

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for:

- *The Archbishop and clergy of the United Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough
- * Those who were recently baptised in Nun's Cross church
- * Safety in our church and parish shop
- * The smooth re-opening of churches in Rwanda
- * Peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan to prevent destruction and loss of lives and to live in harmony for the good of their people.
- * The witness of our church and church members in our local community
- * Constructive discussions between the EU, UK concerning new trading relationships
- * Those developing plan for the re-opening of schools
- * Conscious consideration of what we have learnt during the health crisis which might improve our lifestyles
- * All involved in care ministries, including hospital staff and social workers

RNLI COLLECTION

A retiring collection will be organised in support of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) at the back of Nun's Cross church on 2nd August. Please try and support this worthy cause.

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>

WEBSITE

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

CLERGY CONTACT DETAILS

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HOLIDAYS AND PASTORAL CARE

Ken and Lesley will be away on holidays from 24th to 28th August inclusive. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Jack.

Killiskey Parish

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Announcements

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WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS; LET THE WHOLE EARTH STAND IN AWE OF HIM". (Psalm 96: 9).

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| Sun 2nd | 11.00am Service of the Word |
| Bible Readings: | Isaiah 55: 1-5; Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21 |
| Wed 5th | 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom |
| Sun 9th | 11.00am Morning Prayer 1 |
| Bible Readings: | 1 Kings 19: 9-18; Psalm 85: 8-13; Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33 |
| Wed 12th | 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom |
| Sun 16th | 11.00am Morning Prayer for use on Sundays |
| Bible Readings: | Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: 21-28 |
| Wed 19th | 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom |
| Sun 23rd | 11.00am Holy Communion |
| Bible Readings: | Isaiah 51: 1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20 |
| Wed 26th | 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom |
| Sun 30th | 11.00am Morning Prayer 2 |
| Bible Readings: | Jeremiah 15: 15-21; Psalm 26: 1-8; Romans 12: 9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28 |

WORSHIP IN NUN'S CROSS CHURCH

Sunday Services have now returned to Nun's Cross church.

The Wednesday evening service, held jointly with Wicklow Parish, is continuing to be held online via zoom. A link is provided in advance on the parish website, together with the service leaflet.

If you would like service leaflets delivered to you either by email or to your home, please contact Rev Ken.

THE HUB

The Hub is now open most days of the week and a rota of volunteers has been put in place to allow for six day opening. Many thanks to all our new volunteers! Many additional items have been donated since the shop re-opened and trade continues to be good.

FINANCES

The Parish is facing a significant drop in income levels this year due to the likely cancellation of its main fundraising event and the lack of monies from church collections. Scott Golden, Treasurer, has written to parishioners to outline the current financial position.

One method of assisting parish finances would be to join in the Planned Giving arrangements which are set out below.

PLANNED GIVING

Please consider renewing or beginning your financial commitment to Killiskey Parish by way of Planned Giving. By doing this you can maximise the amount of money received by the Parish and greatly assist the Parish to meet its financial commitments. Planned Giving is making a pledge to donate an amount of money regularly over the course of the year whether weekly, monthly, quarterly or by a single donation. Under the tax regulations, the Parish, as a registered charity, can obtain a tax refund from the government for recorded donations from tax payers (PAYE and Self-Assessment) who contribute a minimum of €250 in the tax year. This is the equivalent of €4.81 per week. The parish can claim a further approx. 45% of the amount donated from the government. Cash donations on the plate, while very gratefully received, are not eligible for a tax refund. If you are contributing more than €250 over the course of the year through this method, you might like to consider Planned Giving.

Planned Giving can be done in any one of the following ways:

*The envelope system enables parishioners to donate regular cash amounts which can be recorded for tax refund purposes. Envelopes can be obtained from the churchwardens.

*By setting up a standing order with your bank for a minimum donation of €5 per week (or monthly or quarterly equivalent).

*A donation or donations totalling at least €250 can be made directly to the Parish Treasurer, Scott Golden, Malvern House, The Glebe, Wicklow Town.

EASTER GENERAL VESTRY

The Easter General Vestry (Annual General Meeting) was deferred due to the lockdown. The Diocesan Office has now advised us to proceed with its arrangement. Accordingly, this meeting will take place after the church service on 30th August (i.e., starting around 11.45am).

The elections to be conducted this year will be:

Two churchwardens (one nominated by registered vestry members)
Two glebe wardens (one nominated by registered vestry members)
Twelve select vestry members
Two members of Diocesan Synod and two supplementals
Two Parochial Nominators and two supplementals

PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT

Partly due to the Covid19 crisis, it took a record time to form a government, from the general election in February to the formation of the three-party coalition in June. Going into government posed a huge dilemma for the Green Party members: would they enter government and, almost certainly, fail to keep to all their manifesto promises or would they join and be in a position to exert as much pressure as possible on the other two, less environmentally conscious, parties. Now, being in power, there is definitely a stronger green agenda than there would otherwise have been, including commitments to: reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 7% annually; ban the importation of fracked gas; improve public transport, cycling and pedestrian infrastructure; introduce a Climate Action (Amendment) Bill within 100 days of the new Dail; increase carbon tax to €100 per tonne by 2030. Perhaps now is a good time to introduce more sustainable living practices and establish green companies while the economy, so devastated by the pandemic, is being re-booted. This approach should benefit all members of society.

NUN'S CROSS NATIONAL SCHOOL

The Department of Education and Skills is expected to publish its recommendations on Monday 27th July for the re-opening of schools in late August/September. A plan to re-open Nun's Cross NS will be developed based on this advice by the Board of Management.

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: wicklowandkilliskeycoi@outlook.com

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

The parish has recently established a YouTube channel which may be accessed at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpQzU9Ldt_uxDIUZt7Mv3gQ