioners in early 1980s

Parish Photographic Archive

Now would be the perfect time to sort those piles of photos which have been sitting in boxes. Thanks again this month to Ken Gregory for the photo and history of Carrickmines and Brennanstown and to Barbara Cooper for the photo of 'Team Parents' from the early 1980s.

Please have a look in albums, boxes etc and see if you have any of people or

places of interest to the parish. Jane Bowes bowesjane91@gmail.com or 086 8418138 if you find any.



Carrickmines and Brennanstown

Before we look at the modern history of Carrickmines and Foxrock let us go back to the 12th century when, in 1178, Archbishop O'Toole confirmed the church of Carrickmayne with all its tithes to Christ Church. Carrickmayne is a derivation of the Irish 'Carraig Meighin' which translates to a 'little plain of rocks'.

Carrickmines is most famous for its castle which was built in the 14th century, it's purpose being to prevent bands of marauders pouring down from the mountains of Wicklow to get to the rich lands of the Pale. Carrickmines Castle was the scene of a rebellion in 1641 when the castle was blown up after hundreds of men, women and children were put to the sword.

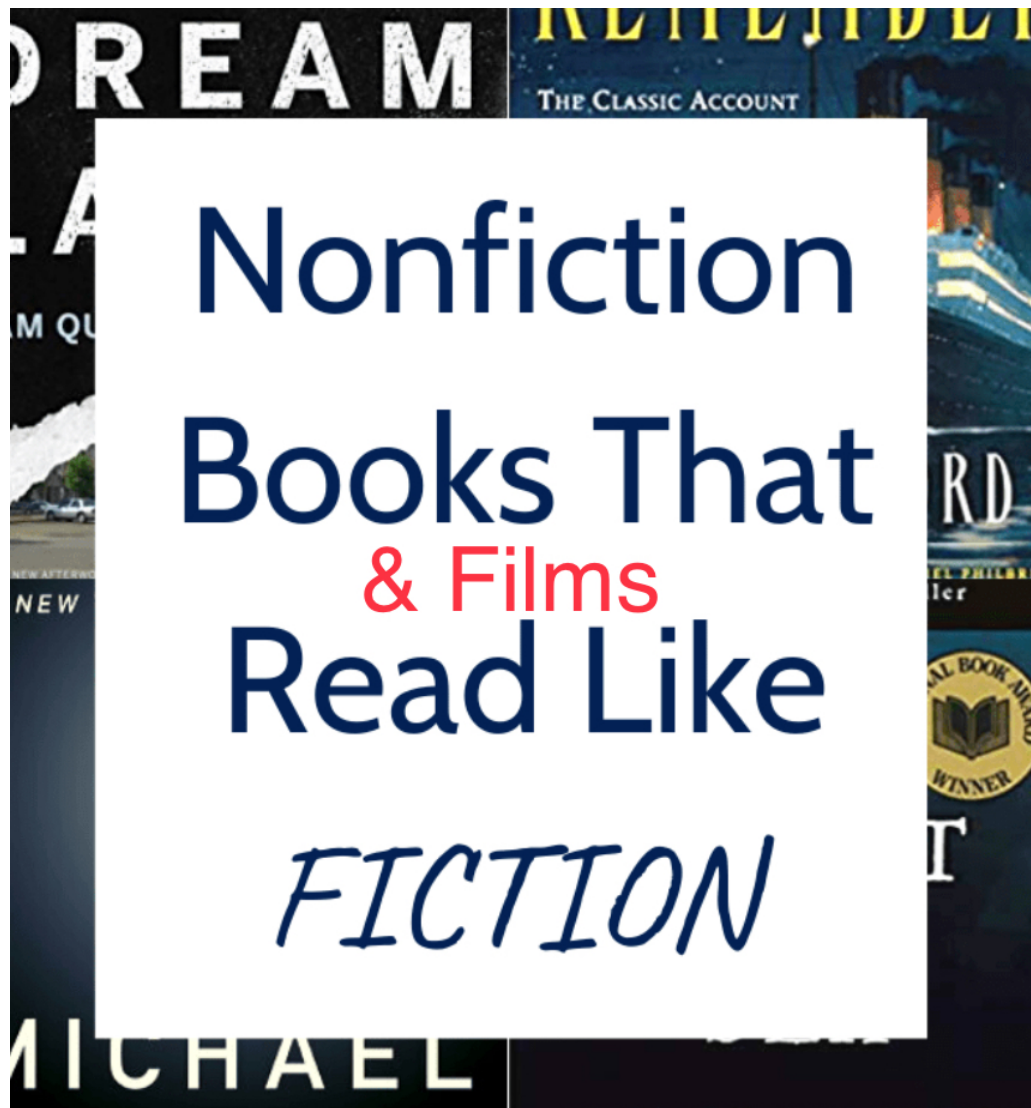
Brennanstown is famous for a remarkable cromlech - the roof rock of which is estimated to weigh 60 tons. John D'Alton in his book entitled *The History of County Dublin*, written in 1838, described Brennanstown Road as follows "an extremely beautiful and picturesque road descends into Cabinteely having to the left the finely ornamented domain of Mr. Pim which is Brennanstown House and to the right the natural beauties of the Glen of Brennanstown descending to the stream of Loughlinstown".

To the right of Brennanstown Road at the bad bend stands Glendruid - a beautiful Georgian house (see photograph above) - sadly now in a ruinous state. The magnificent Cabinteely House was built in 1769 and 200 years later was presented to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Council - apart from 200 acres which was developed for housing. What a wonderful job DLRCC have done in opening the house and grounds to the public. Click here for a virtual

tour <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=asnruwZMZEW&hr=0&mt=1&guides=0&lp=0&kb=0&st=500&title=1&tourcta=0>=1&hr=0&mls=0&mf=1&vr=0&f=0>

The history of Foxrock really starts in the 1850s with the advent of the Dublin Wicklow Wexford railway. We will look at this in the next newsletter.

Ken Gregory



Non-Fiction Books

The Elephant Whisperer by Lawrence Anthony

Lawrence Anthony is asked to accept a 'rogue' herd of elephants onto his reserve in Zululand, South Africa. The herd would have to be destroyed if he refused.

The Salt Path by Raynor Winn

Just days before Raynor learns that her husband is terminally ill, they are evicted from their home and livelihood. With nothing to do, they decide to hike around the 630 mile South West coast path, from Somerset to Dorset, via Devon and Cornwall.

Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall

A book that gives you a look into the way geography influences leaders of countries, in the choices they make.

The Penguin Lessons by Tom Michell

Tom rescues a penguin from a beach destroyed by an oil slick. With every intention of releasing the little penguin to the wild, or donating him to a Zoo. Instead he has discovered that he has formed an inseparable bond.

Becoming by Michelle Obama

Page turning memoir by the former First Lady.

Thanks to Tullow Book Club for the above recommendations and synopses.

All books should be readily available from the many Irish bookshops which are doing online deliveries, as well as on Amazon. <https://gutterbookshop.com/>, <https://www.dubraybooks.ie/> are just two.

See the April and May parish newsletters for the wonderful service being offered by public libraries and all the books are free! <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/>

Films based on True Stories

The World's Fastest Indian with Anthony Hopkins 'based on one hell of a true story' about New Zealand speed bike racer Burt Munro.

The King's Speech with Colin Firth. Highly enjoyable account of how King George VI overcame a speech problem.

Argo with Ben Affleck. The rescue of six captive Americans during the US hostage crisis.

The Theory of Everything with Eddie Redmayne. Billed as a romantic biographical drama about the life of Stephen Hawking.

Victoria and Abdul with Judi Dench. A biographical comedy drama about the real-life relationship between Queen Victoria and her Indian servant.

Philomena also with Judi Dench. The true story of Philomena Lee's 50 year search for her forcibly adopted son.

All films available on Netflix and/or Amazon. Thanks to the members of a local film group with parish connections for the recommendations.

And As Well

Although they are not non-fiction, so many people have recommended these series that they must be worth a look!

Unorthodox, a series on Netflix about a Hasidic Jewish woman from Brooklyn who flees an arranged marriage and *Unforgotten*, an ITV crime drama series about two London detectives solving cold cases.

Help Keep **dlr** Green.



Please water the trees!

We are watering our new trees as often as we can, but they may need extra water in dry weather. You can help by watering trees with bathwater, rainwater or dishwater (no leftover food in the water), in the morning or evening is best!

Thanks from the Parks Team in DLR Co. Co.

Caroline's Corner

Ecclesiastes 3 1-14 Time

Time. Something some of us have been given more of, albeit unwillingly! A lot of us have been spending more time in the garden and outdoors. The words from Ecclesiastes often come into my mind while working in the garden and observing nature. 'A time to sow and a time to reap' is easy enough to understand - but a time to kill ?

The sounds of birdsong delighted us in Spring but now Nature gets serious ... murder and mayhem are rife .

Babies must be fed and parents will do anything to rear their young. The blackbirds screech in fury as their eggs are robbed by crows. Foxes have become daylight robbers. Our precious seedlings are wolfed down by voracious slugs and snails and they in turn are eaten by hedgehogs and frogs.

The cyclical battle for survival is on, it was ever thus.

Now to **Ecclesiastes 1:13**

'I have seen all the works that are done under the sun. All things done by the Lord, that were on the earth, and in it, and in the sea; he considered them, and endeavoured to search into the nature of them; and did attain to a very great knowledge of them, so that he could speak of them to the instruction of others. '

To allow our gardens to thrive while working WITH nature, God provided us with solutions, we just need to find them. Wise gardeners have learnt clever tricks. Sacrificial plants such as lettuce alongside high value cucumbers and tomatoes. Garlic and onions mask the smell of carrots, a magnet to the carrot fly. Dummy owls and hawks deter predators. (Have a look in the oak trees at the Dublin 4 hotel car park! It's full of plastic owls.)

Ecclesiastes has many meanings and at the present time, all of them make sense.

Caroline Jolley



Shopping Safely

Many people have questions about how safe groceries are whether you buy them yourself or have them delivered. Safefood <https://www.safefood.eu/Food-Safety/Groceries-and-COVID-19.aspx> will answer your queries.

Currently, there is no evidence that COVID-19 can be transmitted by food or food packaging.

However, it is always important to follow good hygiene practices when handling or preparing foods. You should always wash your hands and surfaces often, separate raw meat from other foods, cook to the right temperature and put food in the fridge as soon as you can.

Food shopping advice

- Please don't go shopping if you have COVID-19 symptoms. You can order your groceries online or have some family or friends drop them off instead.
- When you go food shopping, you should wash your hands before you leave the house, avoid touching your face when you're out and follow social distancing.
- When you come home, you should wash your hands straight away. Wash them again once you have unpacked and put away your shopping.
- It is not necessary to sanitise the outside of food packaging. While there is some evidence that the virus can survive on hard surfaces, the risk from handling food packing is very low and there is no evidence that the illness can be transmitted in this way.
- If you are sanitising surfaces or shopping bags, follow the manufacturer's instructions about how much time is needed before wiping the sanitiser off.
- Gloves can give a false sense of security. They would need to be changed very frequently to be effective. It's better to wash your hands often and avoid touching your face.

See April newsletter for supermarket special shopping hours and the May newsletter for eating and shopping options in Foxrock Village.

If you are cocooning and don't have family or anyone to get shopping for you a dedicated community support helpline is organised in this area by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Council. Phone 1800 804535 or 01 2713199 or email covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie and they will organise any assistance you may need.

There are names of sixteen (16) books of the bible hidden in the paragraph below. A preacher found 15 books in twenty minutes; it took him 3 weeks just to find the 16th one, HAVE FUN!

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. A certain luke, kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others, it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a job. We want it to be a most fascinating little moment for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help find them. I will be quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen books of the Bible in this paragraph.

Teen Corner

Now that there is clarity about what is happening regarding the Leaving and Junior Certs, hopefully students can relax and put away the school books over the summer and that school leavers will get the results they hope for. Good luck - we're remembering you all in our prayers.

Don't forget - if you are worried or anxious talk to your parents, a trusted adult or check out advice and mental health resources on www2.hse.ie or

gov.ie/together

Click here for information on positive mental health for young people. https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/comhairle_tips_for_positive_mental_health_for_young_people_0.pdf

Remembrance Garden

The Remembrance Garden is looking very attractive and peaceful. 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. Please consider telling your friends and family about this oasis of peace. Contact the Rector if you're interested.

Website, Facebook & Instagram

Thanks to Alan Rhodes and Samm, both of whom, despite being very busy, still find time to update the parish website www.tullowdublin.org and the parish Facebook page – Tullow Parish. This is where you will find the online Sunday Service.

As it is most important now to support local businesses please keep an eye on www.foxrock.ie, Foxrock Village on Facebook and foxrock_village on Instagram. You'll find special offers and information about opening times, takeaway food, pharmacy deliveries and much more.



But where did it come from?

The quote can be traced back to a short article in the Cork Examiner back on the 22 November 1972. Under the headline “New book of poems launched” in a corner of page six, the paper wrote:

“If we winter this one out, we can summer anywhere”. This was the comment of Bangor born Seamus Heaney whose book of poems, “Wintering Out”, was launched at a publication party in the Peacock Theatre, Dublin, last night. He was referring to the situation in the North, and said that he had taken the title of the book from the old farming custom of wintering cattle out in pasture.

While the article is wrong about Heaney’s birthplace – he was born in Derry – the paper nonetheless seems to be the source of the now famous quote.

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.

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Bowes
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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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