

CLIMATE EMERGENCY

The expression "Climate Emergency" is used frequently these days: to our credit, Ireland was only the second country to declare a climate emergency; at a more local scale, Wicklow County Council has signed a Climate Action Charter. The real test is if these grand gestures mean anything at all. Approaching our general election, which candidates and/or parties even refer to climate change, let alone the urgency of the situation? Now is the time to tell politicians that we want to reduce our emissions and become carbon neutral. More trains and buses for commuters rather than bigger roads; more retrofitting of homes; more renewable energy are just three examples. However, despite our grandiose declarations, when it comes to action, Ireland is as shameful as many other nations, as demonstrated in Madrid in December 2019, when COP25 (UN Climate Change Conference) ended with a watered down, unambitious "agreement" that falls way short of what is necessary to keep the global temperature increase below 1.5°C. The UN secretary-general António Guterres asked attendees: "Do we really want to be remembered as the generation that buried its head in the sand?" To avoid this, we must all do our bit – let 2020 be the year to reduce our emissions.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

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 next meeting is on Monday 17th February in the Wicklow Methodist hall. For further details, please contact Linda Walsh: 086 8228378.

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!

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>

WEBSITE

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

CLERGY CONTACT DETAILS

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Please remember to pray for the clergy. They will be attending the Diocesan Clergy Conference in Kilkenny from 3rd to 5th February. The keynote speakers will be the Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford, Archbishop-designate of York and the Revd Canon Michael Mitton who will act as Chaplain to the Conference.

Killiskey Parish

February 2020



Announcements

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JESUS SAID: 'COME TO ME, ALL WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST' (Matthew 11 : 28)

CHURCH SERVICES

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| Sun 2nd | 11.00am | Feast of Presentation Holy Communion |
| Bible Readings: Malachi 3: 1-5; Psalm 24: 1-10; Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40 | | |
| Sun 9th | 09.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 11.00am | Morning Prayer |
| Bible Readings: Isaiah 58: 1-9a; Psalm 112: 1-10; 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12; Matthew 5: 13-20 | | |
| Fri 14th | 10.00am | Nun's Cross School Service |
| Sun 16th | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| Bible Readings: Isaiah 49: 8-16a; Psalm 131; 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5; Matthew 6: 24-34 | | |
| | 05.00pm | Family Service |
| Sun 23rd | 09.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 11.00am | Morning Prayer |
| Bible Readings: Exodus 24: 12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1: 16-21; Matthew 17: 1-9 | | |
| Wed 26th | 07.30pm | Ash Wednesday Holy Communion |
| <i>A joint Wicklow & Killiskey service in Nun's Cross</i> | | |
| Bible Readings: Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51: 1-18; 2 Corinthians 5: 20b— 6:10; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21 | | |

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.

CHURCH CHOIR

In recent months, 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.

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 will reopen in the Nun's Cross school assembly room on Wednesday 8th January at 8pm.

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.

CHURCH REVIEW

Lesley Rue 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 her know. She is currently collecting the annual 2020 subscriptions of €40.

TRIP TO ARMENIA

Dr Paul Manook, an Armenian who has preached in Nun's Cross church, has provided details of a group tour to Armenia from 14th to 26th May 2020. Participants will engage with local Armenians, visit one of the oldest civilisations in the world and enjoy the ancient history within the scenic beauty of the South Caucasus. Carefully chosen speakers will provide contributions on Art & Architecture, Archaeology, History and Armenian Cuisine.

For further details, please contact Paul and Isobel Manook by email ; pmanook@hotmail.com or by mobile: (089) 4582686.

THE BIBLE COURSE

The Bible is a big and complicated book to read and for many it can be difficult to know where to start. The Bible Society has produced a course for those who are familiar with the Bible or just starting out.

It helps you see how the books of the Bible are part of one big story. Using a unique storyline, it shows how key events, books and characters fit together. The video teaching, course guide and daily readings will help participants grow in confidence as they read the Bible for themselves.

Each weekly session includes a video, small group discussion, and refreshments. It will be supported by both Killiskey and Ashford parishes. The Bible Course will run for eight weeks on THURSDAY evenings from 6th February to 26th March (NOT TUESDAY evenings as originally anticipated) Further details to follow. If you would like further information please contact either Bruce Alwood (087 2547538) or Rev Ken.

YOUTH CLUBS

Teen youth will meet on 2nd & 16th February, 6.30-8pm, in East Glendalough School. All of secondary school age are welcome.

United Youth will meet on 1st February, 6-7.30pm, in East Glendalough School. Anyone 4th-6th class is welcome.

CONFIRMATION

Classes will continue on 9th and 23rd February, in East Glendalough School. A Parenting Teens course will run concurrently, for parents of any confirmation candidates, though this is not limited to confirmation candidates' families, should anyone else be interested.

HUB RENOVATIONS

Killiskey parish has a centre in Ashford village called "the Hub" which has a meeting space and a shop which is currently called "Ashford Gift and Book Shop". The shop has been open for eight years. It is currently closed for necessary renovations until 15 February when it will re-open as with better displays of its goods, particularly second-hand clothing. It also sells greeting cards, books and bric-a-brac. Thanks are due to David Harte who is undertaking the renovations and to Martsworth for assistance with new carpet.

Good as New clothes are needed so that the updated shop gets a good start, Please let Lesley Rue know if you can help. She is also looking for additional volunteers.

MOTHERS' UNION VACANCY

The Board of Trustees of Mothers' Union Dublin & Glendalough are seeking to appoint an Honorary Secretary to work as part of the Dublin & Glendalough Mothers' Union team. The post holder will support the work of Mothers' Union throughout the diocese.

The successful candidate will be required to work flexibly from their home base and closely with the Board of Trustees and Diocesan President.

The successful candidate with need to be able to work on own initiative and have:

- Strong communication, written and verbal skills
- Excellent presentation and interpersonal skills
- Competent in Microsoft Office / Excel

Reasonable office and travelling expenses will be paid.

Further information, a job description, and the application form are available from Presidentdgm@gmail.com