

ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK

This year's Ecumenical Bible Week will be happening online. The programme consists of:

- Morning Prayer at 10pm on Monday 24 May organised by Holy Trinity Rathmines.
- Panel Discussion with Young Adults on "the Once and Future Church" on Wednesday 26 May at 5pm
- A Symposium at 2pm on Thursday 27 May entitled "A Vision for a Better World post-pandemic: Faith into the Future"
- Thinking Allowed at 7.30pm on Thursday 27 May at 7.30pm with a panel of faith leaders including Archbishop Michael Jackson, the new Roman Catholic Archbishop (Dermot Farrell) and the incoming President of the Methodist Church Revd Dr Sahr Yambasu. Panellists will speak about their personal dreams of faith into the future.
- Sung Lutheran Vespers at 7pm on Sunday 30 May from St Finian's Lutheran Church, Adelaide Road.

Further details of this year's programme are available on www.bibleweek.ie and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/bibleweekie/>

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.nuncrosschurch.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

CLERGY CONTACT DETAILS

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Killiskey Parish

May 2021



Announcements

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The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia! (Luke 24: 34)

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Services will be held online via Zoom until such time as Government Restrictions are lifted, after which they will return to Nun's Cross Church.

Sun 2nd 11.00am Morning Prayer 2
Bible Readings: Acts 8: 26-40; Psalm 22: 25-31;
1 John 4: 7-21; John 15: 1-8

Wed 5th 07.30pm Online Service

Sun 9th 11.00am Morning Prayer 1
Bible Readings: Acts 10: 44-48; Psalm 98;
1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17

Wed 11th 07.30pm Online Service

Sun 16th 11.00am Morning Prayer for use on Sunday
Bible Readings: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1;
1 John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19

Wed 18th 07.30pm Online Service

Sun 23rd 11.00am Pentecost Sunday Holy Communion
Bible Readings: Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b;
Romans 8: 22-27; John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

Wed 25th 07.30pm Online Service

Sun 30th 11.00am Trinity Sunday Service of the Word
Bible Readings: Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29;
Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17

PENTECOST VIGIL

Killiskey Parish is organising a Pentecost Vigil which will be posted on YouTube on Saturday 22nd May. The service will be recorded in Nun's Cross church and will include hymns, readings and prayers related to the coming of the Holy Spirit.

THE HUB

The current expectation is that non-essential retail outlets will be allowed to re-open at some stage in May.

Work has begun to ensure that Ashford Charity Shop will be in a position to greet customers when restrictions are lifted.

ASHFORD COUNTRY FAIR

At this time of year, last minute arrangements are normally in train to ensure the success of the Ashford Country Fair. Sadly, for the second year, the Fair cannot take place this Bank Holiday Monday. It is hoped that the 2022 Fair will be bigger and better.

The Select Vestry plans to organise a fundraising event for later in 2021 to offset some of the lost revenue.

As in 2020, parish income will be significantly adversely impacted by having no Fair and by the reduced opening period for the shop.

EARTH DAY 2021

The 50th anniversary of Earth Day, an international event, fell on 22 April this year and was marked by President Biden's Leaders' Summit on Climate. It is encouraging that he is determined to forge ahead with reducing carbon emissions in the US and to reverse the damage done by his forebear. Worryingly however, China continues to build new coal fired power plants and is the world's top emitter of carbon, whilst conversely being a top producer of alternative energy or the means to generate it (solar panels etc.). Whilst emissions fell worldwide during the pandemic in the first half of 2020, they have risen in 2021. Ireland has introduced its Climate Action Bill and aims to reach carbon neutrality by 2050. Some people are unhappy with some of the actions that must be taken, but they are essential if the world's temperature rise is to be kept below 1.5°C. The more countries that become carbon neutral, the more possible it will be for other countries to follow suit. Reducing (and ultimately eliminating) our reliance on fossil fuels whilst converting to the use of green technology will be critical to our change to carbon neutrality.

SELECT VESTRY 2021-22

Congratulations and thanks to all who were appointed/elected at the Easter Vestry held on 25th April:
Rector's Churchwarden: Stella Mew
People's Churchwarden: Ivan Sheane
Rector's Glebewarden: Richard Henderson
People's Glebewarden: David Harte
Other Select Vestry Members: Hazel Bayley, Juliet Belton, Patricia Butler, Bernadette Glover, Scott Golden, Tim Hicks, Stephanie McDonald, Amanda Mooney, Michael Norman, Lesley Rue, John Smyth and Lucy Tottenham.

A copy of the 2020 accounts is available on request from Scott Golden.

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.

YOUTH CLUBS

Revd Jack and our area youth worker, Stephen Byford, are continuing to keep in touch with Youth in national and secondary schools via Zoom. If you would like further information please contact Jack.

VACCINE ROLLOUT

You may register for the COVID-19 vaccine on <https://vaccine.hse.ie>. The COVID-19 helpline landline is 1850 24 1850.