

Killiskey Parish
September 2020



Announcements

Date of Issue: 30th August 2020

**"SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND.
CALL UPON HIM WHILE HE IS NEAR" (Isaiah 55: 6).**

Wed 2nd 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom

Sun 6th 11.00am Service of the Word
Bible Readings: Ezekiel 33: 7-11; Psalm 119: 33-40;
Romans 13: 8-14; Matthew 18: 15-20

Wed 9th 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom

Sun 13th 11.00am Morning Prayer 2
Bible Readings: Genesis 50: 15-21; Psalm 103: 8-13;
Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35

Wed 16th 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom

Sun 20th 11.00am Holy Communion
Bible Readings: Jonah 3: 10-4: 11; Psalm 145: 1-8;
Philippians 1: 21-30; Matthew 20: 1-16

Wed 23rd 07.30pm Online Service via Zoom

Sun 27th 11.00am Morning Prayer for use on Sunday
Bible Readings: Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25: 1-8;
Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32

FINANCES

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

On Tuesday 4th August, a massive explosion ripped through Beirut, killing 157 people, injuring 5,000, damaging 50% of the buildings and leaving 300,000 people homeless. Bishops' Appeal has launched an emergency fund to support those affected. It has long supported Christian Aid and Tearfund partners in Beirut, in their work with vulnerable communities, not least people living with disabilities, people who are refugees, people who have or are exposed to Gender Based Violence and people in need of basic humanitarian assistance such as food and shelter. A retiring collection has been taking place on the last three Sundays of August and the proceeds will be forwarded to Bishops' Appeal.

RNLI COLLECTION

€100 was raised during August to support the work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI). Many thanks to those who contributed.

HARVEST SERVICE

The Parish Harvest Service will take place at 11am on 4th October. The speaker will be the Newpark School Chaplain, the Revd Suzanne Harris.

"ONE SWALLOW DOES NOT A SUMMER MAKE"

Shakespeare popularised Aristotle's expression "One swallow does not a summer make" (although even this probably pre-dates him in a poem by Aesop three centuries earlier): an early sighting of a spring swallow does not mean that summer weather has arrived, as bitter northerly winds can plunge us back to winter temperatures. Cold, wet springs delay the onset of breeding, as flying insects are not available.

Swallow, swift and martin numbers have reduced dramatically over the past few decades, due to declining populations of insects. Agricultural intensification has resulted in more insecticides being used and less field margins and wild areas. Gentrification of urban areas reduces wildflowers still further. There is then less food for insects and thus less food for swallows, martins and swifts.

Good numbers still do occur in places, e.g. near horses (dung provides food for insects, provides food for birds). We can all help though – sow a patch of wildflower meadow and you will be rewarded with a riot of colour and a lovely humming of bees, hoverflies and a host of other insect species. Short cut lawns have their place, but leaving some areas uncut reaps dividends for wildlife. Aristotle and Aesop would be saddened by the paucity of swallows today.

ROTAS

We need more help with cleaning and arranging flowers for the church and with sanitising the church at the end of services. We are very grateful to those who help the church in these ways but would like to spread these tasks more widely. Rotas are posted on the church notice board

CORONAVIRUS CASUALTIES

Sadly a range of events which would normally take place in September cannot occur this year due to coronavirus:

- Re-commencement of Unity Gospel Choir practices
- Animal blessing service
- Hospice Coffee Morning Fundraiser
- Sunday Afternoon Children's Service
- Culture Night at Nun's Cross
- Table tennis
- Saturday Morning Bible Studies
- Wicklown Parish BBQ
- Camino de Glendalough

THE HUB

The Hub is now open six days a week. If you have not frequented it recently, why not make a visit? It has many new and good as new items for sale.

EASTER GENERAL VESTRY

The Easter General Vestry (Annual General Meeting) takes place on 30th August.

The names of those who are nominated to serve on the Select Vestry, act as Parochial Nominators and act as Diocesan Synod representatives will be posted on the notice board on 6th September.

A copy of the 2019 financial statements will be available from Scott Golden on request.

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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