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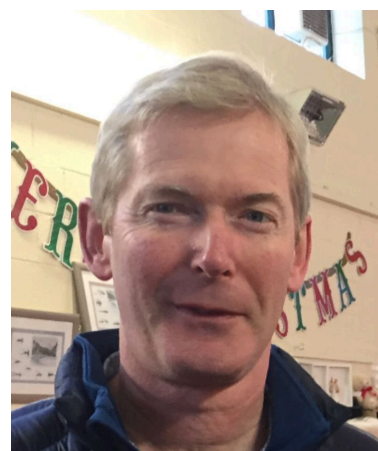
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The Rector Writes

'They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.' Isaiah 2:4

'At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month' the guns of World War I fell silent with the signing of the Armistice. That agreement to cease hostilities was supposed to bring to an end the war to end all wars but alas more recent history has sadly proven otherwise. Even in today's world, war and civil strife brings untold hardship and misery. According to a Global Peace Index report dated June of this year, we now have the most conflicts in the world since World War II. G.P.I. monitor 56 conflicts which involve 92 countries outside their own borders. There has never been a better time for humanity to pledge themselves to the causes of freedom, justice and peace. Jesus said, *'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.'* Matthew 5:9. Therefore, in all



that we do, say and are, let us strive to be children of God.

As I write, the American Presidential election is still awaited with a polling date of Tuesday 5th November. It is likely that no clear result will be available until well after that date with opinion polls showing a tied contest between the Republican and Democratic candidates. During the long build up to this election there has been a great deal of divisive rhetoric which could ultimately lead to outbreaks of violence between extremely polarised political viewpoints. Let it be our prayer that this does not happen – adding to the list of conflicts already mentioned above.

We are also awaiting a date for a General Election closer to home, but are still awaiting a definite date beyond 'sometime in 2024' which is rapidly coming to a close.

Thankfully, any campaign will be short and hopefully not as divisive as in the U.S.A. Again, let us keep all candidates in our prayers and seek to elect representatives who wish to serve rather than to be served!

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

13th October – Oscar Jeremiah Poff, son of Dan and Jen Poff. May Oscar Jeremiah grow in the faith in which he has been baptised.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Remembrance Sunday Service Sunday 10th November 10.30am

The Remembrance Sunday Service remembers all the fallen in all wars. Tullow has a particular reason to remember as 17 members/associates of the parish were killed in both world wars, among whom were the three Wilson brothers from Carrickmines House and their cousin Nurse Sophia Barrett who perished in the RMS Leinster. This is always a very moving and memorable Service.

This year's Service will include a reading of a very special letter written to his parents in 1941 by a 25 year old RAF wireless operator from Cowper Road. It will be read by his nephew.

Charity Christmas Card Sale

Parish Hall Sunday 3rd November after 10.30am Service

The charity Christmas card sale has been a tradition in Tullow for many years. Cards in aid of RNLI and the Irish Cancer Society will be sold on Sunday 3rd after the 10.30am Service.

An easy way to get your Christmas cards while supporting good causes - it's never too early to get organised!

Have You Lost a Loved One?

Join us for an
Ecumenical Service of Remembrance

**Sunday 24th November
5pm**

Service of Remembrance Sunday 24th November 5pm

Have you lost someone whose memory you would like to commemorate? A family member or a friend?

This ecumenical Service is for all in the community who have lost loved ones in recent years. Names of the deceased will be recorded before the start of the Service and candles will be lit in their memory.

This is a moving Service which can be very healing for many people.

Please help us spread the word to family, friends, neighbours and families of former parishioners. All are welcome no matter which church they would normally attend or denomination with which they would identify.



Christmas is Coming with Sounds Ensemble Tullow Church Saturday 30th November 8.00pm

Come and join us for an unforgettable evening of festive cheer at **Christmas is Coming with Sounds Ensemble!** Get ready to be immersed in the magical sounds of the Christmas season.

This talented ensemble, who played in Tullow last year, will be performing a delightful selection of traditional Christmas carols and enchanting melodies. You can expect to be serenaded by beautiful harmonies and heartwarming tunes that will surely put you in the Christmas spirit.

Whether you're attending with family, friends, or loved ones, this event promises to be a joyful celebration that will leave you with cherished memories. So don't miss out on this opportunity to experience the magic of Christmas with the Sounds Ensemble!

Christmas is Coming with Sounds Ensemble is a fundraiser in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation and all money raised (ex booking fee) is in aid of their life-saving work. Tickets €20 (plus booking fee) available on Eventbrite now. Click here to book <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1057557245189?aff=oddtcreator>

If you would prefer not to book on Eventbrite please contact Mandy Swanwick [086 1532502](tel:0861532502) or Jane Bowes [086 8418138](tel:0868418138)



Evergreens Walking Club

Next walk: Sunday 17th November 2024

Where: Glencree Valley / Wicklow Way

We look forward to meeting old and new walkers for this spectacular trek overlooking the Powerscourt waterfall.

All parishioners and friends are welcome! We meet in the Parish Hall after coffee and leave at 12.00 midday, sharing cars.

- * wear suitable outdoor clothes and boots, or sturdy shoes, and hat and gloves.
- * bring a light lunch and hot flask or drink.
- * dogs welcome on a lead.
- * after the walk we retire to a local hostelry for refreshments.

Donald Gill [087 1270592](tel:0871270592)

Tullow Friends Christmas Lunch Friday 6th December

Tullow Friends Christmas Lunch was a lovely occasion last year, this year it will be in the same venue - Foxrock Golf Club on Friday 6th December. Put this date in your diaries, full information will be emailed shortly to parishioners.



Foxrock Station and the Harcourt Street Line

Foxrock Golf Club Monday 11th November 7.30pm

Well-known local historian Cathy Scuffil will give a talk about the stories attached to Foxrock Station and the Harcourt Street Line. The talk will be in Foxrock Golf Club, Torquay Road on Monday 11th November at 7.30pm - this will be a repeat of the talk Cathy gave during National Heritage Week in August. That talk booked out very quickly so FACE has invited Cathy to give it again to accommodate the many people who missed it the first time.

Booking is essential as space is limited. Please **email** **facefoxrock@gmail.com**. **There will be a €5 charge at the door.** This is a FACE project in association with Foxrock Local History Club and complements the permanent photographic exhibition in Foxrock Village car park.

Events in November and December

Sunday 3rd November - Christmas Card Sale

Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 24th November - Community Service of Remembrance for Deceased Loved Ones

Saturday 30th November - Christmas at Tullow Brass Band Concert

Sunday 8th December - Family Carol Service

Sunday 15th December - Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve - Carols Around the Crib

NEWS







Harvest Thanksgiving with the Stedfast Band followed by Brunch

Harvest Thanksgiving this year was extra special thanks to the Stedfast Band who played favourite hymns which encouraged the large congregation to sing their hearts out. It was a lovely happy occasion and Dee Huddleston's sermon about hope added to the uplifting atmosphere.

As is the case every year in Tullow, the church was beautifully decorated with orange the predominant colour which complemented the wood in the church. Unfortunately gremlins got at the photos so we can't show the lovely decorations.

The brunch which followed in the Parish Hall was hugely popular and there

were so many appreciative comments as people tucked into rashers, sausages etc. The team of helpers organised by Vera and Jennifer worked hard to make sure everyone had enough to eat. There were even rumours of doggy bags!

A highly successful and memorable day like this didn't just happen - Mandy organised and liaised with the Stedfast Band, a wonderful artistic team decorated the church and Vera, Max, Valeria, Jennifer, Eileen, Margaret and Brenda organised the brunch.

Thank you all so much





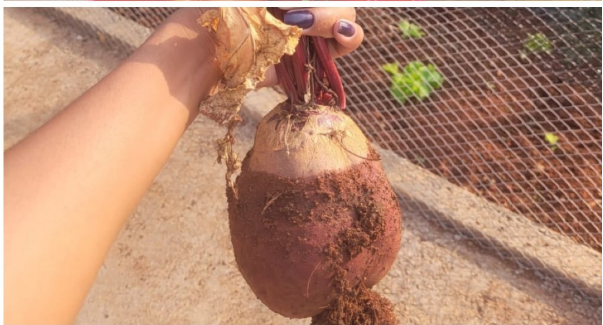
Foxrock Won 2024 Tidy Districts Award

Foxrock Tidy Towns recently won the 2024 DLR Tidy Districts Award (population 0-3,000) for the second year running. This wonderful news is a huge tribute to the many people who go out in all weathers to clear weeds, brambles, litter and to plant trees and flowers - all to ensure that the Foxrock area is clean, tidy and attractive.

The results of the national SuperValu Tidy Towns competition have just been announced. Foxrock was awarded 362 marks, up a massive 14 points on last year and only 24 behind the overall winner, Ballincollig. This is by far the best result since Foxrock Tidy Towns started entering in 2010. Congratulations to everyone who helps to make Foxrock a clean, attractive place in which to live,

do business and visit.

Foxrock Tidy Towns is part of FACE and is financed by subscriptions from residents and businesses. Some individual projects are grant-aided by DLRCoCo.



Growing Vegetables in Brazil

Some parishioners may remember Paula, the student from Brazil, who used to stay with me. She came to Tullow on a few occasions. Having seen me grow some vegetables at home she went back to Brazil and started a veggie garden in her parents home - quite an achievement.

Tell Us Your Good News!

There must be many good news stories in the parish so please tell us - we'd love to share them - any good news is welcome. Tel Jane Bowes [086 8418138](tel:0868418138) or bowesjane91@gmail.com



Do You Have Any Useful Contacts?

Have you found yourself needing help with something or need a particular service? Do you have something you're finished with but which might be useful to someone? Have you found a useful service which others might need?

By special request and suggestions from parishioners we are compiling a list of

things and services which others may find useful. For the moment the intention is to list things and services in the newsletter each month.

Useful information we have:

- A builder who will speedily install extra stair banisters and similar
- Walker and crutches available to borrow or keep
- Gutter and chimney cleaning
- A handyman who will do small jobs

If you can add to this or are interested in anything listed please contact Jane Bowes on [086 8418138](tel:0868418138) or bowesjane91@gmail.com

PARISH ORGANISATION

After Church Coffee

We need volunteers for the after church tea and coffee on Sunday mornings. **Please help by volunteering** to join a panel of coffee/tea makers - it's very easy!

Rota for November

Sunday 3rd - Ger Poff and Barbara Cooper

Sunday 10th - Moulton Family

Sunday 17th - Eileen and Richard Adams

Sunday 24th - Joan and Don Beck

Thanks so much to those who volunteered for November - please think about volunteering for December.

Please contact Barbara Cooper on [086 8446274](tel:0868446274) or email barcoop@gmail.com and let her know when you'd like to help

Badminton Club Thursdays at 8pm in Parish Hall

As well as 'social' badminton every Thursday evening, we're busy planning the Christmas tournament which will be followed by a suitable celebration as well as another celebration in January. New members always welcome.

[086 8418138](tel:0868418138) if you'd like to know more.

Outreach - Bray Women's Refuge

Tea, coffee, biscuits and personal hygiene items always needed - please leave in basket in the Outreach area at the back of the church.

Thank you

Hilary Cran

Outreach - Down Syndrome India

To help us continue to fund life-saving surgery for little children please take a collection box from the Outreach area at the back of the church and pop your spare coins and notes into it.

Joyce Buckley [087 2988769](tel:0872988769)

Tullow Book Club

Water by John Boyne.

A small book that led to a big discussion. The story took us behind the scenes of a convicted sex offender and focused on the offender's family. Was his wife, Vanessa, by not asking deeper questions when presented with suspicious circumstances, complicit in his crimes?

It shone a spotlight on how devious and manipulating sex offenders can be.

But through the development of the plot, you sense Vanessa gains strength to face the truth and to deal with whatever life bring her.

Next month's book choice is *Earth* by John Boyne (2nd book in this series)

Tullow Bowls Club Parish Hall Tuesdays 7.30pm

The Bowls club is back in full swing. If there is anybody who is interested in joining or having a go, please turn up at Tullow Parish Hall any Tuesday 7.30pm. You would be most welcome. Tea and a bit of craic (chat) from about 9pm

Please wear flat soled shoes

If you wish contact

Jonathan Morton [01 2894121 085 7793250](tel:0128941210857793250)

Hazel Alexander [087 9719836](tel:0879719836)



Tullow Crafty Crew Thursday 21st November Parish Hall 2.30 - 4pm

Tullow Crafty Crew met on Thursday, 24th October. The Parish Hall was a hive of activity with 15 attendees making crystal art Christmas cards along with creative knitting projects (see photos).

The next session will be on Thursday, 21st November 2024 at 2.30 - 4 pm when there will be more crystal art Christmas cards, stickers and card making. Come and join us for tea/coffee and a chat and see what it's all about.

Margaret Breadon [087 2941078](tel:0872941078)

Tullow Select Vestry - extract from minutes of meeting on 21st October

- trying to source contractor to create path for wheelchairs, buggies etc over gravel
 - Sunday Club leaders have received Garda clearance. Safeguarding Trust training will commence shortly
 - a vote of thanks was passed to all concerned with the Harvest Thanksgiving Service with the Stedfast Band including those who decorated the church and provided the brunch
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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; coffee and chat afterwards in the Coffee Room in the Parish Hall.

All welcome

Support Tullow Parish Hall Tenants

The Parish Hall has a wide range of groups and organisations using it. Please support them.

Little Star Preschool

Now open.

www.littlestarpreschoolfoxrock.ie

Irish Dancing Classes for Children

With the renowned Chaney Farrell Academy. New pupils are welcome. Online registration at www.irishdancingclasses.ie

Yoga Classes

Catherine has classes on Mondays. Contact her if you'd like to join.

Feel stretched, not stressed. Suitable for all levels. Mondays 8.15pm - 9.15pm.

Contact: Catherine [087 7864853](tel:0877864853) catherinesyogamat@gmail.com

Take 2 - now enrolling

Take 2 Performing Arts School is proud to be south Dublin's longest running stage school, established in 1988.

Drama Classes Mon - Thurs afternoons for 5 - 18 year olds. Exam and Feis preparation.

Musical Theatre Classes - *Sing, Dance, Act!* Saturdays 3 - 12 year olds.

All children take part in end of year performance in the Pavilion Theatre.

Contact: pamela@take2.ie or www.take2.ie.

The Fitness League - Celebrating 90 years of Inspirational Teaching!

Fitness League Classes for the Active Retired. In the Parish Hall on Mondays 2.15pm - 3.00pm. Join anytime, €7 per class.

Exercise and music - a terrific combination! This is a standing and chair-based class. Improve your cardiovascular fitness and function as well as your posture, strength, balance and coordination.

Contact **Yvonne McMahon** - [086 3900 223](tel:0863900223)

www.thefitnessleague.ie

Tullow Brownies and Girl Guides

Brownies (girls 7-10 years) meet Saturday mornings 9:30-10:45am and Guides (girls 10-14 years) meet Monday evenings 6:30-8pm. We are also looking for volunteer adult leaders to join our wonderful organisation.

For more information please contact Alice on [086 3541195](tel:0863541195)

Tullow 57th Scout Group

The Tullow Scout (and cubs) group meets in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays 7-8.15pm. They are in urgent need of another female leader without whom they cannot operate. Please contact Jennifer Kelly on [087 6813989](tel:0876813989) if you can help.

JUST A THOUGHT

A Celtic Prayer for All Saints Tide

Great God of bounty and our provider, protector from evil and hope of new light and life, we thank you for all those who before us have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and walked in His ways. We praise you that with them we are part of the fellowship of all saints, past and present. Teach us to follow their examples of faithfulness and service, and to trust You through all the dark, cold days to bring us through to light and new life. In the name of the One who transforms all life, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

Foxrock Arts Group

Following a very successful Bloomsday event in The Gables in June, a Foxrock Arts Group has been set up.

The first event is the talk on The Beatles (see below) and the organisers are currently arranging a second event for January. The aim is to cover a broad spectrum of arts-related topics and to have gallery and other relevant visits.

If you would like to know more please email Eamon Boylan
eamongboylan@gmail.com



**The Beatles - a talk. Foxrock Pastoral Centre, Foxrock Church
Monday 25th November 7.30pm**

The Beatles changed the face of music in 1960s. This talk will cover the young Beatles growing up, the early days of the band, their development as musicians, the significance of their music and their final breakup. Needless to say their music will be an important part of the talk.

The speaker, William Hennigan, has had a lifelong passion for the music of the Beatles. He's a retired chartered accountant and also has a particular interest

in classical music and choral singing. Willian is an engaging, experienced speaker and this, the first event organised by the Foxrock Arts Group, will be a very enjoyable evening.

No need to book but €5 is payable at the door.



Dún Laoghaire (Kingstown) Harbour. No date but maybe around the turn of the 20th century



FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

The History Club's Next Public Lecture is on: -

TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2024

IN THE FOXROCK PASTORAL CENTRE @ 8.00 P.M.

1) THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

- Introduction, by the Chairman.
- Minutes of 2023 AGM for approval by the Members.
- Audited financial report and Appointment of the Auditor for the following year. for approval by the Members
- Membership report.
- Honorary Secretaries report.
- Members issues or concerns.
- Election of the committee from the nominated names received.

2) FULL TALK: - RATHDOWN WORKHOUSE: HOW FARED THE CHILDREN DURING THE GREAT FAMINE

By Chris Lennon



Chris has researched the National schools in a number of Poor Law Unions, one of which was Rathdown Poor Law Union, with a particular focus on the workhouse school. One of the aims of Chris's research is to investigate as far as possible the lives and experiences of children both inside and outside the workhouse. The lives of children and their teachers are examined from 1840 – 1850. These ten years include most of the years of the Great Irish Famine.

Rathdown was one of the few Poor Law Unions to avoid a significant decline in population between 1841 and 1851. Unlike many other Poor Law Unions, Rathdown seemed to have a relatively conscientious group of Guardians who paid attention to the children under their care. In this talk, Chris will outline some of the conditions which the children endured under their guidance and that of the teachers who were employed by them. Of particular interest, is the medical officer of Rathdown Poor law Union, Dr. Thomas Darby, who was a regular advocate for the children in the workhouse, and lived in Bray. He was appointed in 1839 as medical officer to the Union and remained in that post until a few years before his death in 1886.

Entrance is €5.00 for non-members – Members Free

Membership is €20 for the year (Sept - July) and entitles members to our lectures for free and two short outings

Our website: www.foxrocklocalhistory.ie

E.Mail: info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie

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](tel:0868418138) if you find any.

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.

If you have a loved one in the Garden of Remembrance please take away flower pots and planters when they've gone past their best. At the moment, Ross, the gardener, removes them and puts them on the gravel strip near the back wall but they are very unsightly there. Thank you.

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](tel:0868418138).

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.

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Lay Ministers: Alan Rhodes and Mandy Swanwick

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People's Church Warden: Torren Gale

Rector's Glebe Warden: Ernie Porter

People's Glebe Warden: Chris Wojnar

Pastoral Assistant: Patricia Stewart

Organist: Nathan Whitley

Parish Treasurer: Don Beck

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Envelope Scheme: Torren Gale

Sustentation Fund: Owen Driver

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Wednesday Coffee: June Hayes

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Badminton: Jane Bowes

Bowls Club: Jonathan Morton

Tullow Friends: Cleo Ellis

Tullow Book Club: Vera Tanner

Altar Linens: Vera Tanner

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Welcome to the Tullow 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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