

Killiskey Parish

April 2018

Announcements

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"BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. BY HIS GREAT MERCY HE HAS GIVEN US A NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE, THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD" (1 Peter 1: 3)

CHURCH SERVICES

- Sun 1st 09.00am Easter Sunday Holy Communion**
11.00am Easter Sunday Family Communion
Bible Readings: Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24;
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; John 20: 1-18
- Sun 8th 09.00am Holy Communion**
11.00am Morning Prayer and Holy Baptism
Bible Readings: Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 133;
1 John 1: 1 – 2: 2; John 20: 19-31
- Sun 15th 11.00am Holy Communion**
Bible Readings: Acts 3: 12-19; Psalm 4;
1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48
- Sun 22nd 09.00am Holy Communion**
11.00am Family Service
Bible Readings: Acts 4: 5-12; Psalm 23;
1 John 3: 16-24; John 10: 11-18
- Sun 29th 10.00am Joint Parishes Service in Wicklow**
Bible Readings: Acts 8: 26-40; Psalm 22: 25-31;
1 John 4: 17-21; John 15: 1-8

NOTICE OF EASTER VESTRY

The Easter Vestry (Annual General Meeting of the Parish) takes place on Thursday, 12th 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 first place for its theme.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Congratulations are due to the officers and girls of Wicklow Girls' Brigade on excellent prize-winning performances at National and District competitions.

CONFIRMATION 2017

Confirmation classes are due to start on Friday afternoons after school, commencing 13th April. It looks like there will be 14 candidates undertaking the confirmation preparation course. Please pray for them, as they are making a very public and important statement of their own faith. Please also pray for their families & for the support of the whole church for our young people.

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 Monday 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.

ROTAS

We need more help with cleaning the church and arranging flowers for the church and with organising tea/coffee for the end of services. 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 beside the font. Please sign up if you can!

WEBSITE

You may access the parish website at: www.nunscrosschurch.ie

ASHFORD COUNTRY FAIR

The 6th annual Ashford Country Fair will take place in the grounds of the Bel-Air Hotel on Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May from 11am to 4pm.

This year's fair will have a number of animal attractions including a dog show, gun dog demonstration, duck herding, falconry and a pony club. Children will also enjoy our magician and fairground. Stalls include artisan displays, plants, crafts, books and clothes. For food try our barbecue, teas, coffees and cakes! There will also be tractors and many other interesting features. 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.

FÉILE LONDUBH POETRY EVENING

Féile Londubh is an annual Poetry & Music Festival in Ashford. It places special emphasis on facilitating events for the whole community and programmes a variety of local, national & international artists. This year there are also Music and Poetry outreach activities taking place during the festival with various local schools, including Nun's Cross NS.

As part of the festival, there will be a child-centred launch concert in Nun's Cross church on Friday, 13th April and a keynote concert the following evening. The keynote concert features Nuala Ni Dhomnaill & Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin – past and present 'Ireland Professors of Poetry' with music from Aoife Doyle (singer), Greg Felton (Piano), Cormac Breatnach (Susato whistles). Admission costs €15/12 (concession), Family (2+2): €30.

ECO TIPS—APPRECIATING AND SAFEGUARDING NATURE

Following the recent cold snap, we should all now understand why many refer to earth's fragile environmental situation as being caused by climate change rather than global warming. Warmth has been markedly absent this spring - it was not just the snow, but the low temperatures and wet conditions have contributed to a virtual stagnation in growth, with farmers, commercial market gardeners, home-based vegetable growers and gardeners alike all being affected. Additionally, spare a thought for our wildlife. Many birds succumbed to the cold weather, while others valiantly searched for enough food to survive. Now, some are territorial and even nest building, but for most the onset of the breeding season has been delayed. They need every help they can get. Garden bird feeders are one good way, but also anyone with cats can buy a cat bib (easily purchased from pet shops), to prevent them from catching birds that are already weakened by hunger. These bibs should be used year round as cats cause significant mortality to garden birds.

AN EASTER PRAYER

When everything was dark
and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,
your love broke through.
Your love was too strong,
too wide,
too deep
for death to hold.

The sparks cast by your love
dance and spread
and burst forth
with resurrection light.

Gracious God,
We praise you for the light of new life
made possible through Jesus.
We praise you for the light of new life
that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.
We praise you for the light of new life
that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy,
will live in us each day;
and that we will be bearers of that light
into the lives of others. **Amen.**

Revd Michaela Youngson, President of the British Methodist Conference 2018/19

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

If your postal, email or phone number has changed please let us know. Also to promote events or post information in the parish newsletter or on the website, please contact our Parish Administrator Sinead Todd by email on: wicklolandkilliskeycoi@outlook.com

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>

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