

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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WEBSITE

You may access the parish website at: www.nunscrosschurch.ie

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>

YOUTUBE

The parish YouTube channel is situated at :
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpQzU9Ldt_uxDIUZt7Mv3gQ

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Killiskey Parish

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Announcements

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"BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. BY HIS GREAT MERCY HE HAS GIVEN US A NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE, THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD" (1 Peter 1: 3)

ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES VIA ZOOM (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

**Thu 1st 07.30pm Maundy Thursday
(Devotional & Fellowship Meal)**
An Act of Worship followed by a meal eaten together remotely

Fri 2nd Good Friday Meditation via YouTube
A reflection on the Old Testament roots of the Passion Story

Ecumenical Reflection via YouTube
*featuring the reading of a Passion Narrative, hymns and prayers
(organised by the clergy of Wicklow Town and Ashford Village - Catholic, Methodist and Church of Ireland)*

Sat 3rd Easter Vigil via YouTube
Easter readings, hymns and prayers

Sun 4th 11.00am Easter Sunday Holy Communion
**Bible Readings: Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24;
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; John 20: 1-8**

Wed 7th 07.30pm Online Service

Sun 11th 11.00am Morning Prayer 2
Bible Readings: Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 133;
1 John 1: 1-2: 2; John 20: 19-31

Wed 14th 07.30pm Online Service

Sun 18th 11.00am Morning Prayer 1
Bible Readings: Acts 3: 12-19; Psalm 4;
1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48

Wed 21st 07.30pm Online Service

Sun 25th 11.00am Morning Prayer for Use on Sunday
Bible Readings: Acts 4: 5-12; Psalm 23;
1 John 3: 16-24; John 10: 11-18

Wed 28th 07.30pm Online Service

NOTICE OF EASTER VESTRY

The Easter Vestry (Annual General Meeting of the Parish) takes place on Sunday, 25th April after the morning service. This is your chance to hear more about the parish's activities and finances, to have your say on the future direction of the parish and to vote for an incoming select vestry.

THE VALUE OF PEAT BOGS

Many people are getting busy in their gardens at this time of year, which often entails a trip to a garden centre to buy potting compost. Traditionally, peat moss was favoured. However, peat is an exceptional carbon sink and is best left untouched in the bogs. A ban on its use is being introduced to Ireland, but some peat moss for nurseries is being imported from other countries in Europe. This does nothing to help our carbon neutrality. It is important to buy peat-free compost alternatives. For those with a large garden, excellent potting compost can be made from decomposed leaves, raked up in the autumn. Garden compost made from vegetable scraps, lawn clippings, weeds etc. is ideal to feed soil for both vegetables and fruit bushes, and indeed for flowers. As the world's carbon emissions soar once again, following a dip in the earlier months of the pandemic, we need to examine ways to reduce our carbon footprint. This can be achieved by modifying our everyday actions, including not buying peat. If we use our own compost, we save a trip to the garden centre and buying a product wrapped in plastic. Every positive step we take helps.

AN EASTER CAROL

Spring burst today,
For Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.

Flash forth, thou Sun,
The rain is over and gone, its work is done.

Winter is past,
Sweet Spring is come at last, is come at last.

Bud, Fig and Vine,
Bud, Olive, fat with fruit and oil and wine.

Break forth this morn
In roses, thou but yesterday a Thorn.

Uplift thy head,
O pure white Lily thro' the Winter dead.

Beside your dams
Leap and rejoice, you merry-making Lambs.

All Herds and Flocks
Rejoice, all Beasts of thickets and of rocks.

Sing, Creatures, sing,
Angels and Men and Birds and everything.

All notes of Doves
Fill all our world; this is the time of loves.

Christina Rosetti (1830-94)

Commentary by Philip Comfort and Daniel Partner:

This poem ties in various images from Song of Solomon, especially the passage below where the beloved asks his lover to join him in celebrating spring's arrival after a long winter. Again, Christ's resurrection can be seen in a similar way. When Christ arose from the grave, sin's long, cold dominion over humanity ended, and new life burst forth in the hearts of the followers. As we enter this season of new life, let us not only be glad winter is past, but let us rejoice that Christ is risen!

My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.'

Song of Solomon 2: 10-13