

Killiskey Parish

February 2018

Announcements

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Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. (Hebrews 4 : 15)

CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 4th 11.00am Holy Communion
Bible Readings: Hosea 2: 14-20; Psalm 103: 1-13, 22;
2 Corinthians 3: 1-6; Mark 2: 13-22

Fri 9th 10.00am Nun's Cross School Service
All welcome!

Sun 11th 09.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Morning Prayer and Holy Baptism
Bible Readings: 2 Kings 2: 1-12; Psalm: 1-6;
2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9
Sunday Club takes place this month on 11th, the second Sunday

Wed 14th 10.30am Holy Communion (Wicklow)
This service marks Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent

Sun 18th 11.00am Holy Communion
Bible Readings: Genesis 9: 8-17; Psalm 25: 1-9;
1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 9-15

Sun 25th 09.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Family Service
Bible Readings: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22: 23-31;
Romans 4: 13-25; Mark 8: 31-38

VISIT TO DÁIL

Andrew Doyle TD has issued an invitation to parishioners to visit the Dáil as a group. If you are interested, please let Rev Ken know. He will be in touch with Andrew soon to finalise a date and time and would like some idea of numbers.

BIBLE STUDIES DURING LENT

Lent is a great season to spend time preparing for Easter and to discipline our lives in various ways. One good practice is to take the opportunity to read God's word.

Wicklow & Killiskey and Ashford & Glenealy parishioners are being invited to attend a series of joint bible studies. These will be held in houses in Ashford on five Monday evenings, commencing on 19th February and will feature the key places in the Holy Week story based on a booklet written by Rev Ken Rue. The first evening will take place in Ken and Lesley's house at 'Shancarrig', Cronroe. The evenings will be informal with a chance for open discussion. Refreshments are served afterwards which allows us to get to know our neighbours better.

On Tuesday evenings in Lent in the van der Fliers' house on Church Hill, Wicklow the studies will use the Biblical Association of the Church of Ireland's booklet "As the Father sent me, so I send you". This has been designed to foster a biblical approach to the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion simplified as TELL, TEACH, TEND, TRANSFORM, TREASURE. These aspects of mission encompass the teaching and pastoral care required after initial conversion to the wider social and environmental challenges of the Gospel. The Bible studies have been written by five different people, including the Revd Jack Kinkead.

ALCHEMY CONCERT

Alchemy Music opens its 2018 season on February 3rd, 8pm at Nun's Cross Church. The series welcomes coming of Spring with a special concert of Irish, Spanish and Classical music for Brahm's Guitar, Fiddle, Concertina and Uilleann Pipes with the award-winning Redmond O'Toole and Scathanna: Carolan, Bach and Traditional. Tickets 15/12 Euro and family ticket (2+2) 30 Euro. Tickets on the door and at eventbrite. www.alchemymusic.ie

YOUTH CLUBS

KYC (Killiskey Youth Club) takes place on Saturday 3rd and 17th February from 5.00pm—6.30pm in Rathmore Holiday Village. The club is for those in 4th to 6th classes in Nun's Cross (and their friends). Further details may be obtained from Belinda Cullen, Albert Mahon and Rev Ken Rue. Offers of help to assist are most welcome.

The teen youth group will meet in East Glendalough School from 6.30pm to 8pm on two evenings in February. Further details available from Rev Jack Kinkead.

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!

CONFIRMATION

For anyone who is interested in taking part in classes towards confirmation, they will begin just before the school Easter holidays. It is a serious undertaking, as a public demonstration of Christian faith. Anyone in 6th class or beyond is eligible to join classes. Note that only those who attend church on a reasonably regular basis will be put forward for confirmation by the Archbishop. If you know of any potential candidates, please let Rev Jack or Rev Ken know.

UNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

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

ECO TIPS — NEW YEAR REFLECTION AND CHALLENGE

We all need to heat our homes, but how do we do it in the most environmentally sensitive way? There are no easy solutions. Excellent insulation is the most important factor, but easiest to achieve when building a new house. Clearly one's options vary depending on where one lives and in what type of accommodation, e.g. contrast a rural house with an upper storey apartment. Environmentally, coal is not good, even if using smokeless fuel. As with coal, oil and natural gas also emit carbon dioxide, thus adding to global warming. Electricity sticks extract warmth from the air to provide heat so are a good option if electricity is using a renewable energy source. Geothermal heat extracts heat from the ground, again ideally achieved with new builds. Wood burning stoves are good (especially if one can grow one's own trees) but, if linked to a back boiler to heat water and radiators, need good quality dry hardwood or else the use of coal derivatives to increase the heat produced, negating the obvious benefits of using wood alone. However, in all cases, thermostats should be turned down.

ASHFORD COUNTRY FAIR

The Country Fair committee will soon be in full swing. This event takes place on the May Bank Holiday Monday. If you can help in this or any other way with this important fund-raiser, please contact Bernadette Glover, Amanda Mooney or Lesley Rue.

THE HUB

The Hub is open Monday to Friday mornings from 10am to 1pm and on Saturdays from 11am to 3pm (subject to availability of volunteers). Unwanted Christmas gifts are welcome! 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.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY POEM

Christina Rossetti is best known for her Christmas carols. Here is one of her Lenten poems for reflection during the season:

Part I

My God, my God, have mercy on my sin,
For it is great; and if I should begin
To tell it all, the day would be too small
To tell it in.

My God, Thou wilt have mercy on my sin
For Thy Love's sake: yea, if I should begin
To tell This all, the day would be too small
To tell it in.

Part II

Good Lord, today
I scarce find breath to say:
Scourge, but receive me.
For stripes are hard to bear, but worse
Thy intolerable curse;
So do not leave me.

Good Lord, lean down
In pity, tho' Thou frown;
Smite, but retrieve me:
For so Thou hold me up to stand
And kiss Thy smiting hand,
It less will grieve me.

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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Please remember to pray for the clergy. They will be attending all or part of the Diocesan Clergy Conference in Galway from 5th to 7th February. The keynote speaker will be the Revd Dr Heather Morris, former President of the Methodist Church. Also speaking will be Canon Hatem Shehadeh from our link Diocese of Jerusalem. He ministers in Haifa, Israel, and will be visiting our Diocese for four days.