

REMEMBRANCE - WAR POEMS

In Flanders Fields by John Mc Crae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

Dulce et Decorum est by Wilfrid Owen

Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through sludge,
Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs,
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.
Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots,
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame; all blind;
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots
Of gas-shells dropping softly behind.
Gas! Gas! Quick, boys!—An ecstasy of fumbling
Fitting the clumsy helmets just in time,
But someone still was yelling out and stumbling
And flound'ring like a man in fire or lime.—
Dim through the misty panes and thick green light,
As under a green sea, I saw him drowning.
In all my dreams before my helpless sight,
He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning.
If in some smothering dreams, you too could pace
Behind the wagon that we flung him in,
And watch the white eyes writhing in his face,
His hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin;
If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood
Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs,
Obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud
Of vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues,—
My friend, you would not tell with such high zest
To children ardent for some desperate glory,
The old Lie: *Dulce et decorum est
Pro patria mori.*

Killiskey Parish

November 2020



Announcements

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**"The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them." (Wisdom 3: 1)**

Sun 1st 11.00am All Saints' Remembrance of loved ones
Bible Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 34: 1-10;
Revelation 7: 9-17; Matthew 5: 1-12
If you would like someone remembered, please email Revd Ken

Wed 4th 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom

Sun 8th 11.00am Remembrance Sunday Morning Prayer
Bible Readings: Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalm 126;
Revelation 1: 1-7; John 15: 9-17

Wed 11th 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom

Sun 15th 11.00am Morning Prayer 2
Bible Readings: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18; Psalm 90: 1-12;
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30

Wed 18th 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom

Sun 22nd 11.00am Morning Prayer 1
Bible Readings: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95: 1-7;
Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25: 31-46

Wed 25th 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom

Sun 29th 11.00am Morning Prayer for use on Sunday
Bible Readings: Isaiah 64: 1-9; Psalm 80: 1-8, 18-20;
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 24-37

BABY IN THE RECTORY

Congratulations to Revd Jack and to Rachael Kinkead on the birth of their daughter, Aodhla Sibéal. She is the first baby to live in the Rectory within living memory (but perhaps not the last!).

FRANCES (MICK) TOTTENHAM

Our thoughts and prayers are with Nicola Neumann and the Tottenham family following the death of Frances (Mick). She was a Select Vestry member. She loved nature and was a talented artist who helped decorate the church and advised on tree planting in the graveyard.

FINANCES

The Parish is facing a significant drop in income levels this year due to the cancellation of its main fundraising event and reduced monies from church collections during lockdown. 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.

CONFIRMATION

Due to the imposition of Level 5 restrictions, the confirmation services planned for November cannot now take place. Please remember candidates in your prayers as they look forward to re-scheduling.

ECO TIPS — THE GREAT OUTDOORS

As winter and shorter daylight hours approach, we all need to seek positivity during this second period of significant restrictions. The great outdoors will once again provide solace for many. Gardening is a wonderful panacea in a turbulent world and additionally can provide food for the larder. Reconnecting with the land proved a big hit in the first Lockdown, let it happen again this winter; feeling the earth in one's hands really helps to keep people grounded. Nature can also act as a soothing balm; we all heard and saw great stories of this in the spring. While always remaining within 5km of your home, you could visit a local park or wood, stroll along a beach, walk along your local road, looking carefully all around you - a wide array of wildlife is there to be seen. Birds can also be attracted into our gardens, by hanging up bird feeders (seed and feeders can be delivered straight to your door by ordering on-line, e.g. from BirdWatch Ireland in Kilcoole). A dull grey day can be brightened up by the antics of colourful goldfinches, blue, great and coal tits and many other species competing for food. Some lucky households will even be blessed with the presence of great spotted woodpeckers. Enjoy!

THE HUB

The Hub is once more closed due to restrictions. The good news is that it is a safe space as the necessary precautions are in place.

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

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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