

UNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

The Unity Gospel Choir meets for rehearsals in Nun's Cross church on Mondays at 8.00pm. New members welcome!

CHURCH REVIEW

Thanks are due to Lesley Rue who organises the distribution of the Church Review. If you would like your name to be added to the list of recipients in 2020, please let Lesley know. She is currently collecting the annual 2020 subscriptions of €40.

SAFEGUARDING TRUST

Those who act as the Safeguarding Trust Panel for the joint parishes are: Revd Jack Kinkead, Allyson Minion, Daphne Smith, Stuart Daunt-Smith and the Revd Ken Rue. Recently an audit of our procedures and record-keeping was undertaken by the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, Olive Good. Generally matters are in good shape. Ideas for improvement were received.

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

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!

ADVENT PRAYER

Father, in this season of Advent, we prepare our hearts for your coming. You are the vine, we are the branches. Come and tend us, prune us, clean us. Discard in us everything that does not bear fruit. Nourish in us everything that bears much fruit. As we celebrate your coming as a vulnerable baby our hearts await your glorious return as the eternal King. Nurture in us expectant hearts, O Lord. Cultivate in us a deep longing for more of you until that Day when you burst through the heavens, and flood our horizons with your glorious splendour. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, throughout all ages and generations. **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

CLERGY CONTACT DETAILS

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Killiskey Parish

December 2019



Announcements

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

CHURCH SERVICES

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| Sun 1st | 11.00am Holy Communion
Bible Readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Psalm 122;
Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24: 36-44 |
| Sun 8th | 09.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Morning Prayer
Bible Readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19;
Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12 |
| Fri 13th | 06.30pm Nun's Cross School Carol Service
<i>All welcome!</i> |
| Sun 15th | 11.00am Holy Communion
Bible Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10; Cantic: Magnificat;
James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11
07.00pm Service of Seven Lessons with Carols
<i>followed by Mince Tarts and Mulled Wine</i> |
| Sun 22nd | 11.00am Holy Communion
Bible Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-16; Psalm 80: 1-8, 18-20;
Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1: 18-25
11.15pm First Eucharist of Christmas (in Wicklow) |
| Wed 25th | 09.00am Christmas Holy Communion
11.00am Christmas Family Communion
Bible Readings: Isaiah 52: 7-10; Psalm 98;
Hebrews 1: 1-4, (5-12); John 1: 1-14 |

Sun 29th 11.00am Joint Parishes Service in Nun's Cross

—Morning Prayer and Holy Baptism

**Bible Readings: Isaiah 63: 7-9; Psalm 148;
Hebrews 2: 10-18; Matthew 2: 13-23**

CHOIR

In recent weeks, a choir has been re-established. The hymns of each Sunday's Principal Service will be practiced in the church from 10.30am. If you would like to join the choir, please let Tim Hicks know.

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

There will be a series of midweek Advent services in Wicklow Parish Church. The services will begin at 7.30pm, and last around half an hour. This year, we will use a resource produced by the Irish Council of Churches, focusing on the homeless / housing crisis in Ireland, and our Christian response. The series is entitled: 'A lot can change in 6 months'. All welcome. Themes as follows:

Thursday 28th November	What is a house? What is a home?'
Thursday 5th December	The scale of the issue / Personal impact
Thursday 12th December	Addressing stigma / Complicity & exclusion
Thursday 19th December	Hope – our Political agency is real!

FRIENDSHIP GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

There is a friendship group within the joint parishes, for people who are retired, and for those who aren't able to get out to meet people as regularly as they would like. The Friendship Group Christmas lunch will take place on 9th December at 12.30pm in the Wicklow Methodist Hall. If you would like to attend, please contact Linda Walsh: 086 8228378.

CAROL SERVICES IN WICKLOW PARISH CHURCH

Tue	17th	07.30pm	East Glendalough School
Fri	20th	09.30am	Glebe School

WICKLOW CHRISTMAS CAKE AND GIFT SALE

Wicklow Parish will have a 'pop-up' shop on Wicklow Main Street, on Saturday 7 December, selling cakes, new & good as new Christmas gifts.

THE HUB

Christmas gifts and cards are now available from The Hub. The shop is currently open most mornings Monday to Saturday. 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.

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. On 20th November, the club hosted visitors from Powerscourt with Kilbride, Kiltiernan and Calary parishes.

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

On Saturday mornings from 9.15 to 10am in Café Latte, joint bible studies are held with Ashford Parish. These focus on the gospel readings for the following day. All welcome!

ECO TIPS — THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

A walk along supermarket aisles leaves no one in any doubt that Christmas is approaching. Shelves groan under the weight of sweets, chocolates, alcohol (all those lovely treats that are just that, treats, if consumed in the correct proportions!), but also a plethora of decorations, Christmas themed cushions, crockery, everything it seems, all there to lure customers to buy more than they need or can afford. Time was (still is for some) that decorations were stored in a box in the loft and then lovingly unpacked in the days or weeks coming up to Christmas, each item evoking beloved memories before being hung on the tree or placed around the house. For sure, replace those broken tree lights or buy occasional baubles, but maybe this year think before purchasing vast amounts that are not really needed. Ditto for Christmas presents. Children can be totally overwhelmed by piles of gifts, often the packaging being preferred. One could buy fewer, maybe better quality, presents for family and friends or go for experiences or gifts that will last all year round (e.g. annual subscriptions). Christmas should primarily celebrate the birth of Christ, but is also (partly) about giving, but not about wanton waste or debt. So, enjoy the festivities, remember others, reduce your waste / mind the environment.

CONFIRMATION

An information evening concerning confirmation classes will be held on 26th November in East Glendalough School at 7.30pm. It is mainly geared for pupils in secondary schools. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let Revd Jack or Revd Ken know.

YOUTH CLUBS

We are delighted to welcome Steven Byford, who is taking up the post of Area Youth Co-ordinator for South East Glendalough. Steven will be helping resource ministry for young people for all the parishes in this area.

United Youth is a club for those in 4th to 6th class who are associated with Wicklow and Killiskey parishes or the parish schools. It normally meets once a month on Saturdays, in East Glendalough School, from 6-7.30pm. All new members must register the first time they attend.

The Teen Youth Group normally meets 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. In December there is one meeting on 8th.