

Killiskey Parish

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Announcements

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JESUS SAID: 'COME TO ME, ALL WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST' (Matthew 11 : 28)

CHURCH SERVICES VIA ZOOM

Wed 3rd 07.30pm Online Service

Sun 7th 11.00am Morning Prayer 2
Bible Readings: Hosea 2: 14-20; Psalm 103: 1-13, 22;
2 Corinthians 3: 1-6; Mark 2: 13-22

Wed 10th 07.30pm Online Service

Sun 14th 11.00am Transfiguration Service of the Word
Bible Readings: 2 Kings 2: 1-12; Psalm: 1-6;
2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9

Wed 17th 07.30pm Ash Wednesday Online Service
Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51: 1-18;
2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6: 10; Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Sun 21st 11.00am Morning Prayer 1
Bible Readings: Genesis 9: 8-17; Psalm 25: 1-9;
1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 9-15

Wed 24th 07.30pm Online Service

Sun 28th 11.00am Morning Prayer for use on Sunday
Bible Readings: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22: 23-31;
Romans 4: 13-25; Mark 8: 31-38

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, please let her know. She is currently collecting the annual 2021 subscriptions of €40.

THE HUB

The Hub will remain closed until restrictions are eased.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Revd Ken is assisting the Archbishop and the Diocesan Communications officer, Lynn Glanville, in arranging a series of short Lenten Reflections entitled "**Walking with Jesus in the wilderness**". It is envisaged that the Archbishop will commence the series on Ash Wednesday and Diocesan Readers will give daily reflections for the weekdays of Lent up to and including Maundy Thursday. These will be shown on the Diocesan YouTube channel which may be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJQH1IpNHCI2ue7S782OIFw>

In addition, the Archbishop will be giving a talk each Sunday in Lent. On Good Friday, the plan is to have reflections from seven perspectives entitled "**Living with Jesus Christ in the city of Jerusalem**" based on the narrative of the Passion.

Please consider accessing these reflections as part of your Lenten discipline.

LESS IS MORE

Snowdrops nod their graceful heads and songbirds tentatively start singing; this year, the onset of spring seems even more poignant than usual, with the hope that it is a harbinger of better days to come. The huge interest in nature during this pandemic is an illustration of the human need to reconnect with the natural world. While many aspects of life as we knew it disappeared, nature showed us its constancy, in some instances even thriving as human impacts were reduced. This has provided a much-needed balm for the souls of many. Less time spent rushing around resulted in more time to notice the world around us. The challenge now is for people to relate their new-found (for some) interest in the environment to the biodiversity and climate change crisis that faces the world and to adapt their lifestyles accordingly. US President Biden's actions should provide a huge boost for the environment; additionally, companies worldwide have the opportunity to adopt less wasteful and less polluting practices as green technology improves. We can all help by supporting sustainably run companies and avoiding unsustainable ones; then market forces will direct the latter to cleaner practices.

A LENTEN POEM—THE FAST LIFE

Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.

Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger;
Feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism;
Feast on hope.

Fast from negatives;
Feast on encouragement.

Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion.

Fast from suspicion;
Feast on truth.

Fast from gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that sustains.

Fast from anxiety;
Feast on faith.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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ECO-CONGREGATION IRELAND

The Eco-congregation movement aims to encourage churches to celebrate the gift of God's creation, to recognise the interdependence of all creation, and to care for it in their life and mission, and through the members' personal lifestyles.

In Ireland, Eco-congregation has been developed in co-operation with the four main churches, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist and Church of Ireland. It offers three key components: **Resources**, designed to fit into and enhance Church life and mission; **Support**, suggesting ways in which churches may avail of local specialist help; and the **Eco-congregation award**, affirming churches' good environmental work and witness to the local community.

Parishes are encouraged to increase their awareness of the deadly challenge of climate change, and to develop projects and initiatives in spiritual, practical and community focussed areas.

This is something in which all can be involved, to a greater or lesser extent as they choose, but it is an important practical way in which to give thanks to God for the wonders of His creation, and to make our Harvest Thanksgiving a reality throughout the seasons.

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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