



# TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

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**SEPTEMBER 2021**

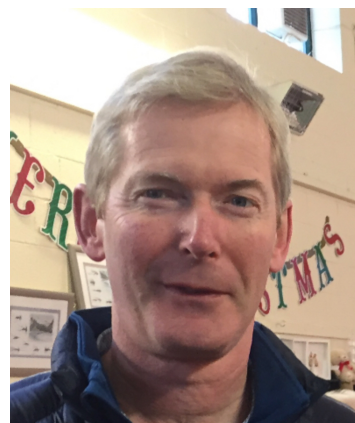
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**The Rector Writes**

All too soon another summer season has come to a close. Our schools are reopening their doors and third level colleges will follow shortly. Hopefully, this year will see much less disruption to in-school classes and third level tuition will take place on campuses. I wish all those who are embarking on the path of formal education for the first time, those transitioning from Primary to Secondary education, and their parents every blessing. I also wish every success to those who are moving on to further education or starting out in employment at this time.



At the time of writing, uncertainty still remains regarding the lifting of health restrictions relating to indoor activities including Church Services. Regarding the latter, choir and congregational singing is still problematic under current guidelines. There is much speculation about a 'vaccination dividend', but little of substance has come of this to date. Again, I am hopeful that more flexibility and clarity will be brought to the feasibility of all parish activities - both religious and social, very shortly.

Uncertainty has been the predominant theme of the past eighteen months and nobody has been left unaffected. As we now approach what has been described as the 'end game' of the Covid-19 pandemic, let us resolve to get our lives back on track and to resume those positive activities which have been necessarily put on hold. As part of that resolve, I would strongly encourage more to return to in-Church Services – remembering that in line with all other health, safety and welfare regulations, our parish is, and will continue to be, fully compliant.

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**Tullow Bazaar**  
**October - November**

This is the second year we haven't been able to have a Christmas Fair, or most of the other parish activities, and many of us are missing the fun and parish bonding which go with joining in such events.

So - given the uncertainty which is still around, this year we're doing something different!

The word bazaar means a marketplace so our bazaar will be a mix of online selling starting in October and will finish with (hopefully) a physical event in the Parish Hall at the end of November.

We hope to gather 100 items suitable for selling online as part of a Silent Auction bid. These will be released weekly a few at a time and sold to the highest bidder at the end of each week. The traditional Christmas goodies, as well as other items, will be sold at the event in the Parish Hall.

Full details, including Silent Auction rules, will be in an email which will be sent shortly to everyone on the parish email list. Those without emails will receive a letter.

In the meantime **please have a think about what you could offer for sale.** Vouchers, services, and other larger items in good-as-new condition are particularly suitable. Bric à brac-type things are not suitable.

Thanks to all those who have offered to help - a great team is in place.

Contact Sandra Ruttle 087 2344964 if you've any queries.



### **Tullow Crafty Crew**

Would you like to craft and chat?

Tullow Crafty Crew is a new group which will be starting on Zoom but hopefully able to meet in person at some stage.

Learn or share your craft and chat at the same time. Crafts such as knitting, crochet, cross stitch, colouring, painting, card making, calligraphy, patchwork, macramé, scrapbooking, decoupage, jewellery making, embroidery, tapestry would be particularly suitable.

Guest craft demonstrations will also be included from time to time.

We hope to start at the end September on Zoom. All welcome!

If you are interested or would like to know more please

email: [margaretbreadon2@gmail.com](mailto:margaretbreadon2@gmail.com) or phone Margaret 087 2941078

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Tullow Parish and Mouth on Fire Theatre company present

# SAMUEL BECKETT

## The End

performed by Marcus Lamb

## The Beckett Country

with Dr. Feargal Whelan

Online Event



### Beckett in Foxrock - COMING SOON!

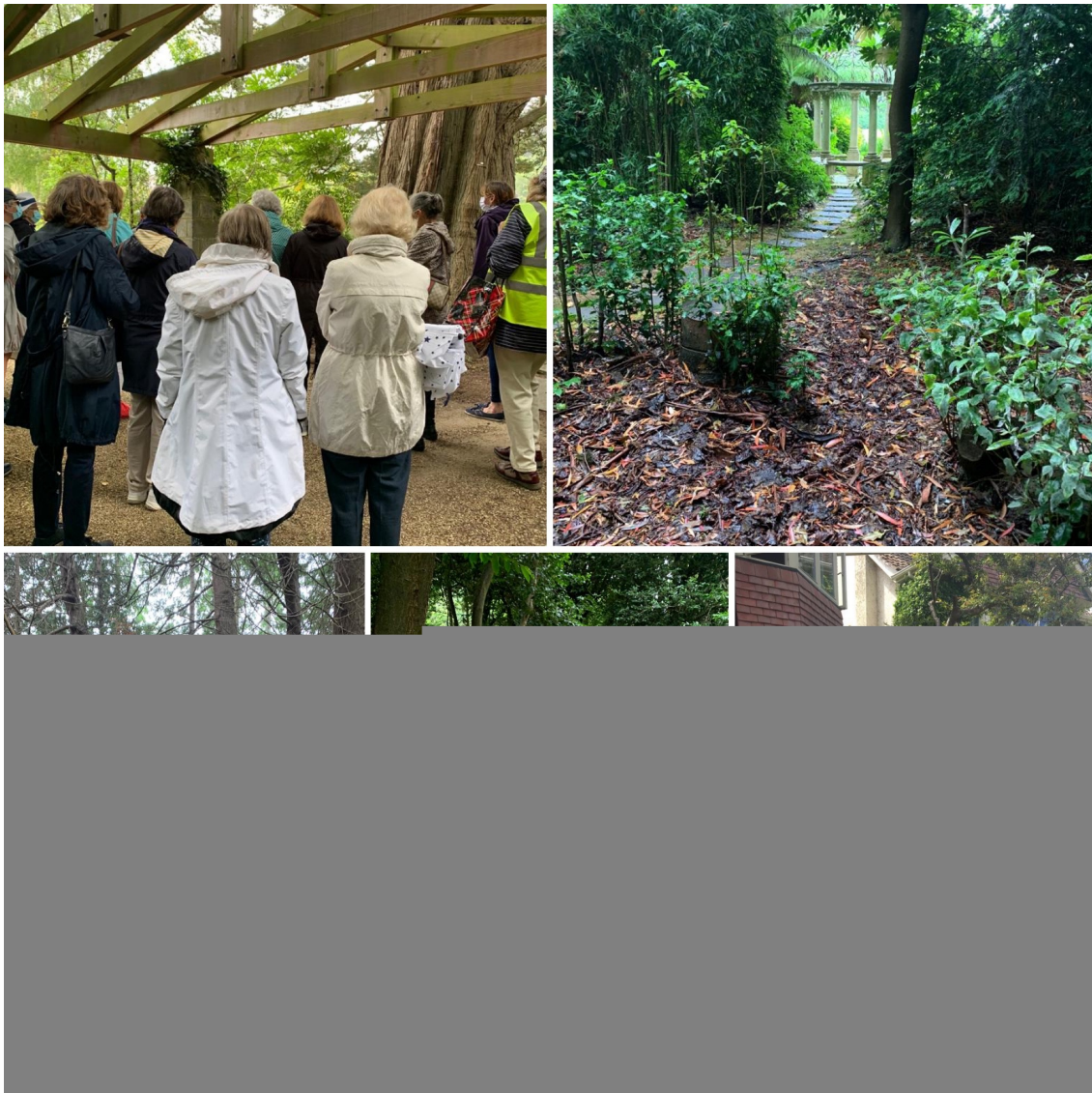
In case you're wondering - the **Beckett in Foxrock** production for 2021 hasn't disappeared. Various things (including a new baby!) conspired to delay it and, as so many people are away in August, we decided to wait until September to launch it.

Tickets for this online only production will be going on sale very soon. Having purchased a ticket you will be sent a link to watch on your computer, tv, tablet or even phone and you only need to buy one ticket no matter how many watch it with you.

Everyone on the Parish email list will be notified when tickets go on sale so keep an eye on your In Box - the tickets will only be on sale for a limited time under the permission terms from the Beckett Estate.

It will be well worth the wait!

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### **Tullow Garden Trail**

The last visit on the Tullow Garden Trail took place on 3rd July and it was a fitting finale to the Trail. A very large garden, it had fruit trees, vegetable beds, formal and informal areas and the guided tours were very interesting and informative. Thanks so much to all those who welcomed us and also to those who provided tea, coffee and cakes outside the Parish Hall afterwards.

We're delighted to tell you that the final amount raised for the Parish and Bray Women's Refuge was €3,778. As has been said before, this is a tribute to the generosity of parishioners and their friends and shows their appreciation of all the gardens.

Thanks seems a very small word for all the garden owners, helpers and organisers Jennifer Sowman and Margaret Breadon but all your efforts are really appreciated.





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### **Photographic Archive - Tullow in 2004**

This is the last of the photos in the album put together by Primrose Bryan, the wife of former Rector Cecil Bryan. These are of Tullow Friends' Christmas lunch in December 2004. Apologies for the poor quality.

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](mailto:bowesjane91@gmail.com) or 086 8418138 if you find any.



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### **Tullov Treasures**

Continuing the series about the special things in Tullov Church.

#### **The Organ**

An organ built by a Mr Brown was originally installed in the church in 1894; an organ blower was employed who was paid £2.14s.0d a year. This practice was continued until electricity came to Foxrock in 1930 when an electric blower was installed.

The original organ was sold to St. Andrew's Church in Dunmore East for £110 and a new one, built by Peter Conacher and costing £1,000, was dedicated in 1929. It was a gift from an anonymous donor who stipulated that only a male organist could be employed!

Following the discovery of woodworm extensive repairs were carried out 1961-1963 and the organ was substantially rebuilt by Trevor Crowe in 1998.

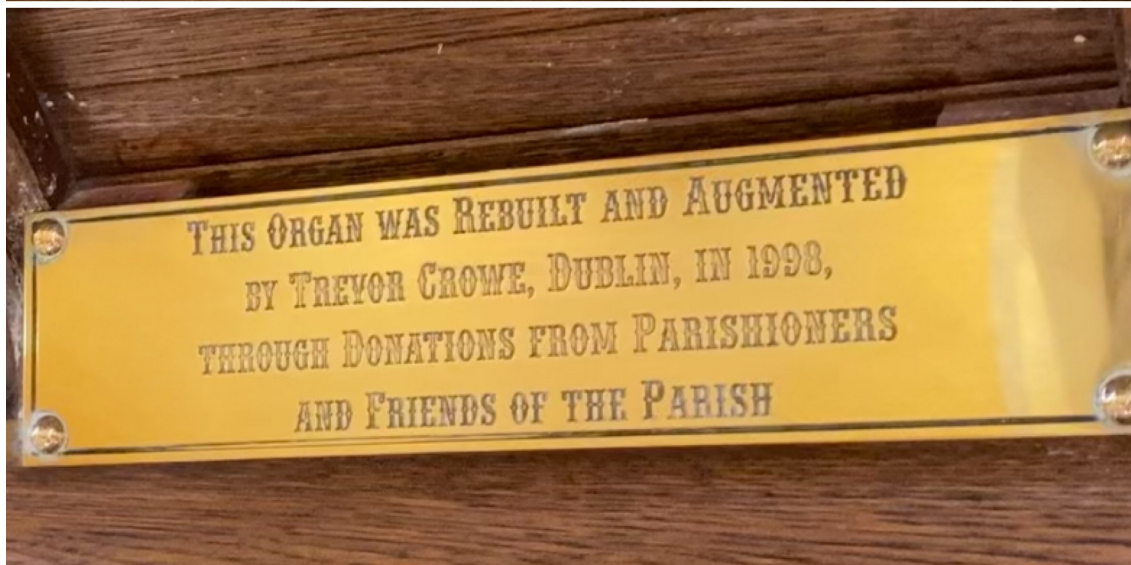


Music is an important part of Services in Tullow and we are very fortunate to have Dr Paul McNulty as our organist and choirmaster. What would Carols by Candlelight or our Easter, Harvest and Christmas Services, not to mention the weekly Sunday Services, be like without the beautiful sound from the organ?

Thanks to Bob Willis and Paul for their care and oversight of this beautiful instrument.







**JUST A  
THOUGHT**

**A Prayer for September**

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

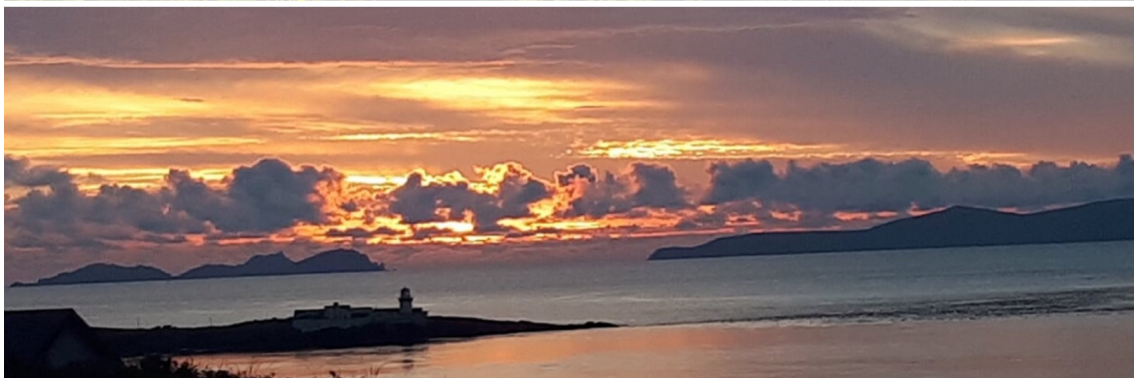
As we welcome the autumn months,  
may the earlier setting of the sun  
remind us to take time to rest.  
May the turning colours of the leaves  
remind us of the wonders of your creation.  
May the steam of our breath in the cooler air  
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.  
May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been  
given and the bounty we are to share with others.  
May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is  
temporary and life is eternal.  
We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

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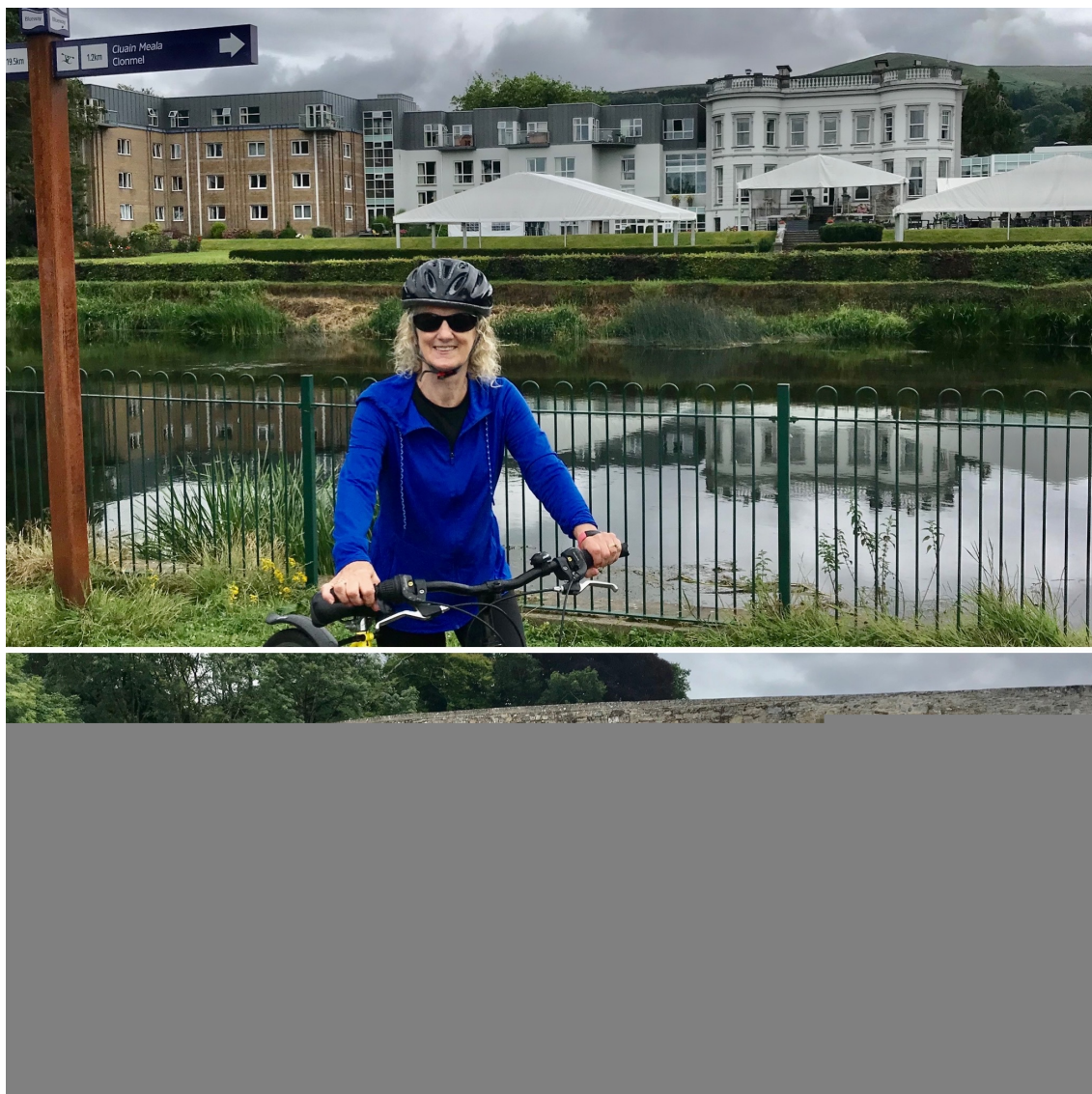
Over the last couple of summers many of us have explored the four corners of Ireland. We may be familiar with the popular holiday spots but here are some hidden gems which parishioners have discovered and share with us.





### **Glanleam Bay, Valentia Island, Kerry**

This is a little gem of a spot, tucked away beside the entrance to Glanleam House and Gardens. No matter what time of day the light is beautiful and different for every visit. It can be approached by boat or by walking down the winding, unsurfaced road to the little beach. Magical!



Our recent discovery was a 21km cycle route along the river Suir's 17th century towpath from Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir. Along the way we passed by beautiful bridges, centuries old castles, towers and churches and enjoyed the relaxing effect of the beautiful countryside. The flat terrain suits all ages and fitness levels. There are also paddle sport options on the river. Check out Suir Blueway Tipperary. <https://greenwaysireland.org/suir-blueway/>





### **Colclough Walled Garden**

This gem of a garden is beside Tintern Abbey on the Hook Peninsula in Wexford. Pronounced Coke-lee, it was built over 200 years ago but lay derelict for many years until a group of volunteers started restoration in 2010. There's a very special atmosphere; try and get talking to one of the volunteers - they're a mine of information about the plants and you'll walk away with a bag of whatever produce is in season. Really lovely walks in the woods around Tintern Abbey. <https://colcloughwalledgarden.com/>





### **White Strand, Louisburgh, Co. Mayo**

If you love walking on a beach then this hidden gem is for you. It's over 6k in length, beside the better known Silver Strand and is about 25k south of Louisburgh. You could walk for hours on this beach and not see another person. You can walk from Silver Strand or drive down to White Strand - just don't drive over the river or you could get stuck!

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### **Evergreens Walking Club**

Greetings all Evergreens and friends!

It has been a long time since we last met for a walk before the nasty Covid 19 and the subsequent restrictions. We are nearly through to the other side and I am hoping to restart the walking programme on Sunday 10th October with a circuit of a newish track around the upper Vartry Reservoir. Full details next month with particular reference to government guidelines, if any.

Donald Gill

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### **Wednesday Coffee Morning**

If you'd like to 'meet' others for coffee and a chat don't forget about the Wednesday Zoom Coffee Morning. You can have tea or coffee in the comfort of your own home but still chat to others.

Contact the Rector by email on [revjohntanner@gmail.com](mailto:revjohntanner@gmail.com) or on 086 3021376 and he will email the date and Zoom link to you. It is hoped to start again towards the end of September. If you haven't used Zoom before don't worry, it's very easy to use.

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Photo: Gortanore in 2013

### **Foxrock and the Jane Austen Connection**

Gortanore, formerly called Fáilte, is the derelict house beside Thomas' shop on Brighton Road in Foxrock village. The Foxrock stream rises in its garden so the ground is often waterlogged. It is said that its boggy garden inspired Samuel Beckett to use Boghill as the slightly derogatory name for Foxrock in his radio play *All that Fall* which was set in Foxrock.

Gortanore's other claim to fame is that Jane Austen's grandniece Cassandra Hill came to live there at the turn of the 20th century. Born near Ramelton in Donegal in 1842, Cassandra remained single, felt and declared herself Irish and spoke the language fluently. Her best friend was Charlotte Grace O'Brien, the daughter of the Young Irelander William Smith O'Brien. Many unmarried women in those days were at the mercy of relatives to home them and Cassandra had to find someone to take her in when her brother sold the house in Donegal. She turned to her friend Charlotte Grace who gave her the use of the house on Brighton Road and, in fact, she was listed on the 1901 census as the head of the household. Cassandra died in August 1901 of 'haematoma' and 'exhaustion' and is buried in Deansgrange Cemetery beside her brother George.

(Taken from article by Sophia Hillen *The Irish Times* 19 December 2018)

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# Get Ready for the Next Phase of Your Life!

## **Teen Corner**

September is a time of 'firsts' - first days at a new school, new classes, college. Unlike last year, at least you'll be able to meet and make new friends and catch up with old ones.

We have to send our best wishes to all those waiting for Leaving Cert results, closely followed by CAO offers. If college isn't for you then good luck with whatever choices you make. It's an exciting time heading into the next phase of life and we wish you all well.

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## **Remembrance Garden**

Don't forget that the right to burial in our peaceful Remembrance Garden 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.

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### **Parish Online Services and Parish Newsletter**

Even though the church is now open for the 10.30am Sunday Service online Services will continue for the foreseeable future. If you know of anyone who is not on the Parish email list and would like to receive email links to the weekly online Services or would like to receive the newsletter please contact

[tulowdublinnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Under GDPR regulations someone has to request to be put on the email list. If someone is on the Parish List and we have their email address then we are permitted to add them to the email list but we do need their email address so don't assume we already have it!

The Services are also available on the Parish website

<https://tulow.dublin.anglican.org/> and also on Facebook at Tullow Parish and YouTube under Tullow Parish Carrickmines.

### **Website, Facebook & Instagram**

The Parish website [www.tulowdublin.org](http://www.tulowdublin.org) and our Facebook page (search for Tullow Parish) are kept up to date by Alan R and, thanks to Samm, they



are widely promoted - the effectiveness of this is illustrated by the very impressive viewing figures for the online Services.

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**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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Rector's Church Warden: Leslie Ruttle  
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Tullow Friends: Cleo Ellis  
Tullow Book Club: Vera Tanner  
Altar Linens: Vera Tanner

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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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Please forward to other members of your family



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