

Killiskey Parish

March 2018

Announcements

Date of Issue: 25th February 2018

"God proves His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5: 8)

CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 4th 11.00am Holy Communion—Rev Jack Kinkead
Bible Readings: Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22

Fri 9th 10.00am Nun's Cross School Service
All welcome!

Sun 11th 09.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Morning Prayer (Mothering Sunday)
Bible Readings: Exodus 2: 1-10; Psalm 34: 11-20;
2 Corinthians 1: 3-7; Luke 2: 33-35
Sunday Club takes place this Sunday

Sun 18th 11.00am Holy Communion/ Comaoineach Naofa
Bible Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 1-13;
Hebrews 5: 5-10; John 12: 20-33

In celebration of St Patrick's Day/Lá Fhéile Pádraig, the service will be conducted bilingually, as Béarla agus as Gaeilge.

Sun 25th 09.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Palm Sunday Family Service
Bible Readings: Mark 11: 1-11; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29;
Philippians 2: 5-11; Mark 15: 1-39
commencing with a Donkey Procession from Nun's Cross NS at 10.45am

HOLY WEEK

Mon 26th 08.00pm Holy Week Service (Wicklow)

Tue 27th 08.00pm Holy Week Service (Wicklow)

Wed 28th 10.00am Holy Communion (Wicklow)
08.00pm Holy Week Service (Wicklow)

Thu 29th 07.30pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

Fri 30th 02.15pm Good Friday Mediation on the Cross (Killiskey)
07.00pm Good Friday Walk of Witness (Wicklow)

starting at Wicklow Methodist Church, proceeding to Wicklow Parish Church and finishing at St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, featuring readings, prayers and music in each church

Sat 31st 09.00pm Easter Vigil (Killiskey) with the Unity Gospel Choir

NOTICE OF EASTER VESTRY

The Easter Vestry (Annual General Meeting of the Parish) takes place on Thursday, 12th April, at 8pm in the Bel-Air. 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.

BIBLE STUDIES DURING LENT

Lent is a great season to spend time preparing for Easter and to discipline our lives in various ways. One good practice is to take the opportunity to read God's word.

The joint Wicklow & Killiskey and Ashford & Glenealy bible study series, entitled "The Road to Calvary" continues in various venues on Monday evenings for the first three weeks of March. These venues will be announced weekly at church services.

On Tuesday evenings in the van der Fliers' house on Church Hill, Wicklow the studies using the Biblical Association of the Church of Ireland's booklet "As the Father sent me, so I send you" continues for the first three weeks of March.

MOTHERS' UNION / MOTHERING SUNDAY

The Mothers' Union branch is holding "Chat and Craft" in The Hub on Monday 5th March at 10.30am. It will hold its Annual Birthday Lunch in Chester Beatty's, Ashford on Monday 12th March at 12.30pm, price €20 each. All welcome!

On 11th March we will celebrate Mothering Sunday in Nun's Cross church using resources compiled by the Mothers' Union.

ROTAS

We need more help with cleaning the church and arranging flowers for the church and with organising tea/coffee for the end of services. We are very grateful to those who help the church in this way but would like to spread these tasks more widely. Rotas are posted on the church notice board in the porch and beside the font. Please sign up if you can!

CONFIRMATION

For anyone who is interested in taking part in classes towards confirmation, they will begin in March. This is a serious undertaking, as a public demonstration of Christian faith. Anyone in 6th class or beyond is eligible to join classes. Please note that only those who attend church on a reasonably regular basis will be put forward for confirmation by the Archbishop. If you know of any potential candidates, please let Rev Jack or Rev Ken know.

UNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

The Unity Gospel Choir meets for rehearsals in Nun's Cross church on Mondays at 8.00pm. New members welcome!

ECO TIPS – PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Most of us will have heard the recent reports about the extent of plastic pollution, particularly in oceans. There are the obvious signs, where plastic containers are thrown out and collect in gyres (large scale eddies) far out to sea or are washed ashore, despoiling coastlines. However, there are other more insidious ways in which our oceans are affected. Fish ingest small pieces of plastic, which can fill their stomachs so that they can actually starve as they cannot then eat sufficient nutritious food.

Additionally, micro plastics increasingly are being shown to pollute the seas and their fauna. These micro plastics are present in products as diverse as, for example, cosmetics and fleece jumpers; when the latter are washed, the micro plastics can end up far out to sea following disposal through waste pipes.

These days, it is nigh on impossible NOT to use plastics, but we can, indeed must, reduce our use of them. Some nations are already banning the use of one-off plastic cups; we can all follow suit ourselves. Look at all the plastic containers at home and see if some changes can be made – bars of soap instead of hand wash and shower gel is one example. Set yourself a target to cut down on their use in the next few months. Good habits stick.

ASHFORD COUNTRY FAIR

The 5th annual Ashford Country Fair will take place in the grounds of the Bel-Air Hotel on Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May from 11am to 4pm.

If you can help in this or any other way with this important fund-raiser, please contact Bernadette

Glover, Amanda Mooney or Lesley Rue.

THE HUB

The Hub is open Monday to Friday mornings from 10am to 1pm and on Saturdays from 11am to 3pm (subject to availability of volunteers). Unwanted Christmas gifts are welcome! Lesley Rue would be interested in hearing from any new potential volunteers.

On Thursday mornings from 10.30am LET'S CRAFT! meets in The Hub.

COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning in aid of the Irish Cancer Society's 'Daffodil Day', in The Hub on Friday 23rd March. Offers of food gratefully accepted. Please come and support!

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

A PRAYER FOR USE DURING HOLY WEEK

O God,
as we walk through Holy week toward the cross,
may we remember the wonder of who you are.
Beyond sin,
your love is inexhaustible.
Beyond brokenness,
your forgiveness is incomprehensible.
Beyond betrayal,
your grace is poured out eternally.
Beyond death,
your life is unimaginable.
Beyond human understanding,
your ways are always higher than ours. Amen.

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>

WEBSITE

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

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