

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

The parish is hugely grateful to all who provide support in so many ways. The challenges that we have all faced and will continue to face are not just liturgical or logistical, but financial too. Traditional methods of fund raising could not take place this year. We would urge you to put your parish on your Christmas present list this year in particular and help to alleviate financial concerns, should your own circumstances permit.

There are many ways in which people can make a contribution such as:

- A Once-Off gift this Christmas
- Planned Giving (see below)
- Fundraising
- Contributing your time and talents to the running of the Parish

Methods of Planned Giving are:

*The envelope system which 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.

We cannot yet know just how 2021 will look, but the parish will be there for you. We hope for a return to the traditional, but also to have learned from the past nine months so that we may move forward with renewed faith and hope for the future.

THE HUB

The Hub re-opened on Tuesday 1st December. Sales in the first week back have been brisk. The shop now has extended opening hours, thanks to the appointment of a Tus worker, Amy Shannon. The new opening hours are: Mondays and Saturdays — 11.00am to 3.00pm
Tuesdays to Fridays — 10.00am to 4.15pm

CHURCH REVIEW

If you would like to be added to the Church Review list for 2021, please contact Lesley Rue (087-2810478).

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

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Killiskey Parish

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Announcements

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**"THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE REVEALED
AND ALL PEOPLE SHALL SEE IT TOGETHER" (Isaiah 40: 5)**

SERVICES

Wed 2nd 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom

Sun 6th 11.00am Morning Prayer 2
Bible Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13;
2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8

Wed 9th 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom

Sun 13th 11.00am Morning Prayer 1
Bible Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126;
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Wed 16th 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom

Sun 20th 11.00am Morning Prayer for use on Sunday
Bible Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; Canticle: Magnificat;
Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38

Wed 23rd 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom (TBC)

Thu 24th 09.00pm Christmas Eve Family Communion
Readings: Isaiah 9: 2-7; Psalm 96;
Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14
11.30pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion
(Wicklow)

Fri 25th **10.00am Christmas Day Family Communion**
Readings: **Isaiah 62: 6-12; Psalm 97;**
 Titus 3: 4-7; Luke 2: 8-20

Fri 25th **11.30am Christmas Day Family Communion**
Readings: **Isaiah 52: 7-10; Psalm 98;**
 Hebrews 1: 1-6; John 1: 1-14

Sun 27th **11.00am Holy Baptism and Service of the Word**
Bible Readings: **Isaiah 63: 7-9; Psalm 148;**
 Hebrews 2: 10-18; Matthew 2: 13-23

Wed 30th **07.30pm Online Service via Zoom (TBC)**

ADVENT REFLECTION SERIES

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

This channel is providing Reflections for each day of Advent (29 November to 24 December inclusive). These will be available daily from 12.30pm. The series is called "Walking Advent with the Scriptures". Each day there will be a different contributor who will give a reflection based on a Scripture reading. These will be given by a broad range of people – clergy and lay, female and male, based throughout Ireland and from many different Christian traditions.

The daily Advent Calendar in use may be downloaded from:
<https://www.nuncrosschurch.ie/advent-reflection-series/>

CAROL SERVICES

This year's carol services will go online.

A number of musical rehearsals are in progress. These will record the musical elements of the parish carol service. To this will be added readings and prayers. Thanks are due to our musical director, Tim Hicks, for arranging the pieces and to Scott Golden for making the recordings and editing these. It is anticipated that this service will be uploaded to the YouTube channel no later than Friday 18 December.

The school teachers and children are also working on an online Carol service.

Further details of these services will be posted on the parish Facebook page which is at:
<https://www.facebook.com/KilliskeyParish>

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

As a result of COVID-19 restrictions, the number who may attend the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services is limited to 50. **Places at these services need to be pre-booked. If you turn up without a ticket, you are likely to be disappointed.** Booking can be done via the parish Facebook and website. No more than 5 per booking is permitted. If you run into any difficulty booking your tickets please contact Sinead at wicklowandkilliskeycoi@outlook.com

The links to bookings for services in Nun's Cross are:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/christmas-eve-service-tickets-131629821339>
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/10-am-christmas-day-service-tickets-131631006885>
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1130-am-christmas-day-service-tickets-131632421115>

Places at the midnight service in Wicklow may be booked here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/christmas-eve-service-tickets-131231760729>

For those who are unable to attend, services will be livestreamed.

DRIVE IN CAROLS

Cooley Farm, Glenealy, is hosting drive-in Christmas carol services on 18th and 19th December from 6.30 to 7.30pm. Enjoy carols from the socially distanced safety of your car. Spaces are limited, so booking is essential. Go to www.eventbrite.ie and search for carols at Cooley.

ECO TIPS – BUY LOCAL OR BYE LOCAL

As an unusual Christmas shopping season approaches, many will choose to shop on-line, although it appears retail outlets will be permitted to open in time to facilitate "real" shopping. There are many reasons to shop locally, be it on-line or physically. As many local companies buckle under the Covid19 restrictions, others are scrambling to set up on-line shopping facilities. It is a really good idea to support these (see Shop in Ireland, you can search by county) rather than to look around for, perhaps at first glance, a cheaper option from far away overseas. This will only serve to support mega-companies, whereas supporting Irish companies will keep people in Ireland employed and, with the trickle-down effect, this will benefit us all. Additionally, your gifts will not have traversed the world. The adage "Buy local or Bye local" is truer now than ever before. One can also phone some suppliers directly and order on a "click and collect" basis. A huge variety is on offer, from conventional clothes, hardware, homeware to crafts, food items, plants etc. And of course, the more sustainable the shopping the better for the environment too.