

### **ECO TIPS—APPRECIATING AND SAFEGUARDING NATURE**

Take a quiet moment to think beauty .... what do you see? A crowded train platform, a frenetic airport, a thronged street? Or a gentle stream, its water tumbling peacefully over rocks and shallows? Or the gentle rustling of leaves in the trees overhead, dappled sunlight throwing beautiful shades and shadows to the forest floor beneath? Or the lap lap lapping of the waves along the shore? Or the uplifting colours of springtime, from the delicate white snowdrop to the gold and purple crocus to the wonderful array of yellows as the daffodils flower in such glorious profusion? Only by appreciating nature (and its positive health benefits, more on this topic in another month) will we strive to save it. Think how you could contribute to safeguarding nature's bounteous riches.

### **FÉILE LONDUBH POETRY EVENING**

Féile Londubh will take place in Nun's Cross Church on Friday 29th April 2017 at 8pm. This is an annual poetry event held in memory of Seamus Heaney. A number of illustrious writers are taking part - Marie Heaney, Jane Clarke & Ciaran Carson ( Professor of English at Queens and Director of the Seamus Heaney Centre). Music by Alchemy and local children trained by Elaine Agnew.

### **A PRAYER FOR USE DURING HOLY WEEK**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
your love is poured out in death for our sakes.  
Hold us in your embrace  
as we wait for Easter's dawn.  
Comfort us with the promise that no power on earth,  
not even death itself,  
can separate us from your love;  
and strengthen us to wait  
until you are revealed to us  
in all your risen glory. Amen.

### **FACEBOOK**

You may find the latest parish news and some great photographs on the Nun's Cross Facebook page at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/KilliskeyParish>

### **CLERGY CONTACT DETAILS**

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## **Killiskey Parish**

**April 2017**



## **Announcements**

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**"God proves His love for us in that while we were yet sinners,  
Christ died for us" (Romans 5: 8)**

### **CHURCH SERVICES**

<b>Sun 2nd</b>	<b>11.00am Holy Communion</b> <b>Bible Readings: Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalm 130;</b> <b>Romans 8: 6-11; John 11: 1-45</b>
<b>Sun 9th</b>	<b>08.00am Holy Communion</b> <b>11.00am Palm Sunday Service</b> <b>Bible Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 118: 1-2,19-29;</b> <b>Philippians 2: 5-11 ; Matthew 21: 1-11</b> <i>commencing with a Donkey Procession from Nun's Cross National School</i> <b>Preacher: Bishop Patrick Rooke.</b>
<b>Mon 10th</b>	<b>07.30pm Holy Week Service</b>
<b>Tue 11th</b>	<b>07.30pm Holy Week Service</b>
<b>Wed 12th</b>	<b>10.00am Holy Communion (Wicklow)</b> <b>07.30pm Holy Week Service</b>
<b>Thu 13th</b>	<b>07.30pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion</b>
<b>Fri 14th</b>	<b>02.15pm Good Friday Mediation on the Cross</b> <b>07.00pm Way of the Cross Walk (Wicklow)</b>

**Sat 15th 09.00pm Easter Vigil with the Unity Gospel Choir**

**Sun 16th 08.00am Easter Sunday Holy Communion  
11.00am Easter Sunday Family Communion**

**Bible Readings: Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24;  
Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-18**

**Sun 23rd 08.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am Family Service**

**Bible Readings: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; Psalm 16;  
1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31**

**Sun 30th 11.00am Joint Parishes Service in Nun's Cross  
*led by the confirmation candidates***

**Bible Readings: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17;  
1 Peter 1: 17-23; Luke 24: 13-35**

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

Parishioners are asked to make a special effort to support the Holy Week services at which our special speaker will be the Bishop of Tuam, Rt Revd Patrick Rooke. Holy Week is a special time in the church calendar as we contemplate Christ's journey to the cross.

Bishop Rooke's theme is *'In the midst of the storm'*

Palm Sunday	Leaving the Crowd behind	Matt 21:1-11
Monday	Alone	Matt 26:31-56
Tuesday	Don't you care?	Mark 14:1-11
Wednesday	Where is your faith?	Luke 22:39-62
Maundy Thursday	Out of their depth	John 13:1-15

### **LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES**

The series of joint bible studies with Ashford parish have proven a blessing with great participation and lively discussion. Numbers attending have been encouraging with twenty-one at the latest study. It would be great to see more Killiskey parishioners attending. There are two evenings left. The next venue on Monday 27th March will be Anthony and Mary Mooney's house (Amanda's in-laws' house) in Bolinass.

### **NOTICE OF EASTER VESTRY**

The Easter Vestry (Annual General Meeting of the Parish) takes place on Wednesday, 19th April, at 8pm in the Bel-Air. This is your chance to hear more about the parish's activities and finances, to have your say on the future direction of the parish and to vote for an incoming select vestry.

### **ST PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT**

Congratulations to all who built and participated in the float in the St Patrick's Day parade in Wicklow Town. They did such a great job that the entry was awarded the second place overall prize.

### **ASHFORD COUNTRY FAIR**

The 4th annual Ashford Country Fair will take place in the grounds of the Bel-Air Hotel on Bank Holiday Monday, 1st May from 11am to 4pm. This year's fair will feature a number of animal and farm attractions including a dog show, farm skills, tractors, sheep dog demo, falconry and duck herding. Children will love the fairground. Food includes BBQ, teas, coffees and cakes. Stalls include crafts, plants, books, clothes, specialist artisan stalls and much much more! Please do come along and support a very enjoyable and popular event! If you can assist in helping on one of the stalls or can provide goods for sale, please contact Amanda Mooney, Bernadette Glover or Lesley Rue.

### **FLOWER FESTIVAL**

A Bi-Centenary Flower Festival will take place on Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd September 2017. Sponsorship of flower arrangements in memory of family members and loved ones is invited. Advertisements are also sought for the Flower Festival catalogue. Further details are available from Lesley Rue, Freda Yagüe and Hilary MacDonald.

### **COFFEE MORNING**

Thanks to all who organised and supported the Coffee Morning in aid of the Irish Cancer Society's 'Daffodil Day', in The Hub on Friday 24th March an amount of €445 was raised.

### **REGULAR WEEKDAY DIARY**

The Unity Gospel Choir meets for rehearsals in Nun's Cross church on Mondays at 8.00pm. New members welcome! The Hub is open Tuesday to Friday mornings from 10am to 1.30pm and on Saturdays from 11am to 3pm (subject to availability of volunteers). Lesley Rue would be interested in hearing from any new potential volunteers. On Thursday mornings from 10.30am LET'S CRAFT! meets in The Hub. Friday Club, which caters for young children aged 2 to 6 years old, is held from 2.00pm to 2.45pm during term time.

### **ROTAS**

We need more help with serving teas and coffees, cleaning the church and arranging flowers for the church. We are very grateful to those who help the church in this way but would like to spread these tasks more widely. Rotas are posted on the church notice board in the porch and at the table beside the font. Please sign up if you can!