

Killiskey Parish

March 2021



Announcements

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The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise (Psalm 51: 17)

CHURCH SERVICES VIA ZOOM

Wed 3rd 07.30pm Online Service

Sun 7th 11.00am Morning Prayer 2
Bible Readings: Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22

Wed 10th 07.30pm Online Service

Sun 14th 11.00am Mothering Sunday Service of the Word
Bible Readings: 1 Samuel 1: 20-28; Psalm 127: 1-4;
Colossians 3: 12-17; John 19: 25-27

Wed 17th 07.30pm Online Service

Sun 21st 11.00am Morning Prayer 1
Bible Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 1-13;
Hebrews 5: 5-10; John 12: 20-33

Wed 24th 07.30pm Online Service

Sun 28th 11.00am Palm Sunday Service of the Word
Bible Readings: Mark 11: 1-11; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29;
Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16
Philippians 2: 5-11; Mark 15: 1-39

HOLY WEEK

- Mon 29th 07.30pm Holy Week Service
(led by Revd Ken Rue)**
- Tue 30th 07.30pm Holy Week Service
(led by Revd Jack Kinhead)**
- Wed 31st 07.30pm Holy Week Service
(led by Revd Suzanne Harris)**
- Thu 1st 07.30pm Maundy Thursday
(Devotional & Fellowship Meal)**
- Fri 2nd 02.15pm Good Friday Meditation
07.30pm Ecumenical Reflection**

LECTIO DIVINA

On Thursday evenings at 7.30pm, Sr Pauline McGrath of the Dominican Convent in Wicklow organises Lectio Divina sessions which focus on the Gospel for the following Sunday. Lectio Divina is a traditional monastic practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of's word. The emphasis is on listening to what God is saying to us through the Scripture reading. If interested, Revd Ken can provide a zoom link.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR LENT

Something Different for Lent" has been designed as a collection of short prayers, reflections and exercises for busy people to help aid us on our journeys through Lent to Easter. We are encouraged to use this for 5-15 mins out each day as we prepare for Easter. It can be downloaded from the parish website. Each week Revd Ken plans to introduce the resource for the week and this will be posted on the Facebook page.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Diocesan Lay Readers are continuing their series of short Lenten Reflections entitled "**Walking with Jesus in the wilderness**". The Archbishop commenced 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> and a link is provided via the Parish Facebook page.

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.

GREEN TECHNOLOGY

The current pandemic will probably result in financial hardship for years to come and many companies will struggle to survive. Green technology is playing a pivotal role as investors and consumers alike clamour for sustainability; companies are responding, by reducing waste, pollution and carbon emissions. Those companies with better green credentials are likely to come out of the pandemic least scathed as investors are aware that climate risk is financial risk. In the circular economy, businesses aim to eliminate carbon emissions and waste by re-using products in a cycle, rather than producing them with disposal as the end point. From small, localised companies to international giants, huge strides are being made in becoming more sustainable, for example: Galway-based Paltech, a polymer engineering company transforming waste plastics into high quality products; Coca-Cola reducing its use of plastic each year, aiming for 100% recycling of its products and a World Without Waste by 2030. Research is ongoing into developing new sources of energy; wind and solar provide some, but not in sufficient amounts. Hydrogen is expensive but as the industry scales up, so costs will come down, especially important for green rather than grey Hydrogen – this will be needed for heavy transport, shipping, industrial processes and heating.

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

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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EASTER

My mother woke us that Sunday –
her voice a bell proclaiming spring.
We rose diving into our clothes, newly bought.
We took turns standing before mirrors,
combing, staring at our new selves.
Sinless from forty days of desert,
sinless from good confessions,
we drove to church in a red pickup,
bright and red and waxed for the special occasion.
Clean, polished as apples,
the yellow-dressed girls in front with Mom and Dad;
the boys in back, our hair blowing free in the warming wind.
Winter gone away.
At Mass, the choir singing loud:
ragged notes from ragged angel's voices;
ancient hymns sung in crooked Latin.
The priest, white robed, raised his palms toward God,
opened his mouth in awe: "Alleluia!"
The unspoken word of Lent let loose in flight.
Alleluia and incense rising,
my mother wiping her tears from words she'd heard;
my brother and I whispering names of statues
lining the walls of the church.
Bells ringing, Mass ending,
we running to the truck, shiny as shoes going dancing.
Dad driving us to see my grandmother.
There, at her house, I asked about the new word I'd heard: *resurrection*. "Death, death,"
she said, her hands moving downward,
"the cross – that is death."
And then she laughed: "The dead will rise."
Her upturned palms moved skyward as she spoke.
"The dead will rise."
She moved her hands toward me,
wrapped my face with touches, and laughed again.
The dead will rise.

Benjamin Alire Sáenz (1954 –)