

## **Killiskey Parish**

**January 2019**



## **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 6th 11.00am Holy Communion**  
**Bible Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-15;**  
**Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12**
- Sun 13th 09.00am Holy Communion**  
**11.00am Morning Prayer**  
**Bible Readings: Isaiah 43: 1-7; Psalm 29;**  
**Acts 8: 14-17; Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22**
- Fri 18th 10.00am Nun's Cross School Service**  
**All welcome!**
- Sun 20th 11.00am Holy Communion**  
**Special Speaker marking Christian Unity Week:**  
**— Pastor Martin Sauter (Lutheran Church)**  
**Bible Readings: Isaiah 62: 1-5; Psalm 36: 5-10;**  
**1 Corinthians 12: 1-11; John 2: 1-11**
- Sun 27th 09.00am Holy Communion**  
**11.00am Family Service**  
**Bible Readings: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19;**  
**1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a; Luke 4: 14-21**

### **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.

To mark the week, Pastor Martin Sauter will be the guest preacher in Nun's Cross church on

Sunday 20th January. He is a non-stipendiary pastor in the Lutheran Church in Ireland, formerly lecturer in history, sociology and intercultural studies. He was ordained in January 2015 in St. Finian's Lutheran Church, Adelaide Road, where he is mainly looking after the small English-speaking congregation. He is also the ecumenical officer of his church and involved in ecumenical bodies both at City, All-Ireland and European level.

### ***LEADING PRAYERS IN NUN'S CROSS***

Would you be interested in leading prayers from time to time in Nun's Cross church? You could start by reading prayers from the Book of Common Prayer or another suitable prayer book or material produced by local clergy. Alternatively, you could write your own prayers and receive suitable instruction, as required. If you are interested, please contact Rev Ken.

### ***TRAINING FOR LAY PEOPLE AS DIOCESAN PASTORAL ASSISTANTS***

The purpose of this training programme is to equip a range of people to visit primarily in homes, whether those they visit be long-established residents or recent arrivals. There is an immediate urgency for such work not least because of a significant number of upcoming housing and residential developments but also because of loneliness and alienation in suburban and rural life in today's Ireland. The training course will be delivered by Church Army (Ireland) through Archdeacon Isaac Hanna and his team. While having theological and intellectual credibility, the course is not designed to be academic but practical and engaging for all concerned. The course will be delivered in three full-day sessions on Saturday 9th February, Saturday 9th March and Saturday 13th April 2019. The course will lead to the commissioning before the summer as Diocesan Pastoral Assistants of those who complete it through the awarding of the Bishops' Certificate. Candidates will need the endorsement of their rector or Rural Dean, as appropriate. They will also need to be Garda Vetted before beginning work.

If you would be interested in receiving this training, please contact Rev Jack or Rev Ken to discuss.

### ***CHURCH REVIEW***

**Lesley Rue has taken responsibility for distributing the Church Review. If you would like your name to be added to the list of recipients, please let Lesley know.**

### ***UNITY GOSPEL CHOIR***

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

### ***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.

### **ALPHA COURSE**

Alpha will run on Thursday evenings in the Ashford Community & Heritage Centre from 7.30pm to 9pm commencing on 17th January and concluding on 28th 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.

### **YOUTH CLUBS**

United Youth is a club for 4th to 6th classes. The next club night is on 5th January 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!

### **TABLE TENNIS**

The Table Tennis club will reopen in the Nun's Cross school assembly room (downstairs in the new classroom block) on Wednesday 9th January at 8pm.

### **THE HUB**

The Hub will reopen on Wednesday 9th. It will be open mornings and afternoons Monday to Saturday. Unwanted Christmas gifts are welcome!

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!

### **CLEAN AIR**

Over the holiday period, many people enjoy getting out and about ... climbing mountains, walking along beaches, through forests. In addition to the value of exercise, the benefits of clean air are immense – a sense of well-being, easier breathing, clear lungs. It is easy to think that this is only attainable "away from it all", but clean air in built up areas and cities should be possible; indeed, clean air should be a right for all. Diesel fumes, coal smoke, industrial outputs (to name just a few) all contribute to carbon dioxide emissions. Ireland is

currently ranked the worst in Europe in terms of reaching targets to reduce our carbon emissions that were agreed in the Paris Agreement in 2015 (COP21). Government strategy is key, but we must all take responsibility too. In our own localities, the air can be kept cleaner if we all are mindful to reduce our own emissions. May we all continue to enjoy and appreciate clean air.

#### ***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](mailto:wicklowandkilliskeycoi@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](http://www.nunscrosschurch.ie)

#### ***CLERGY CONTACT DETAILS***

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