

CORONAVIRUS POEM

The scientists predict
and science says wait.
So in the hands of science
we place our fate.

But I know what
I would rather do.
Trust in You my God
and follow You.

I'll greet others with a smile
and not with a touch.
Avoiding the crowds
and not go out too much.

..... and as the world social distances itself
and covers its face;
You will hold me close
in Your loving embrace.

I have food in the fridge
and upon each shelf
for I'm being advised
to isolate myself.

I'm unsure whether I'll see these
twelve weeks through
or will walk through the
Vale of Death with You.

But, dear Lord, whatever
the outcome will be
I know that You will stay
very close to me.

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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

July 2020



Announcements

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**JESUS SAID: 'REMEMBER, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,
TO THE END OF THE AGE' " (Matthew 28: 20)**

SUNDAY SERVICES RETURN TO CHURCH

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| Wed | 1st | 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom |
| Sun | 5th | 11.00am Service of the Word |
| Bible Readings: Zechariah 9; 9-12; Psalm 145: 8-15;
Romans 7: 15-25a; Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 | | |
| Wed | 8th | 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom |
| Sun | 12th | 11.00am Morning Prayer 2 |
| Bible Readings: Isaiah 55: 10-13; Psalm 65: 8-13;
Romans 8: 1-11; Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 | | |
| Wed | 15th | 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom |
| Sun | 19th | 11.00am Morning Prayer for use on Sundays |
| Bible Readings: Isaiah 44: 6-8; Psalm 86: 11-17;
Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 | | |
| Wed | 22nd | 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom |
| Sun | 26th | 11.00am Holy Communion |
| Bible Readings: 1 Kings 3: 5-12; Psalm 119: 129-136;
Romans 8: 26-39; Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 | | |
| Wed | 29th | 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom |

RE-OPENING OF NUN'S CROSS CHURCH

Details of the re-opening plan have been posted to the website and on Facebook. It has also been sent by email to those who receive newsletters. If you would like a copy, please ask Rev Ken.

Sunday Services are now returning to Nun's Cross church. They will be recorded and posted on Facebook so that those who are unsure about coming back to church as yet may view them online.

The Wednesday evening service, held jointly with Wicklow Parish, will continue to be held online via zoom. A link is provided in advance on the parish website, together with the service leaflet.

If you would like service leaflets delivered to you either by email or to your home, please contact Rev Ken.

THE HUB

The Hub is now open most days of the week and it is hoped that a rota of volunteers can be put in place to allow for six day opening. Many additional items have been donated since the shop re-opened and trade has been good.

FINANCES

The Parish is facing a significant drop in income levels this year due to the likely cancellation of its main fundraising event and the lack of monies from church collections. Scott Golden, Treasurer, has written to parishioners to outline the current financial position.

One method of assisting parish finances would be to join in the Planned Giving arrangements which are set out below.

PLANNED GIVING

Please consider renewing or beginning your financial commitment to Killiskey Parish by way of Planned Giving. By doing this you can maximise the amount of money received by the Parish and greatly assist the Parish to meet its financial commitments. Planned Giving is making a pledge to donate an amount of money regularly over the course of the year whether weekly, monthly, quarterly or by a single donation. Under the tax regulations, the Parish, as a registered charity, can obtain a tax refund from the government for recorded donations from tax payers (PAYE and Self-Assessment) who contribute a minimum of €250 in the tax year. This is the equivalent of €4.81 per week. The parish can claim a further approx. 45% of the amount donated from the government. Cash donations on the plate, while very gratefully received, are not eligible for a tax refund. If you are contributing more than €250 over the course of the year through this method, you might like to consider Planned Giving.

Planned Giving can be done in any one of the following ways:

*The envelope system 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.

CHURCH REVIEW

The July/August edition of the Church Review will be published online. Lesley Rue will organise to send these out by email. If you don't have email, please let her know (087-2810478) and she will organise a printed copy to be delivered to your home. The September edition will revert to being printed.

CALM FOR THE SOUL – READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR ANXIOUS TIMES

Ruth Gyves is a Diocesan Lay Reader and Assistant Lay Pastor in Holy Trinity Rathmines. She has written a booklet for anxious times which brings together scripture and prayers in an accessible manner. The booklet is easy to keep close and read throughout the day and has proved to be a great source of comfort and hope to many people of all ages. If you would like a copy, please let Rev Ken know and he will give you one.

WATER STORAGE AND PRESERVATION

The incredibly dry and often sunny weather experienced since early March allowed many in Lockdown to appreciate the joy of gardening. For some, it was an extension of their normal spring-time ritual, for others it was a newly acquired activity. The satisfaction of watching flowers grown from seed come into bloom and of eating one's own produce cannot be overestimated and it is hoped that people new to gardening will continue this practice in future years. Seedlings, however, need water. Rainwater can be collected from house, garage and shed roofs. This prevents excessive use of water, from wells or mains, and also rainwater is often better for plants than tap water. Many predict longer, drier and hotter summers in the future due to climate change, so water collection will become increasingly important. So, too, will water preservation. When running a tap for hot water, the cold water can be saved into watering cans; ditto unused jugs of table water, water bottles etc. Water saved in basins from showers can be used to wash clothes, then to flush toilets or water flowers. Water saving sounds extreme to some, but will become a way of life if wells run dry and mains supplies are interrupted, as happened in the 2018 drought.

NUN'S CROSS NATIONAL SCHOOL

Advice is awaited from the Department of Education and Skills concerning the re-opening of schools in late August/September. A plan to re-open Nun's Cross NS will be developed based on this advice by the Board of Management.

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

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

The parish has recently established a YouTube channel which may be accessed at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpQzU9Ldt_uxDIUZt7Mv3gQ

WEBSITE

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