

Friday Club, which caters for young children aged 2 to 6 years old, is held from 2.00pm to 2.45pm during term time.

ECO TIPS—PLASTIC

Plastics are everywhere and it is difficult to avoid purchasing some products in plastic containers, e.g. milk (oh for the days of milk bottles!). However, we can all REDUCE how much we buy. Instead of buying bottled water, why not fill a reusable beaker/bottle and take it with you to school, college, work or sports. Even if you buy bottled drinks, if you re-used every container just once, you would cut down their waste by a half. An amazing but attainable figure. Try bringing your own mug with you when buying coffee/tea in an otherwise "disposable" mug – there is really no such thing as disposable, items are either recycled or thrown into landfill (or worse still, dumped as litter).

CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTAS

We need more help with cleaning the church and arranging flowers for the church. 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. Please sign up if you can!

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for:

- * Strength to help those in need
- * Thankfulness for those, like St Patrick, who have passed on the Christian message to the next generation
- * Forgiveness for those who have done us wrong and from those whom we have wronged
- * The elderly of the parish

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>

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Killiskey Parish

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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 5th 11.00am Holy Communion
Bible Readings: Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7; Psalm 32;
Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11

Fri 10th 10.00am Nun's Cross School Service
All welcome!

Sun 12th 08.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Morning Prayer
Bible Readings: Genesis 12: 1-4a; Psalm 121;
Romans 4: 1-15; Matthew 17: 1-9
with prayers "as Gaelige" in anticipation of St Patrick's Day

Sun 19th 11.00am Holy Communion
Bible Readings: Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 95;
Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42

Sun 26th 08.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Family Service
With guest speakers, Olive Good and Jean Thompson (Mothers' Union)
Bible Readings: 1 Samuel 1: 20-28; Psalm 127: 1-4;
Colossians 3: 12-17; John 19: 25-27

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Teenage Youth Club will meet on Sunday 5th March in East Glendalough School from 6.30-8.00pm. New members and guests always welcome!

United Youth (4th-6th class) will meet on Saturday 11th March in East Glendalough from 6-7.30pm.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES

During Lent a joint bible studies will be held in houses on five Monday evenings, commencing on 6th March. Wicklow & Killiskey and Ashford & Glenealy parishioners are being invited to attend. The first evening will take place in Rev Ken and Lesley Rue's house at 'Shancarrig', Cronroe at 7.30pm. The group plans to use a course entitled "Pilgrimage". This course gives details about various biblical sites in the Holy Land and links bible readings to these. There are opening and closing prayers and reflections on the readings plus points for group discussion. Afterwards there will be tea and coffee and a chance to socialise. All are welcome!

ST PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT

Ashford Country Fair is Killiskey Parish's main fund-raising activity and takes place in the grounds of the Bel-Air Hotel on Bank Holiday Monday 1st May. To advertise this event, the parish is once more organising a float for inclusion in the St Patrick's Day parade in Wicklow Town.

MOTHERS' UNION/MOTHERING SUNDAY

The Mothers' Union branch holds its anniversary lunch in Wicklow Golf Club on Thursday 23rd March commencing at 1pm. On 30th March there will be an area service in St Saviour's Church, Arklow at 8pm.

On Sunday 26th March we will celebrate Mothering Sunday in Nun's Cross church using resources compiled by the Mothers' Union.

COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning in aid of 'Daffodil Day', in The Hub from 9.30am to 1.30 pm on Friday 24th March. If you can help in any way, please contact Lesley Rue.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Week is a special time in the church calendar as we contemplate Christ's journey to the cross. We are delighted that the Bishop of Tuam, Rt Revd Patrick Rooke, will be with us from Palm Sunday 9th April to Maundy Thursday 13th April. Bishop Rooke grew up in County Wicklow and one of his ancestors was Rector of Wicklow Parish.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

A Bi-Centenary Flower Festival will take place on Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd September 2017. Sponsorship of flower arrangements in memory of family members and loved ones is invited. Advertisements are also sought for the Flower Festival catalogue. Further details are available from Lesley Rue, Freda Yagüe and Hilary MacDonald.

OTHER BI-CENTENARY EVENTS

Apart from the visit of Bishop Rooke in Holy Week and the Flower Festival in September, other events have been arranged to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the consecration of Nun's Cross church. These are:

Sunday 14th May 2017: Confirmation service in Nun's Cross Church at 11.30am.

Saturday 27th May 2017: A concert will be given by a Band of the Defence Forces.

Sunday 28th May 2017: A walk is scheduled from the former church in Killiskey to Nun's Cross and on to Ashford church where our neighbours are celebrating their 100th anniversary.

Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd August 2017: Nun's Cross Church is included in Wicklow Heritage Week events and will be open to visitors on these days.

Saturday 28th October 2017: A Bicentenary Service is planned on the date of the consecration of the church. We are delighted that Archbishop Jackson has agreed to preside.

REGULAR WEEKDAY DIARY

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

The Hub is open Tuesday to Friday mornings from 10am to 1.30pm and on Saturdays from 11am to 3pm (subject to availability of volunteers). 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.