HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Rev William Olhausen (Ballybrack/Killiney) and Rev Ken Rue are planning a Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage to Jordan, Palestine and Israel. The likely timing is early November 2017. Many biblical sites will be visited and there will be interaction with local Christians. If you would be interested in participating, please talk with Ken. More details next month.

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for:

- * The light of Christ to shine in our lives and our world in 2017
- * Increasing unity among Christians leading to more authentic witness
- * The youth of our parish and their involvement in the life of the parish
- * Neville Cox and the Unity Gospel Choir
- * Peace in troubled parts of our world
- * Those whom we know who are sick or recently bereaved

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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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" (Malachi 1 : 11)

CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 1st 11.00am Holy Communion Bible Readings: Isaiah 63: 7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2: 10-18; Matthew 2: 13-23

Sun 8th 08.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Morning Prayer Bible Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 13-17

Sun 15th 11.00am Holy Communion Bible Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-12; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42

In preparation for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the speaker will be Mr Paul Manook of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church

Fri	20th	10.00am Nun's Cross School Service
Sun	22nd	08.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Family Service
Bible	Readings:	Isaiah 9: 1-4; Psalm 27: 1, 4-12; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 4: 12-23

Sun 29th 10.00am Joint Parishes Service (Wicklow) - Rev. Jack Kinkead and Rev Ken Rue Bible Readings: Micah 6: 1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31; Matthew 5: 1-12

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.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in 1908. The dates of the week were proposed by Father Paul Wattson, cofounder of the Graymoor Franciscan Friars.

In 1948, with the founding of the World Council of Churches, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity became increasingly recognised by different churches throughout the world.

In 1958, the French Catholic group Unité Chrétienne and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches (a body which includes, among others, most of the world's Orthodox churches as well as many Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Reformed, United and Independent churches) began co-operative preparation of materials for the Week of Prayer.

The year 1968 saw the first official use of materials prepared jointly by the Faith and Order Commission and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, representing the entire Catholic Church. Collaboration and cooperation between these two organizations has increased steadily since.

As preparation for this week, Mr Paul Manook of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church will preach in Nun's Cross church on Sunday 15th January. The Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church is part of Oriental Orthodoxy and one of the most ancient Christian communities. Armenia was the first country to adopt Christianity as its official religion, in the early 4th century. The church claims to have originated in the missions of Apostles Bartholomew and Thaddeus in the 1st century. There are around 500 Armenians living in Ireland. A memorial to those who died in the Armenian Genocide which began in 1915 was erected in the grounds of Christ Church Cathedral in 2015.

On Friday 20th January, local clergy from various Christian traditions will meet in the Bel-Air for lunch and a time of common worship and prayer.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Teenage Youth Club will typically meet in the evening each first and third Sundays in East Glendalough School.

There is also a junior Youth Club (4th—6th Class) which meets twice a month on Saturdays in East Glendalough School from 6-7.30pm. For further details, please contact Rev Jack.

REGULAR WEEKDAY DIARY

The Unity Gospel Choir meets for rehearsals in Nun's Cross church on Mondays at 7.30pm. 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).

On Thursday mornings from 10.30am LET'S CRAFT! meets in The Hub.

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

THE HUB

If you received an unwanted Christmas present, please consider donating it to Ashford Gift & Book Shop at The Hub.

Thanks are due to all those who volunteered in the shop during 2016. It is now open five years and had its best year ever in 2016. If you would like to volunteer, please talk with Lesley.

ECO TIPS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Once the festive season is over, be sure to recycle your tree (if real) at a designated collection centre. Christmas cards can be recycled. Christmas paper can be kept and re-used another year or old/tattered pieces burned or recycled. Really make an effort to reduce your waste in 2017: RRR = Reduce, Re-use, Recycle. Think when you shop, choose items with less packaging where possible, then recyclable packaging and only as a last resort buy products/wrappers destined for landfill. Compost all vegetable matter.