

### **THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**

This festive song can be adapted to provide guidance for the days following Christmas, as encouragement to begin 2020 with the environment (and health) in mind.

On the 1st Day of Christmas: Eat or freeze left-over turkey and ham; DO NOT throw out.

2nd day: When tidying up Christmas debris, carefully fold undamaged wrapping paper and store for future use; recycle gift labels, torn/crumpled paper and all recyclable gift packaging.

3rd day: Go for a good walk (weather permitting) to burn off some excess calories.

4th day: Local parishioners could walk or cycle to Church.

5th day: Eat plenty of fruit and vegetables, reduce amount of treats consumed.

6th day: Check home thermostats and turn them down a degree or two and the length of time heating is on. To assist in being comfortable, wear woollen jumpers rather than cotton hoodies.

7th day: Make a list of all home bills involving using electricity, reduce use where possible; money saved = energy saved = good for the environment.

8th day: Can you reduce the miles you drive? Try a car free day, take time out to relax instead.

9th day: Look at your (or a friend / relative's) garden and plan for next summer – e.g. decide what salads and vegetables to grow, plant fruit bushes, buy a gardening book, join Seed Savers.

10th day: Take a day out to enjoy Mother Nature. Can you do anything to help? Join a conservation organisation? Pick up litter?

11th day: Plant trees or buy some for others to plant.

12th day: When taking down decorations, store carefully for use next Christmas. Recycle any malfunctioning lights. Bring Christmas trees to local collection point.

### **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 20th January 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: [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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## **Killiskey Parish**

**January 2020**



## **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**

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| <b>Sun</b> | <b>5th</b>  | <b>11.00am Epiphany Holy Communion</b><br><b>Bible Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-15; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12</b>  |
| <b>Fri</b> | <b>10th</b> | <b>10.00am Nun's Cross School Service</b><br><b>All welcome!</b>   |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>12th</b> | <b>09.00am Holy Communion</b><br><b>11.00am Morning Prayer</b><br><i>Led by Mr David Reynolds (Diocesan Lay Reader)</i><br><b>Bible Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 13-17</b> |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>19th</b> | <b>11.00am Holy Communion</b><br><i>Celebrant: Canon Fred Applebe</i><br><b>Bible Readings: Isaiah 49: 1-7; Psalm 40: 1-12; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42</b><br><b>05.00pm Family Service</b>         |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>26th</b> | <b>09.00am Holy Communion</b><br><b>11.00am Morning Prayer</b><br><b>Bible Readings: Isaiah 9: 1-4; Psalm 27: 1, 4-12; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 4: 12-23</b>  |

### **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.

### **ORDAINED LOCAL MINISTRY**

Since September 2018, a new form of ministry has been established in the Church of Ireland called Ordained Local Ministry (OLM). Nine of the twelve C of I dioceses are now involved (Dublin & Glendalough is not one of these). The features of this ministry are:

- It is an ordained ministry – OLMs are deacons and priests in the fullest sense of the word.
- It is a local ministry – limited to the parish/group of parishes, rural deanery or archdeaconry.
- It is a self-supporting ministry – transfer to any form of stipendiary or what is known as non-stipendiary ministry is not possible without attending a Selection Conference and completion of full ministerial training.
- It is a supervised ministry – an OLM is always supervised by a stipendiary priest.
- It is a recognised ministry. It is recognised by the Church and for which training has been undertaken and ongoing support is required.
- It is a collaborative or team or companion ministry. An OLM is always part of a team of clergy and lay people.
- It is missional – not simply about filling gaps but intended to expand the missional outreach of the local Church community.

There are currently 74 candidates training for ordination, of whom 44 are training to be OLMs.

Rev Ken co-ordinates the OLM course and will be attending a weekend led by three Bishops from 10th to 12th January.

### **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. As Rev Ken co-chairs an initiative called Ecumenical Bible Week, he has been asked to lead the RTE broadcast service on 19th January. Others involved from various Christian traditions include Fr Kieran O'Mahony (Roman Catholic), Pastor Martin Sauter (Lutheran), Revd Jools Hamilton (Methodist) and Mr Paul Manook (Armenian Apostolic), all of whom have preached in Nun's Cross Church.

It is anticipated that the annual clergy lunch will take place on Friday 24th January for those in the East Glendalough area. This brings together in fellowship ministers from the main Christian traditions.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 is expected to run for eight weeks run on Tuesday evenings from 11th February to 31st March. 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 5th & 19th January, 6.30-8pm, in East Glendalough School. All of secondary school age are welcome.

United Youth will meet on 11th January, 6-7.30pm, in East Glendalough School. Anyone 4th-6th class is welcome.

### **CONFIRMATION**

Classes will begin on 12th January, in East Glendalough School. The 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.

### **THE HUB**

The Hub will reopen on Wednesday 8th. 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.