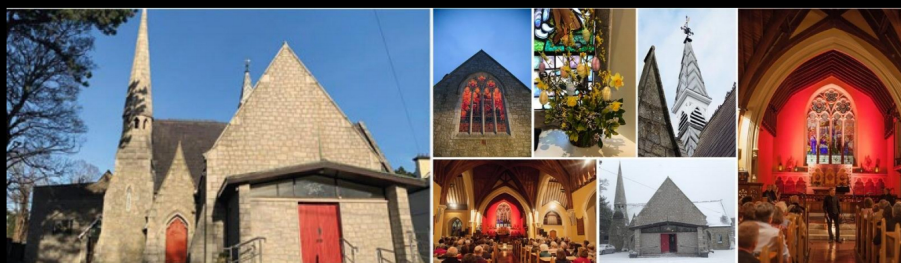




TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

Easter General Vestry Meeting
During 10.30am Service Sunday 6th September



Reminder

See email sent to all on the parish email list on Sunday 23rd August for full information

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The Rector Writes

We wish all those who about to receive their Leaving Certificate predictive grades every blessing as they move on to the next stage of their life's journey. We also wish all those returning to school after almost a six-month break, both students and teachers, a safe return to a new normal.



All of the usual parish activities which would be expected to resume after the summer break are still currently on hold until protocols to ensure their safe resumption are firmly in place. Our Church Services safely resumed at the beginning of July and, although we can only accommodate restricted numbers, it would be good to see more making the return to public worship. Our online Services are continuing, but the purpose of actual Services is the fostering of community which cannot be captured virtually. For those concerned about safety, they can be assured that all recommended precautions are being taken and the experience should be considerably safer than supermarket shopping!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter General Vestry Sunday 6th September During 10.30am Service

In order to abide by compliance requirements of Church of Ireland and the Charities Regulator, we are obliged to hold the 'Easter' General Vestry meeting which had to be postponed from last April.

It will be held during the 10.30am Morning Service on Sunday 6th September. Full details were sent to everyone on the parish email list on Sunday 23rd August. Please attend if you can.



FOXROCK BECKETT WALK

Samuel Beckett - the Tullow and Foxrock Connection

Walks Every Sunday until 13th September

Meet at Tullow Church 3.15pm Duration 90 minutes

The very popular Beckett Walks continue every Sunday afternoon until 13th September. Organised by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Heritage Section as part of their Summer of Heritage series, the walks are led by actor Paul O'Hanrahan who is both knowledgeable and highly entertaining. Nobel Laureate Samuel Beckett is an important figure in the history of the area – hear how the church and so many other places in Foxrock influenced his work. The walk takes about 90 minutes, starts at the church and finishes in the village.

To take part please note **you must book in advance** at the Heritage Page of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Council website. Numbers are restricted this year, so to avoid disappointment book now on <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/heritage/heritage>

NEWS

Traffic Barrier

If you've been near the church recently you'll have seen the new traffic barrier between the church and the Rectory. We have had many discussions in the Select Vestry regarding the parking chaos in the church car park - even to the

extent of seeking advice from local gardaí and a representative of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Council traffic department. On a Saturday, or when kids are being 'lifted & laid', you would think you were at the dodgems!

The barrier is only the first part of the solution and the intention is to give the Rectory family, and whatever tenants are in the cottage, some 'quiet enjoyment' plus guaranteed parking, and to protect them from any melee at the front. Hopefully their exit route will be respected.

We can, of course, have the barrier set in the raised position - during a fair for example, but in the main it will remain closed. The residents will have a code/fob system to operate it.

Tullow Cottage Project Team



Tullow Garden Trail

A full report has already been given about the wonderful couple of weekends earlier in the summer when the sun (mostly) shone on the eight lovely gardens which were open for the Tullow Garden Trail. The garden owners, as well as bringing their gardens to pinnacles of gorgeousness, also served us beautiful goodies and it was all such an enjoyable experience that maybe it will be repeated next year?

The fact that €4,500 was raised for Bray Women's Refuge and parish funds was due to the generosity of parishioners and their friends who visited the gardens, to the garden owners and their families, the team of helpers and especially to Jennifer Sowman whose idea it was and who organised everything with flair and efficiency.

Tasty Treats

The highlight of the Christmas Fair for most of us is the goodies we can pick up at the cakes and deli stalls. As it's most unlikely we'll be able to have a Christmas Fair this year - here's the next best thing! Many of the talented cooks and bakers who stock the deli and cakes stalls will be sharing their favourite recipes with us in the newsletter over the coming months.

To get us started here is a recipe for banana bread which Jennifer Sowman insists is the BEST (despite others claiming that title on social media!) and also a really tasty recipe from Helen Burns for a warm tomato salad which can be a lunch dish or a starter.



Best Banana Bread

200g SR Flour

50g soft margarine

1 egg

50g castor sugar

Grated rind of 1 lemon

3 ripe bananas mashed

Handful of raspberries/blueberries/sultanas/pitted cherries as available

TOPPING: Juice of half a lemon with 30 to 50g castor sugar mixed

Heat oven to 170 (fan) or 180 (regular).

2lb loaf tin either lined or greased and floured

METHOD:

Rub margarine into the flour with your fingers, add everything else and stir. If dough is too crumbly add a tiny bit of milk.

Spoon into prepared tin and bake for 45 minutes on the middle shelf.

Leave to cool for 10 minutes in the tin, then put on a wire rack with a plate underneath, make holes over the top with skewer and drizzle the topping over.

TIP: if you have a banana getting too ripe, peel and freeze in a plastic bag.

When you have 3 remove from freezer a few hours before making the cake.

Jennifer Sowman

Warm Tomato Salad

Serves 4

Sourdough loaf

200ml olive oil

6 cloves garlic peeled and crushed

1 red onion

Salt and pepper

3 tblsp red wine vinegar

1 tblsp capers

1 kg tomatoes of any type

1 bunch basil

1 big bunch chives

Handful finely grated Parmesan

Break the bread into big bite-sized chunks and bake in a moderate oven for 5-10 minutes until golden brown and crisp. Leave to cool. This can be done the night before. You could just toast the bread well and break it up into chunks.

This next bit can be done in advance as well. Very gently heat the garlic and olive oil. Don't let the garlic colour, just warm it through, then add the red onions and stir. Turn off the heat and leave to soften in the warm oil. Season well and set aside until almost ready to eat. It won't take long to finish.

Chop the larger tomatoes into quarters but if using a combination have them all the same size. Whole cherry tomatoes, some quartered plum ones and a few larger ones roughly chopped work well. When you're ready to finish the cooking heat the olive oil with the garlic and onions and get it very warm. Add the vinegar and capers and get it bubbling. Then add the tomatoes and stir for a minute. Turn off the heat and add the bread, herbs and Parmesan. Add black pepper and pinch salt and serve straightaway.

Helen Burns

PARISH ORGANISATION

Tullow Church Services

The weekly church service is at 10.30am each Sunday. It's a shortened version of what we were used to, there's no singing, although we still have the pleasure of Paul's organ playing. Due to social distancing regulations, only a limited number of people are permitted in the church and unfortunately, there's no tea or coffee in the hall afterwards. However it is nice to be able to go into the church and participate in an 'actual' service.

The weekly online Service by the Rector and his team of helpers is continuing. 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 Service is emailed to everyone on the parish list every Saturday evening but of course you can watch it whenever suits you.

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



Tullow Cottage (formerly the Sexton's House)

Thanks to the backing and forward thinking of the Select Vestry, and the hard work of many, we now have a house which, while retaining its period charm and attractiveness, has the contemporary essentials which ensure that it will be a long term, valuable and income-producing asset for the parish.

We are very pleased that it has been let and the new tenants (a family of 4 with parish connections) have already moved in. We wish them a very happy stay and trust parishioners will go out of their way to make them feel welcome.

Project Team: Paddy Bowes, Ken Gregory, Nigel Swanwick, Chris Wojnar

JUST A THOUGHT

Strengthen and encourage us Lord
as we settle into new rhythms of life.
We remember those who suffered and
who struggle with the effects of the last few months.
We pray for your grace and mercy to support all those in need.
This we ask in your name.
Amen

Prayer from Service of Sunday 16th August

Outreach - Bray Women's Refuge

At last we were able to visit the Refuge in July and they were delighted to see us. Many thanks to Jennifer Sowman's Tullow Garden Trail which donated €1,000 to the Refuge. Many thanks also to the people who left donations of pyjamas, food and personal hygiene items. We got a super collection of pyjamas in a suitcase so sincere thanks to the donor.

The Refuge had been extended to seven family rooms and four bathrooms but during the lockdown only four rooms could be used as the bathrooms couldn't be shared. They were able to keep up their outreach programme and phone lines throughout the lockdown and fortunately there weren't any Covid cases. The administrator said "you are so good, you always think of us". So thank you all for what we were able to give to them.

Hilary Cran



Evergreens Walking Club

The club usually begins the walking season in October. However this year we are all suffering from lockdownitis and all our movements are regimented to Government Covid 19 precautions and public health advice. I had hoped to organise a walk before the end of this year and this may well happen subject to the next Government review in mid September. Right now it is possible to walk in small groups, subject to social distancing but with additional precautions for the over 70s and medically vulnerable, which form a large core of our membership, including myself. So instead of an official Evergreen walk I have suggested a suitable walk that may be undertaken by families or residents of a household. This month's walk, like all walks, can be completed in whole or in part.

The Avonmore Trail

This is a fairly new trail extending from Laragh to Rathdrum along the Vale of Clara. I recently explored much of it and I can vouch for the wonderful views of the Wicklow Mountains and the Avonmore River. The trail is 12 kms long and the notice at the car park suggests a walking time of 3 to 3 ½ hours. The good news is that it can be completed in two sections. The official start is the car park below the Mountain Rescue Hut about a kilometre on the Dublin side of Laragh. Cross the Avonmore River by the bridge and follow the way mark signs through the forest. There is some road walking before the trail descends through the

forest to meet the Avonmore River at Clara. There is a most scenic church and bridge here overlooking the river, and a great place for refreshments! There are options here of turning back to the start, or driving to Clara to start the hike here to commence the second half of the trail. From here to Rathdrum the trail follows the river through gorgeous mixed woodlands and would be my preference for a walk. Another option is to walk the first half and to return to the start by going over Trooperstown Hill. I came back by this route but would not recommend it unless one had a map, compass and good navigation skills through the forest!

Good outdoor clothes, including a hat and gloves, are essential together with boots or sturdy shoes, and bring refreshments and a drink.

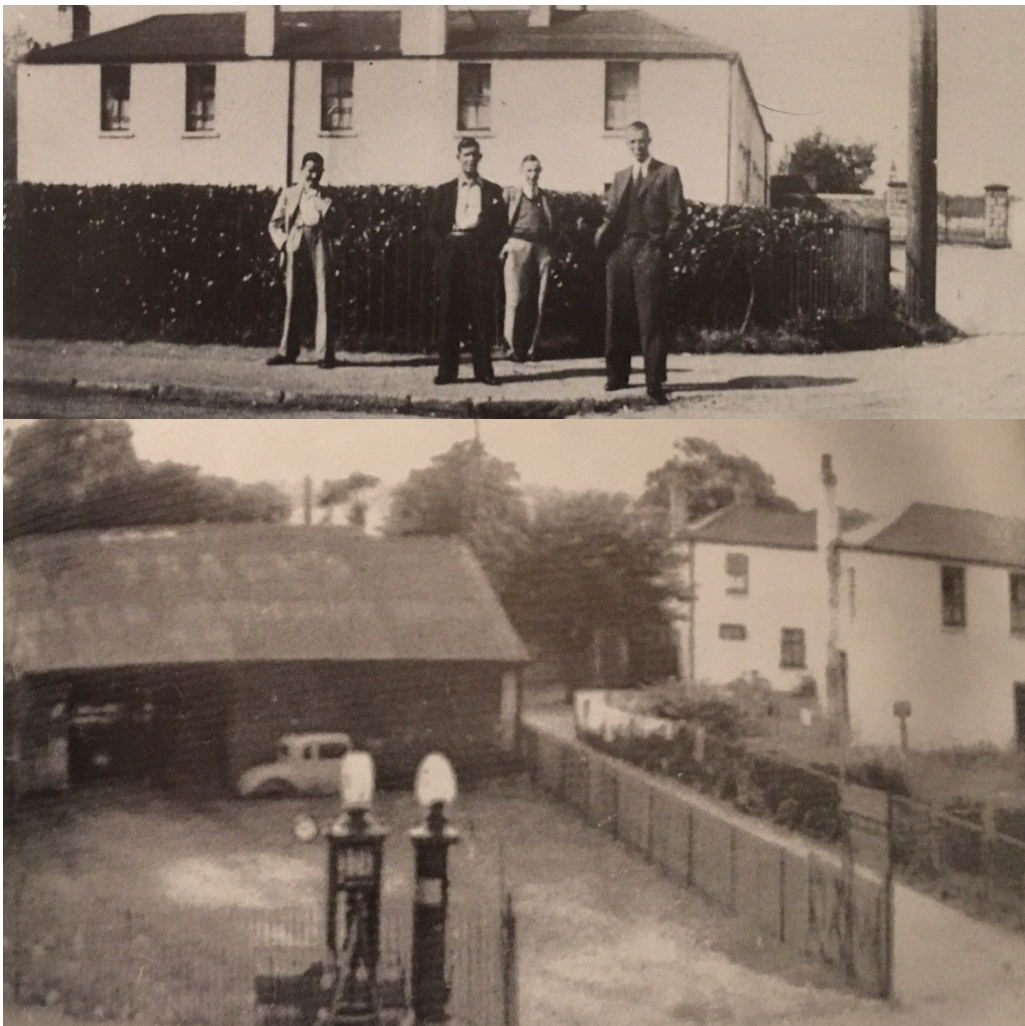
Donald Gill

Photographic Archive

This month thanks again to Ken Gregory who has given us the story of Foxrock village and the surrounding area. Did you know Foxrock had a hotel?

Please have a look in albums, boxes etc and see if you have any photos of people or places of interest to the parish.

Jane Bowes bowesjane91@gmail.com or 086 8418138 if you find any.



Top: the 'Hotel' in 1937 (beside what is now the Guinness Gallery). Below: Tracy's garage (now Texaco) in the village in the late 1930s (from *Foxrock & Cabinteely Memories* compiled by Liam Clare & Padraig Laffan)

Early Days of Foxrock

It has been well documented that the Bentley brothers started developing Foxrock in the 1850s with the building of the railway station in what is now, the village. It was intended that the area would also be a holiday resort and in 1860 the brothers built a large hotel beside the station calling it the Victoria Hotel. It was planned to lay out an ornamental garden with a large lake, orchard and play area. The ornamental garden was laid out but the lake never materialised. It was then advertised as renowned for the purity of air. The Bentleys provided a coach service to Kingstown and, later on, weekend trips to the mountains. The stables were situated on ground now taken over by the filling station.

Unfortunately for the Bentley brothers, there was no great rush to purchase housing sites in the area in the 1860s, nor were Dublin dwellers keen to take holidays in the Victoria Hotel. They continued to use the east coast - Dalkey, Bray and Arklow. By 1867 the banks were moving in and the Bentleys moved out. Later the Royal Insurance Co. purchased the land and it was this company that was responsible for creating the village of Foxrock.

Having realised that staff were required by the owners of the big houses being built they decided to convert the hotel into accommodation for the working class people. In 1879 fourteen families moved in and took up employment as gardeners, coachmen and dairymen. In 1901 extra accommodation was provided in the village. Eight dwellings were built in the orchard and named Orchard Cottages and a further twelve were built and named Brighton Cottages. Compared to the old Hotel these cottages were considered luxurious having a large garden, running water and their own toilets. They were designed to face the railway as most of the traffic passing through Foxrock went by rail.

By 1910 there were 34 families living in the village. The cottages were given to the residents of the big houses for the use of their employees though this arrangement did not always suit the village people because if you lost your job you lost your home! This practice was discontinued in the 1930s as residents in the cottages refused to leave their homes.

The first shop opened in the village at No.1 Brighton Cottages followed by a shop in No.11. A Mr. McEvoy and Mrs. Lynch were the proprietors. In 1906 Alex Findlater opened his shop adjacent to the Railway Station. (now The Gables)

To cater for sightseers at the weekends two tea shops opened at Nos. 2 & 3 Orchard Cottages. Proprietors were Mrs. Foran and Mrs. Sharp. Some time

later a Mr. Tully opened a dairy at No.12 Brighton Cottages. Most of the village people kept hens and goats. In 1910 a temporary church was erected on Torquay Road to cater for the village and surrounding area. This was removed when Foxrock Church opened in 1935.

Ken Gregory

Badminton Club

Much though we all miss the exercise, the tea and craic the start of the badminton season is deferred for the time being. Fingers crossed that we may be able to have a Christmas get together even if it's a virtual one!

Paddy Bowes

Tullow Indoor Bowls Club

Regardless of whether the Parish Hall is open or not, the Bowls Club has deferred making a decision about starting our season until the end of September. We will update everyone then.

Jonathan Morton

Teen Corner

The last few months have been a strange and difficult time for everyone - regardless of age. Hopefully September will see schools re-opening and colleges starting up again so good luck to all of you who are heading into 'firsts' - first days at secondary school, first days at college and starting new courses - new experiences for everyone.

Remember we're all in this together and together we will come through it. Don't be shy about asking for help if you're feeling overwhelmed, a trusted adult or https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/comhairle_tips_for_positive_mental_health_for_young_people_0.pdf will point you in the right direction.

Of course we can't forget everyone who is waiting for Leaving Cert results - you're in our prayers but we also have fingers and toes crossed for you all.

Remembrance Garden

The Remembrance Garden is always a haven of peace and tranquility and it's a facility of which we can be proud. 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 are available 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

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. 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 <http://foxrock.ie/> Foxrock Village on Facebook and foxrock_village on Instagram. 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.

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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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