

Killiskey Parish

December 2018



Announcements

Date of Issue: 25th November 2018

***"THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE REVEALED
AND ALL PEOPLE SHALL SEE IT TOGETHER"
(Isaiah 40: 5)***

CHURCH SERVICES

- Sun 2nd 11.00am Holy Communion**
Bible Readings: Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 25: 1-9
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 21: 25-36
- Sun 9th 09.00am Holy Communion**
11.00am Morning Prayer
Bible Readings: Malachi 3: 1-4; Canticle: *Benedictus*
Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6
- Fri 14th 06.30pm Nun's Cross School Carol Service**
All welcome!
- Sun 16th 11.00am Holy Communion**
Bible Readings: Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Canticle: *Song of Isaiah*
Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18
- 07.00pm Service of Seven Lessons with Carols**
followed by Mince Tarts and Mulled Wine
- Sun 23rd 09.00am Holy Communion**
11.00am Family Service
Bible Readings: Micah 5: 2-5a; Canticle: *Magnificat*
Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45
- Mon 24th 11.15pm First Eucharist of Christmas**
(in Wicklow)
- Tue 25th 09.00am Christmas Holy Communion**
Tue 25th 11.00am Christmas Family Communion

**Bible Readings: Isaiah 52: 7-10; Psalm 98;
Hebrews 1: 1-12; John 1: 1-14**

**Sun 30th 11.00am Joint Holy Communion Service
(in Nun's Cross)**

**Bible Readings: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26; Psalm 148;
Colossians 3: 12-17; Luke 2: 41-52**

YOUTH CLUBS

United Youth is a club for 4th to 6th classes. The next club night is on 1st December and will run from 6.00-7.30pm, It continues on the 1st Saturday of each month in term time in East Glendalough School. The programme includes games, sports, crafts, outings and most importantly fun!

The Teen Youth Group is meeting every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month in East Glendalough School 6.30-8pm. 12-18 year olds are welcome. Each night there are games, a discussion group and Pizza. All are welcome!

ADVENT QUIET EVENINGS

On Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm, the Dominican Ecology Centre in Wicklow is holding a series of quiet evenings which feature praying with the Advent Gospels, commencing on November 27th and continuing until December 18th.

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

In Advent there will be 3 reflective services, on Thursday 6th, 13th and 20th December, enabling some time out in preparation for the coming glory of the incarnation. These will be simple services, using slightly different forms of worship. They will begin at 7.30pm in Wicklow Parish church and will last approximately 25 minutes. You are invited to come along to one or more of these services, for a time of quiet reflection as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Christmas.

CAROL SERVICES IN WICKLOW PARISH CHURCH

Tue 18th 07.30pm East Glendalough School

Sun 23rd 07.00pm Service of Lessons with Carols by Candlelight

UNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

The Unity Gospel Choir meets for rehearsals in Nun's Cross church on Mondays at 8pm. New members welcome!

TABLE TENNIS

The Table Tennis club meets in the Nun's Cross school assembly room (downstairs in the new classroom block) on Wednesdays at 8pm. If you are interested in playing, please contact Rev Ken (087 2766590) or Lesley Rue (087 2810478).

TABLE QUIZ

A Table Quiz will take place on Friday 30th November in the Bel-air at 7.30pm. The entrance fee will be €40 for each table of four. There will also be a raffle on the night. It promises to be an enjoyable occasion.

CHURCH REVIEW

Many thanks are due to Vera Webster who has organised the distribution of the Church Review for many years. Lesley Rue is taking over this role from January 2019. If you would like your name to be added to the list of recipients in 2019,

please let Lesley know.

THE HUB

The Hub is now open mornings and afternoons Monday to Saturday. Christmas gifts and cards are now available from The Hub which now opens mornings and afternoons Monday to Saturday.

On Thursday mornings from 10.30am LET'S CRAFT! meets in The Hub.

ROTAS

We need more help with 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!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Alchemy is organising a concert of Christmas Music in Nun's Cross church on 15th December.

HOME INSULATION

As temperatures drop for winter, now is a good time to look critically at our homes and determine how well insulated they really are. Grants are available from SEAI (Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland) to upgrade private residences – this can take the form of replacing windows and doors with double / triple glazing, insulating roof spaces or insulating walls. The latter can be undertaken by injecting cavity walls with polystyrene beads or foam, by cladding the outside walls with insulation or by insulating the walls on the inside. The last option does involve domestic disruption, as windowsills need to be made deeper and radiators moved, but the improved heat retention is immediate. The money spent on any or all of these measures will be recouped by having lower heating bills. More importantly, the use of (predominantly fossil) fuels will be reduced, which in turn will reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

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

ALPHA COURSE

Subject to the availability of a suitable premises, the current thinking is that the course will run on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 9pm commencing on 15th January and concluding on 26th March.

Alpha is an 11 week course, with an additional away day. Each weekly session includes a 25 minute lecture/video, 30 minute time in table groups or small group discussion, a bit of food/tea - basically providing an atmosphere conducive to participation, discussion and learning more clearly key principles in the Christian faith.

If you would like further information please contact either Bruce Alwood (087 2547538) or Rev Ken.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

we have come to worship you in this glad season of Advent –
a season of expectation, of celebration and above all of preparation.
We come now, because we want to be ready –
ready to give thanks for your coming,
ready for all the ways you come to us now,
ready to welcome you when you come again.
Open our hearts as we worship you,
so that all we may gain a deeper understanding of this season
and a fuller experience of your love.
We ask in Jesus' name. 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>

WEBSITE

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

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