

HARVEST PRAYER

God of harvest,
gardener supreme,
you place us at the centre,
feed us, equip us and
having provided for us
look to a different harvest -
a fruitfulness of lives
in service to you
and others.

God of harvest,
feed us,
prune us,
harvest us,
that our lives
might bring glory to you. **Amen.**

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ADVANCE NOTICE – REMEMBRANCE

The annual service of remembrance of past loved ones takes place on All Saints Day, Sunday 1st November at 11am. There will be a form available from Sunday 18th October on which the names of relatives and friends you would like to remember may be listed. It is a wonderful thing to give thanks to God for those whose lives have blessed us.

This year's Remembrance Sunday service is on 8th November. There will be an Act of Remembrance and an opportunity to support the Poppy Appeal.

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.nuncrosschurch.ie

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Killiskey Parish

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Announcements

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**"THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S AND ALL THAT IS IN IT"
(PSALM 24: 1)**

- Sun 4th 11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving Service**
Bible Readings: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18; Psalm 65;
2 Corinthians 9: 6-15; Luke 17: 11-19
Preacher: Revd Suzanne Harris
- Wed 7th 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom**
- Sun 11th 11.00am Morning Prayer 2**
Bible Readings: Isaiah 25: 1-9; Psalm 23;
Philippians 4: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14
- Wed 14th 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom**
- Sun 18th 11.00am Holy Communion**
Bible Readings: Isaiah 45: 1-7; Psalm 96: 1-9;
1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22
Preacher: Mr Scott Evans (Student Reader)
- Wed 21st 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom**
- Sun 25th 11.00am Morning Prayer for use on Sunday**
Bible Readings: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1;
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8; Matthew 22: 34-46
- Wed 28th 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom**

HARVEST SERVICE

The Parish Harvest Service will take place at 11am on 4th October (assuming no local lockdown!) Gifts of flowers and fresh produce would be greatly appreciated!

DIOCESAN SYNOD

The Diocesan Synod is scheduled to take place in Taney Parish Centre on Tuesday 20th October. At the time of writing it is not clear how this will be organised and whether it might, partly or fully, go online. The parish lay representatives are Scott Golden and Sally Smith. They will be joined by Rev Jack and Rev Ken and the Wicklow lay representatives.

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.

BEIRUT COLLECTION

Many thanks to those who contributed to the Bishops' Appeal for emergency aid for the people of Beirut who were affected by the explosion in their port area.

ECO TIPS — WEATHER

Whether the weather be cold, whether the weather be hot. Whatever the weather, we'll weather the weather, whether we like it or not." This didactic tongue-twister is as true today as it has ever been. Weather seems to be wreaking havoc on our lives more frequently (although we hear less about it just now owing to Covid19 dominating the news). Wet summer. Stormy too. Sunny September to cheer us up. Poor weather does have repercussions though and not just on our humour. Our very existence depends on it as food production varies enormously in different weather conditions. As climate change becomes ever more prescient, we need to diversify the foods we grow to make ourselves more resilient. On a small scale, gardeners can grow more varieties of fruit and vegetables, while on a larger scale farmers and market gardeners could also experiment with growing a wider range of crops. This should ensure that each year, some varieties will flourish, no matter what the weather.

ROTAS

The Select Vestry has decided to ask Daphne Hall to organise the flower rota. If you are happy to help with the supply and/or arrangement of flowers please contact her.

We are very grateful to those who help sanitise the church at the end of services. Please volunteer and spread the load!

We also need volunteers to Hoover and clean the church.

Rotas are posted on the church notice board

THE HUB

The Hub is now open six days a week, mostly in the mornings. All being well, a Tús worker will join the team during October, enabling additional afternoon openings.

If you have not frequented it recently, why not make a visit? It has many new and good as new items for sale.

JOHN HEADLEY

John Headley will celebrate his 100th birthday (D.V.) on 30th October. He has been a great supporter of the parish over many years, including 33 years as Treasurer. He was also a choir member.

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