



TULLOW PARISH CARRICKMINES NEWSLETTER

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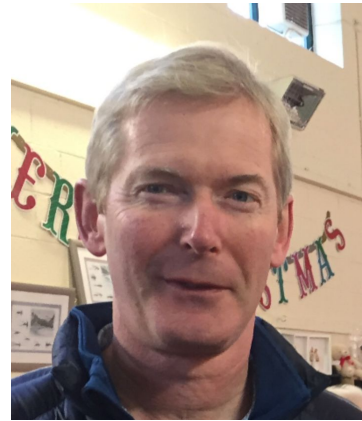
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The Rector

Recently I was recommended a book entitled 'Soul Keeping: Caring for the most important part of you' by John Ortberg (Zondervan 2014). I have to confess that as I write I have not completed reading it. However, I am impressed with the author's interpretation of his subject. He begins the book with a question for himself which asks, 'Why is it that he, a person who holds a PhD in clinical psychology, is still unsure of who he is?' As he reflected on this question he adds another, 'What do people mean by soul?' To this second question he discovered that most people claim to know what 'soul' means, but when pressed fail to be able to define it. One of the most worrying things he discovered is that many, including popular culture, define 'soul' as being the same as 'self'. This encourages us to placate our souls with superficial, disjointed and transitory things, but those are at odds with the depth, unity and eternity that our souls actually need. In the end, the author plumbs for a definition given to him by his philosopher mentor, Dallas Willard which is: 'The soul is the life centre of human beings – it is the deepest part of us, and it is the whole person'.

From this, Ortberg goes on to explore how our souls can be cared for. Our souls are vulnerable and they need a keeper (besides God's role as captain). Our souls are on loan from God, so we must care for them. We must come to realise that, 'I and no one else am responsible for the condition of my soul'. The essence of soul care is to ensure that it is centred on a solid foundation: God. A soul centred on a less solid foundation such as 'self' is prone to whims, selfishness, discontent and ultimately, death.



As we begin the month of June we are entering a time that can be extremely stressful for families – especially the extended families of those undertaking state examinations. For those undertaking their Leaving Certificate, years of study and preparation are concentrated into a couple of weeks of tests that can have a major impact on the candidate's future. Hopes and dreams ride on how many points can be achieved over these short weeks. It can be a time of uncertainty, anxiety, worry, self-doubt, nervousness and helplessness. It is a time which requires the ultimate in soul care. It is a time to ensure that every effort is made to strike a balance between rest and study. It is a time to seek calmness and peace – the calmness and peace which the world cannot give, but only God.

Therefore it is a time to seek God's guidance and direction through prayer. Again to quote John Ortberg, 'If you don't come apart for a while, you will come apart in a while'. To facilitate this, our evening 'Sundown' Service on 28th May concentrated on those who were sitting end of term examinations and those about to sit state examinations.

The month of June can also see a time of change for those finishing their primary education as they anxiously await their transition to their chosen secondary school. For some this is an adventure which they await with excitement, but for others it holds the dread of the unknown.

Again, it is good to commit the entire spectrum of feelings to God as we make that next step along the road of life.

Finally, we will be remembering all those who are preparing for State Examinations and their families during Services over the coming weeks.

We also be remembering those who have

undertaken third level examinations as they await results. We wish them all every blessing and may it be our prayer that all their hard work will be justly rewarded.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Parish Work Party Saturday 18th June 10am - 1pm

As in other years we're having a work morning to do some painting, cleaning and tidying in the church grounds. If you're free on the morning of Saturday 18th June put on your old clothes and come along at 10am - we need pairs of hands and there's usually a good laugh as well as cake!

Gift Day

Gift Day Saturday 18th June Church Open 10am – 1pm

In Tullow Parish the Gift Day is the largest single source of income in the year and has the added advantage of enabling us to claim tax back from the Revenue Commissioners. While the Select Vestry encourages people to give what they can, we are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many parishioners over the last two years as Covid had a such a huge impact on the Parish finances.

The church will be open from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 18th and provides an opportunity to drop in, have a cup of tea or coffee and chat with the Rector. The Parish Work Party 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.

NEWS





Thank you

After weeks of planning, Saturday, 14th May finally arrived and everything was ready for the Parish Spring Fair. On Friday afternoon, the church grounds were a hive of activity with bags and boxes, cakes and dresses moving with great haste. The 'Clothes Boutique' had a head start as they started fitting out their stall early. The Unwanted Gifts stallholders arrived very organised only to realise there was the same amount of items awaiting their attention. Bric à Brac made super use of walls and fences to display their luxury items whilst jewels commandeered the largest bowls and baskets to display their products. Teas, coffees, cakes, deli, books, raffle, games and bottle stall teams worked well into the evening making sure everything was in order for 10 am on Saturday morning.

The day itself was superb with the sun shining brightly on us as we raised over €12,200 for the Parish and Bray Women's Refuge. More importantly, everyone had fun and a good giggle. By 3 pm, the church, hall and grounds were back to normal and we departed to watch the rugby, soccer or Eurovision.

The enormous success of the event is entirely down to the amazing teamwork, leadership and support provided by everybody in the parish and for this we are very grateful. Special thanks to the stall leaders and their teams of sales people, to the grounds people, to the marketing support provided by young (and not so young) ladies of the parish and to the money men.

The past two years have been challenging to get people to come together but when the opportunity arose, you gave very generously of your time and skills and for this, we thank you all most sincerely.

Sandra

Sandra wrote the above to thank everyone who was involved in making the Spring Fair such a success, however we're sure everyone would agree that Sandra's enthusiasm, efficiency and organisational ability was key to that success so a big Thank You Sandra!

Sandra Ruttle, Nigel Swanwick, Jane Bowes





Welcome Thabi

My name is Thabi Madide, a Zulu woman born in Zululand, South Africa.

I am mom to one precious daughter. We live in Greystones and worship in Christ Church Delgany.

As Diocesan Lay Preacher in training, I have just completed a four-week placement period understudying Reverend John Tanner and Diocesan Lay Minister Alan Rhodes in Tullow Church.

To say I had a warm welcome in Tullow Church, is an understatement - I felt loved. I experienced a constant supply of warm smiles, kind words, jokes, encouraging feedback on my progress, and thoughtful gestures of understanding, when I was way off the mark; not to mention the delicious cups of tea and biscuits I was treated to. I also had the privilege of helping Reverend Tanner conduct a Communion Service in St Patrick's Church in Dalkey. Although short lived, my experience in Dalkey, was positive and edifying. The joy brought about by fellowship experiences in Tullow and Dalkey, is similar to that which used to overcome me as a child, whenever we visited relatives - the sense that I have more people to love, who love me back also.

I love reading scripture passages and seeking meaning for my life from them. As a result I have several favourite verses from both the Old and New Testaments. My paternal grandmother got me reading the Bible as soon as I started school. She would trick me into reading scripture passages to her, by pretending that her reading glasses were faulty or that she couldn't find them. My paternal grandfather on the other hand introduced me to the poetical character of church hymns at a very young age too. Therefore, I am not a choir member because of my musical ability, but because of how church music affects me. I am not musical at all. I enjoy foraging for nourishing spiritual food from hymns, and I always get my fill. Again it is hard to declare one hymn a favourite, as I love many of them.

While I started sensing God's calling around 2009, not long after joining Christ Church Delgany, it wasn't until 2017 that I started realizing its genuineness. I really have no major reason why I didn't respond sooner, except that I thought I was mistaken, and that if God had wanted to use me like that, He would have done so when I was younger. Furthermore, I didn't think that imperfect people like me were worthy of God's calling. The most peculiar thing is, however, that during the period of resistance and denial, I noticed that I always struggled to the fourth stanza of The Summons (Will you Come And Follow Me.) It was always as if I was being told to shut up and listen. I would just stare at the hymn book and listen to my fellow congregants singing it to me. God finally used a visiting preacher in our church to propel me forward. I had read in church that day, and afterwards he came to me and said, "have you thought of joining ministry?" I can't remember what response I gave, but I'm sure it was unstructured waffle. His parting words were "I'd advise you to give it your serious consideration." Following that conversation I realized that

there was no turning back, but boy! Could the the timing have been any worse? I started the application process nevertheless, and while awaiting the verdict, a fellow parishioner asked me if I would consider joining ministry. He had no clue that I made an application already. Anyway, my application was accepted and I began my training. Soon after, I recalled how I had been advised to consider ministry by a fellow student from Kenya as far back as 1996! I am now looking forward to being commissioned into Lay Ministry on 19th June 2022, albeit nervously. Mine has been well and truly a humbling journey.

The words of stanza 4 are:

Will You Love The 'You' You Hide

If I But Call Your Name?

Will You Quell The Fear Inside

And Never Be The Same?

Will You Use The Faith You've Found

To Reshape The World Around,

Through My Sight And Touch And Sound

In You And You In Me?

Thabi, Everyone in Tullow wishes you well in your future ministry - we were delighted to meet you and have you among us even for a short while.

Easter General Vestry

Gremlins got into the May newsletter and the names of three members of the Select Vestry were wiped! Apologies to Hilary Cran, Alan Rhodes and Patricia Stewart. Here's the full list of those serving on the Select Vestry:

Don Beck (Treasurer), Jane Bowes (Secretary), Margaret Breadon, Ashlyn Casey, Hilary Cran, Ken Gregory, Alan Rhodes, Sandra Ruttle, Patricia Stewart, Nigel Swanwick and Bob Willis.

Rector's Churchwarden: Leslie Ruttle

People's Churchwarden: Torren Gale

Rector's Glebewarden: Ernie Porter

People's Glebewarden: Chris Wojnar

The Select Vestry is chaired by the Rector.

PARISH ORGANISATION

Many of the Parish organisations are now on summer break, however some are still meeting:

Badminton - Parish Hall Thursdays 8.00pm (note earlier starting time)

The end of season tournament and fun aftermath is on 9th June. After that we're taking a break to get fit and ready for September.

New members always welcome - just come along, racquet not necessary.

Don't forget: 8.00 o'clock start

Paddy Bowes 086 2585194

Evergreens Walking Club

The Evergreens will be back in October. In the meantime, happy walking over the summer.

Donald Gill 087 1270592



Airfield Estate

Overend Way, Dundrum, Dublin 14

Airfield Estate is Dublin's only 38 acre working farm, visitor attraction, gardens, heritage and food experience.



EXAM STUDENTS CAN VISIT FREE

This exam season, Airfield Estate are inviting all Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate students to visit the gardens and farm for free!

All students with a valid exam number can visit from 25th May - 28th June during opening hours.

The gardens and farm are a great space to take a mental break, get some fresh air and keep some balance at what can be a challenging time.

Airfield Estate is open Wednesday - Sunday from 9:30 am - 5 pm, and bank holiday dates 6th & 7th June.

To take up this offer, just drop by our ticket desk on arrival and share your exam number.



Teen Scene

What unites the whole country this time of the year? Yes – it's the state exams! If you're doing the Junior or Leaving Cert you have the good wishes and support of the whole country and especially this parish. We've all been there so you are in our prayers. Enjoy the long summer holidays whether you're heading off on family holidays, an interrailing adventure or with a work visa. See you in September!

Tullow Book Club

Small Things Like These - Claire Keegan's little book (less than 80 pages) created quite a discussion. Beautifully written, it evoked quite a few memories for the group. Highly recommended by all.

Not everyone in the group had read *This is Going to Hurt* by Adam Kay, but those who did enjoyed its humorous anecdotes, despite the gory details in some of the cases.

Next month's choice is *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles

Vera Tanner

Tullow Bowls Club

The bowls club members are taking a break but will be back towards the end of September/early October.

Contact Joan or Jonathan if you'd like to join us. New members always

welcome.

Joan Darling 01 2855021 087 6182846

Jonathan Morton 01 2894121 085 7793250



Tullow Crafty Crew - Thursday Once a Month 2.30pm Parish Hall

The Crafty Crew met on 26th May 2022 in the Parish Hall. This was the last session for the season. We will meet again in September. For information on the Crafty Crew and if you would like to join please email margaretbreadon2@gmail.com or call Margaret at 087 2941078

Tullow Fitness League for the Active Retired Mondays 2.15 - 3pm Parish Hall

Standing and chair-based workouts on Monday afternoons led by Fitness League instructor Yvonne McMahon. A fun way to exercise and strengthen from head to toe while moving to music.

Contact Yvonne on 086 3900223

Classes are on Mondays 2.15 - 3pm. €6 pay as you go.

Jennifer Sowman

Wednesday Coffee and Service 10.30am

Do you like tea/coffee and a chat? Come along any Wednesday morning to a short Service in the church at 10.30am morning; coffee and chat afterwards. All welcome.

Yoga Classes in the Parish Hall

Catherine is an experienced yoga teacher and runs yoga classes in the Parish Hall on Monday nights at 8.15pm. This is a class for adults and includes mat and floor work.

Please contact Catherine if you'd like to join 087 7864853

Extract from Minutes of Select Vestry Meeting 9th May

- provision of wheelchair spaces within the church being investigated
 - the parish bank loan has been repaid but heating and lighting costs have risen by 27%
 - work on the church roof will start in July
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**JUST A
THOUGHT**

A Prayer for the End of the School Year

Almighty God, we pray for all those primary and secondary school students who are looking forward to a long summer break. We ask that they may use their time usefully and wisely so that they return to their education refreshed in body, mind and spirit.

For those students facing examinations we pray for the Spirit of Wisdom to be with them – to enlighten them to choose the correct questions; to focus their minds so that they will be able to answer each question clearly and concisely. Spirit of God, grant them peace of mind and calmness of soul; Holy Spirit of Peace and Wisdom, be with them and their families during examinations and always.

Amen.



Many of you may remember the Celtic rock group *Horslips* but did you know that their album *Happy to Meet, Sorry to Part*, released in 1972, featured Tully

Cross on the cover? It was the fastest-selling album in Ireland for eight years.

Tully Church, Lehaunstown Road

The original Tully church structure dates back to the 6th–9th centuries AD. One ancient name is *Telach-na-nun ecspop* (Tulow of the bishops) and it must have been an important venue if bishops met there.

In 1179 the Church was granted to the Priory of the Holy Spirit and was in use up to about 1615. It was abandoned after 1630 following severe storm damage.

The cross by the roadside is set upon a plinth and is dedicated to James Crehan (Grehan) who apparently saved the Cross from being discarded when the level of the road was being adjusted in the late 1800s. The plinth replicates the soil removed leaving the Cross standing at its original height.

There is a second cross in the field opposite Tully Church. This cross dates from the 12th century and is reputed to be dedicated to St Brigid. It's now a centrepiece in the new Tully Park which is being constructed as part of the developments in the area.

(thanks to Wikipedia for much of this information and to Dr Feargal Whelan for the Horslips album cover)

Photographic Archive and Local History

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

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

Foxrock Local History Club

FLHC have a couple of interesting outings in June:

Saturday 11th June 11am

A walk around Booterstown and the 'Lost Village' of Williamstown. Meet at the car park at Booterstown Church on Booterstown Avenue.

Wednesday 15th June

All-day outing by train to Athlone.

More information on www.foxrocklocalhistory.ie



Keep Foxrock Clean

Tidy Towns and Tidy Districts

Once again Foxrock has been entered by FACE (Foxrock Area Community and Enterprise) in the SuperValu Tidy Towns competition and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Tidy Districts competition. Judging will take place towards the end of June and into July so please pick up litter and sweep outside your house.

Help keep Foxrock tidy!

Summer Camps for Children

Take2, South Dublin's longest running Performing Arts School (Est. 1988), will be running two weeks of Summer Camps this July in Tullow Parish Hall.

Camp 1: Monday 4th - Friday 8th of July

Camp 2: Monday 11th - Friday 15th July.

10am - 1pm

Activities include singing, dancing, acting, puppetry, costumes, show production, arts & crafts, fun & games.

Fee: €199 with 10% discount for additional siblings. A deposit will be required to guarantee the place.

Contact Sophie on 087 0573279 or Sophie@take2.ie to book in.

Visit www.take2.ie for more information & booking for September 2022.

Remember the Parish

Over the years legacies from parishioners have made a huge difference and the Parish is most appreciative. May I, once again, ask parishioners to please consider Tullow Parish in their wills?

Don Beck
Hon Treasurer

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.

Parish Online Services and Parish Newsletter

The church is open for the 8.30am and 10.30am Sunday Services. The 10.30am Service is live-streamed every Sunday so you can watch it wherever you are - just log into the Parish website www.tullowdublin.org. It's also available to view on the website afterwards and on Facebook at Tullow Parish whenever you wish.

If you know of anyone who is not on the Parish email list and would like to receive the newsletter and other communications from the Parish please contact

tullowdublinnewsletter@gmail.com or Jane Bowes 086 8418138.

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!

Website, Facebook & Instagram

The Parish website www.tullowdublin.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.

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: Leslie Ruttle

People's Church Warden: Torren Gale

Rector's Glebe Warden: Ernie Porter

People's Glebe Warden: Chris Wojnar

Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Stewart

Organist: Dr Paul McNulty

Parish Treasurer: Don Beck

Select Vestry Secretary: Jane Bowes

Readers & Coffee Rota: Barbara Cooper

Connect Group & Clevis Drivers Rota: Jennifer Sowman

Wednesday Coffee: June Hayes

Parish Newsletter: Jane Bowes

Parish Hall Bookings: Jennifer Sowman

Parish Hall Committee: Rev John Tanner, Barbara Cooper, Ernie Porter, Chris Wojnar

Flower Rota: Sandra Ruttle

Bell Ringer: David Cooper

Church of Ireland Review: Jill Malcolm

Badminton: Paddy Bowes

Bowls Club: Jonathan Morton

Tullov Friends: Cleo Ellis

Tullov Book Club: Vera Tanner

Altar Linens: Vera Tanner

Welcome to the Tullov Parish newsletter. This is a very active parish so there's lots to report each month. We appreciate feedback - both critical and otherwise.

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