

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!

RURAL DEAN

Congratulations are due to our Rector, Rev Jack Kinkead, on his appointment as Rural Dean of the South-East Glendalough Deanery which comprises Arklow, Kilbride and Inch; Castlemacadam with Ballinaclesh; Dunganstown & Redcross with Canary; Rathdrum with Glenealy; and Wicklow and Killiskey.

The current role of the Rural Dean includes helping the Bishop in his episcopate and care of the deanery; providing for supportive and collaborative leadership for mission and ministry in the deanery; and sometimes deputising for the Archdeacon. Rural Deans also usually have a significant role during clergy vacancies, along with the churchwardens of the vacant parish.

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

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for:

- * The light of Christ to shine in our lives and our world in 2018
- * Increasing unity among Christians leading to more authentic witness
- * The youth of our parish and their involvement in the life of the parish
- * The ministry of the clergy and of The Hub
- * Neville Cox and the Unity Gospel Choir
- * Those whom we know who are sick

Please also remember and give thanks for the faithful departed

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

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Announcements

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"FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN TO ITS SETTING, MY NAME IS GREAT AMONG THE NATIONS, AND IN EVERY PLACE INCENSE IS OFFERED TO MY NAME, AND A PURE OFFERING; FOR MY NAME IS GREAT AMONG THE NATIONS, SAYS THE LORD" (Malachi 1: 11)

CHURCH SERVICES

- Sun 7th 11.00am Holy Communion**
Bible Readings: Genesis 1: 1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19: 1-7; Mark 1: 4-11
- Fri 12th 10.00am Nun's Cross School Service**
All welcome!
- Sun 14th 09.00am Holy Communion**
Note: change of time for early service to 09.00am for 2018
11.00am Morning Prayer and Holy Baptism
Bible Readings: 1 Samuel 3: 1-20; Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18; Revelation 5: 1-10; John 1: 43-51
Sunday Club takes place this month on 14th, the second Sunday
- Sun 21st 11.00am Holy Communion**
Special Speaker marking Christian Unity Week:
— Mr Don Black (Methodist Local Preacher)
Bible Readings: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Psalm 62: 5-12; 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20
- Sun 28th 09.00am Holy Communion**
11.00am Family Service
Bible Readings: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13; Mark 1: 21-28

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an international Christian ecumenical observance kept annually between 18th January and 25th January.

On Friday 19th January, local clergy from various Christian traditions will meet in the Bel-Air for lunch and a time of common worship and prayer.

To mark the week, Mr Don Black (a Methodist local preacher, which is the equivalent of a Church of Ireland lay reader) will be the guest preacher in Nun's Cross church on Sunday 21st January.

John Wesley (1703 – 1791) was a Church of England cleric and theologian who, with his brother Charles and fellow cleric George Whitefield, founded Methodism. After ministering in Savannah, Georgia, Wesley returned to London and joined a religious society led by Moravian Christians. On 24 May 1738 he experienced what has come to be called his evangelical conversion, when he felt his "heart strangely warmed". He subsequently departed from the Moravians, beginning his own ministry. Moving across Great Britain and Ireland, he helped form and organise small Christian groups that developed intensive and personal accountability, discipleship and religious instruction. Most importantly, he appointed itinerant, unordained evangelists to travel and preach as he did and to care for these groups of people. Under Wesley's direction, Methodists became leaders in many social issues of the day, including prison reform and the abolition of slavery. In his early ministry, Wesley was barred from preaching in many parish churches and the Methodists were persecuted. Methodism became a separate denomination after Wesley's death. The movement spread throughout the British Empire, the United States and beyond because of vigorous missionary work. The estimated number of Methodists today is approximately 80 million adherents worldwide, a similar number to Anglicans.

A covenant has been entered into between the Methodist Church in Ireland and the Church of Ireland which states that we believe that God is calling our two churches to a fuller relationship in which we commit ourselves to share a common life and mission; and to grow together so that unity may be visibly realised. In recent years arrangements have been made for inter-changeability of ministry.

YOUTH CLUBS

KYC (Killiskey Youth Club) takes place on Saturdays 6th and 20th January 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 on Sunday 14th January 6.30pm to 8pm. Further details available from Rev Jack Kinkead.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes will be starting soon. If you know of any potential candidates, please let Rev Jack or Rev Ken know.

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, Albert Mahon, Laragh East, Glendalough, Co. Wicklow.

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

As another year rolls in, it is a good time to reflect on our environmental impact over the past twelve months. Have we cut back on our waste at all? Did we reduce our car journeys, number of flights abroad, amount of home or office heating (there is no need to be cold, but many houses and work places are so unnecessarily hot), unwanted products we succumbed to buy, or purchase food we did not eat? Ireland's record at reducing CO2 emissions is one of the worst in Europe, quite simply we are not reaching any of our stated goals. Government policy is crucial, but each individual must play their part too. So, try car pooling, taking short week-end breaks in Ireland not abroad, adjust radiator thermostats, discern between want and need when shopping. Challenge yourself to reduce waste.

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.