

WICKLOW & KILLISKEY PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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Thoughts for April



2 April. Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, we have the opportunity to hear the whole story of Jesus' Passion read out in full, and a chance to experience the drama and tragedy of the series of events leading to his death on the cross. The Palm Sunday is typical of Jesus - acting subversively in his humility.

Holy Week - Each evening in Holy Week we move towards the cross of Good Friday, step by step. We wonder where we fit into the story, and to what extent we are complicit in the potential for darkness within humanity. On Good Friday, we reflect on how we have got into this mess.

9 April. Easter Day. Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; St Matthew 28:1-10.

Having journeyed with Jesus to the cross, with all its incumbent humiliation & forsakenness, the unstoppable power of God to transform and to work good out of evil forms the focus of our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

16 April. Acts 2:14, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; St. John 20:19-31

On the second Sunday of Easter, we are in a very special time period in the life of Jesus, often overlooked. In this post-resurrection time, he spends time with his disciples, continuing to teach & support them in a new, post-resurrection world.

23 April. Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; St Luke 24:13-35

As Jesus encounters 2 dejected disciples on their way home from Jerusalem, they know he has been executed, but haven't yet heard that he has risen again! Jesus patiently and methodically reveals himself through his exposition of the Scriptures, and through journeying and eating with them.

30 April. Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; St John 10:1-10

In a joint service in Nun's Cross, Killiskey, we will be joined by the current confirmation group as part of their preparation for making a public declaration of Christian faith in a few weeks time. A good opportunity to reflect on the place we make for faith in our own lives.

Services

Holy Week: Details on page 2

Wicklow: April 16th -
8.30 & 9.30 am
Holy Communion
Family Worship
Killiskey: 11.15am
Service of Worship

Wicklow: April 23rd -
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Family Worship
Killiskey: 11.15am
Service of Worship

Wicklow: April 30th -
8.30
Joint Service-
Killiskey: 11.15am
Service of Worship



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Holy Week & Easter

Nun's Cross Church, Killiskey will be the venue for our Holy Week journey this year, with services each evening in Holy Week. There will also be a service in Wicklow Church on Good Friday.

Sunday 2 April, Holy Communion service at 8.30am, Wicklow. Palm Sunday: 9.30am, Wicklow Church, Dramatised reading of Matthew's Passion.

11.15am, Nun's Cross Church, Palm Sunday procession and service.

Monday 3 April. 7.30pm. Service of Compline

Tuesday 4 April. 7.30pm. Service of Compline

Wednesday 5 April. 7.30pm. Tenebrae service of gradually extinguishing light.

Thursday 6 April. 7.30pm. Maundy Thursday Eucharist.

Friday 7 April. 10am, Wicklow Church, Good Friday service & reflection

2pm, Nun's Cross Church, Prayers around the cross.

7pm Walk of Witness. Beginning in Wicklow Methodist Church, walking to Wicklow Church of Ireland, and then to St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Saturday 8 April. 9pm. Easter Vigil Service of Light.

Sunday 9 April. Easter Day! 8.30am Holy Communion, Wicklow Church

9.30am Family Communion, Wicklow Church

11.15am Family Communion, Nun's Cross Church.

The Walk of Witness

This powerful but simple progression around Wicklow town sends a message to the wider community: that Christians here take seriously the events that lead to the death of Jesus on the cross. We meet in Wicklow Methodist Church at 7pm, where we sing a hymn, and listen to the first part of the Passion Narrative. We then walk to Wicklow Church of Ireland, carrying a large cross (taking turns to help carry, if you like), where we sing another hymn & hear the second part of the Passion Narrative. We then walk to St Patrick's Catholic Church, for a service of prayers and music centred on the story of Good Friday. Please do make this event a priority in your Holy Week journey.

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Family Service & Joint Service

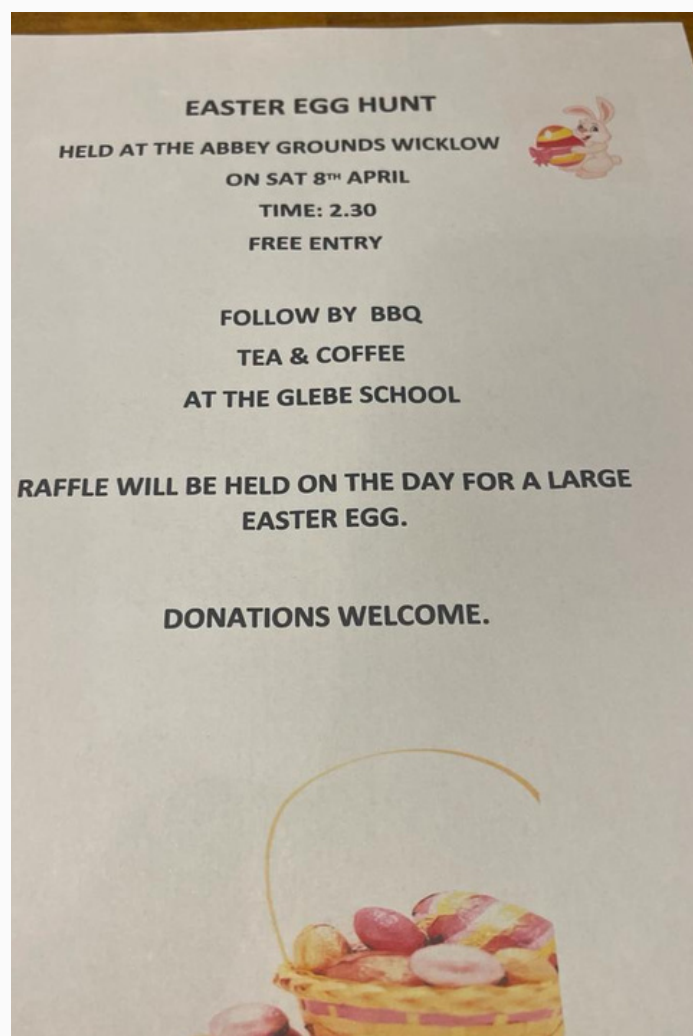
There will be a family service at 5pm in Nun's Cross Church on Sunday 30 April. These services are aimed at children, and are a great opportunity to connect with one another and with God. All welcome!

There is a joint service in Nun's Cross on 30 April, and no 9.30am service in Wicklow (though the 8.30 will go ahead as normal).

Confirmation

Please keep the confirmation group in your prayers as they engage with matters of faith. The sessions will take place on Sunday evenings between now & the confirmation service at the end of May.

Easter Egg Hunt



Pastoral Visiting

Is there someone you know who might appreciate a visit from the Rector? Or would you like to talk to Jack, in confidence? Please feel free to call or email, to arrange a time.
kinkeadj@gmail.com / 0861727654.

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Wicklow vestry open for young children during services!

We have cleared some space in the Wicklow Vestry for anyone coming to church with small children! We're delighted to see small kids in church, but understand it can be a bit stressful for parents at times! Please feel free to drop in & out of the Vestry during services, where there will be some toys & a playmat. There is also a speaker in there, relaying the service. And please keep bringing your kids to church!

Help needed!

We need volunteers to help with three areas of church life:

1. Coffee rota for after church on Sundays.
2. Church cleaning rota.
3. Flower rota for fresh flowers in church.

Perhaps sign up for a Sunday near the anniversary of a loved one, or of a special occasion



Wicklow coffee rota

Thanks to those who have signed up so far, to help provide tea / coffee after the 9.30am services. Please let Jack know if you are able to help with this occasionally.

Fundraising

Any and all ideas are welcome, so please let us know if you have an idea for a fundraising or social event.

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Youth Groups

The teen youth group will take place on 2nd and 22nd of April, in EGS, 6.30-8pm. We usually meet on the first and third Sundays of each month.

Anyone of secondary school age is welcome!

United Youth meets on Saturday 1st, 6-7.30pm. Please review the poster above regarding an upcoming trip

DUBLIN

Organize Your Skills

Hands-On Pipe Organ Workshop
with David Adams



Saturday 6th May
10am-1pm

Monkstown Parish Church

eircode: A94 HH97

Book on churchmusicdublin.org

€25 per Participant

enquiries info@churchmusicdublin.org

Pipe Organ Workshop

Join the for the Organize Your Skills pipe organ workshop at 10am on Saturday, 6 May 2023 at Monkstown Church.

Led by experienced organist and tutor David Adams, this 3-hour workshop is perfect for beginners and intermediate organists.

For just €25, you'll receive expert guidance on organ registration and performance, as well as the opportunity to perform a prepared piece.

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Safeguarding Trust

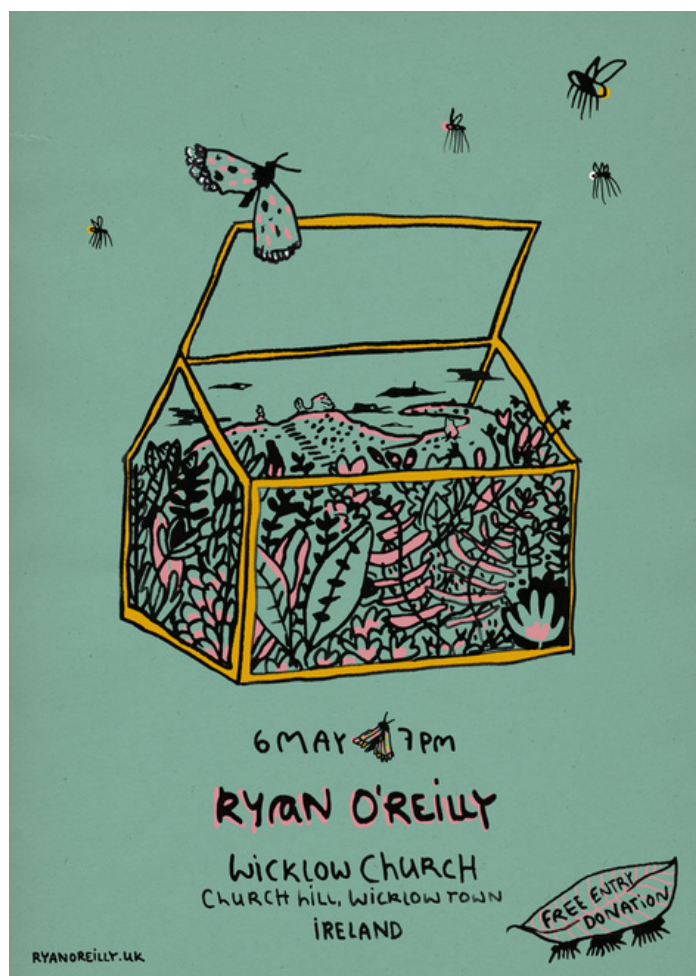
Safeguarding Trust is the Church of Ireland's child protection policy. Any volunteers who work with groups for under 18s, or with vulnerable adults, must undertake Safeguarding Trust training. Each parish Select Vestry appoints a Panel, to ensure that Safeguarding Trust is being fully implemented, and to meet should any issue arise. In Wicklow and Killiskey, the Panel members are: Rev Jack Kinhead (0861727654), Allyson Minion, Tony Mulrain (0871171066), (0868597423), Rev Ken Rue (0872766590), and Daphne Smith (0879152777). If you have any concern regarding child safety, please contact one of the panel without delay. <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/about/safeguarding>. Since the last Select Vestry meeting, there have been no incidents reported to the Safeguarding Trust Panel.



Select Vestries

Both Select Vestries met towards the end of January, and both discussed the practicalities around Rev Jack now having sole responsibility for both Wicklow and Killiskey parishes. Both vestries are engaging in processes of looking towards a sustainable future for the parish community, and welcome the input of the wider parish family. Although overall outgoings have reduced, finance continues to be a perpetual worry, and the vestries appeal to parishioners to consider planned giving for financial contributions - either standing order or donation envelopes. Any donation over €250 per year will be eligible for an additional tax rebate contribution from the government. Our bank details are as follows: Wicklow Parish Church. BIC: AIBKIE2D; IBAN: IE23 AIBK 933619 09248084 Killiskey Parish: BIC: BOFIE2D; IBAN: IE16 BOFI 906734 11025991


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Concert

Ryan O'Reilly is an acclaimed artist with Irish roots, who is making a return visit to Wicklow. He last played in the church in 2017, the combination of his outstanding talent and the stunning acoustics of the church resulting in something really quite special.

ryanoreilly.uk for more details!



The United Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough

Job Vacancy Assistant to the Diocesan Secretary

The Church of Ireland Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough wishes to recruit a personal assistant to the Diocesan Secretary based in the Diocesan Office, Church of Ireland House, Rathmines, Dublin 6

Key Requirements:

- Strong communication, written and verbal skills.
- Excellent presentation and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to prioritise workload.
- Competent in Microsoft Office / Excel.
- Ability to work on own initiative.
- Flexibility to undertake assignments/projects (training will be provided where necessary).

Applicants are invited to email a CV with a covering letter outlining their suitability to Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan Councils at admin@dublin.anglican.org



Toddler and baby group

The baby & toddler group has restarted, and now meets on Tuesday mornings, in the Methodist Church hall, from 9.30-11.30am. Anyone looking after pre-school children are very welcome. There are toys for the kids, and tea / coffee for their carers. €3 to cover costs.

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Killiskey Churchwardens - Urgent!

As we have no official churchwardens at the moment, we need some parishioners to volunteer to undertake warden duty as part of a rota. Please let Jack know if you can help (0861727654).

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.

The Hub

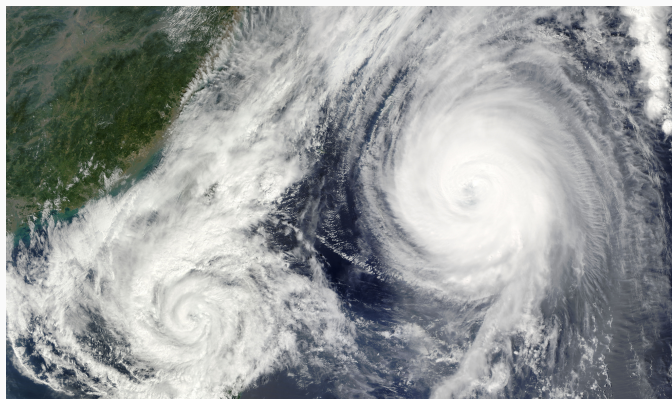
Ashford Charity Shop has a wide range of goods for sale, Opening hours are from 11am-3pm Mondays to Saturdays.

If you know of anyone who has been unemployed for a year or more and would like to earn some extra income, please ask them to contact Lesley Rue on 087-2766590

Table Tennis

The Table Tennis club meets in East Glendalough School on Thursdays from 7.30pm—9pm

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Eco Tips

April 2023 IPCC Report

One of the best-known bible stories, immortalised and popularised in the musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat", is that of Joseph interpreting the Egyptian Pharaoh's dreams. He foretold seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. Accordingly, he organised the saving and storage of grain from each of the good years. When famine came, he rationed out the grain to the Egyptians and they survived, whereas people from other nations starved. We could all learn a valuable lesson from this biblical tale. The International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has just issued its most stark report yet. Global temperatures are already 1.09°C higher than before industrialisation took place.

Once the increase reaches 1.5°C, more catastrophic effects of climate change will manifest themselves - untold human suffering from increasingly violent storms, sea level rise from melting ice, floods and, conversely, drought and desertification etc.; famines and food shortages will be rife. Environmental damage and the loss to biodiversity will escalate and become irreversible. However, if we follow Joseph's example, but in a modern context, we could avoid precipitating such global disaster. The good news is that IT IS POSSIBLE - e.g. by investing in technological change and by voluntarily reducing our consumption. We can ALL play our part now by not buying products we don't need, reducing waste, excessive travel, fuel from overheating homes and businesses. Test yourselves and see how much you can reduce consumption - saves money too!

Children's area

One of the closed in sections at the back of the church (known as the 'horseboxes'!) has been cleared out & some toys provided. This is for any young children in church, to make it easier for them and their parents alike! Feel free to come & go as your children want to!



General Announcements

FLOWER ROTA

Please sign the flower rota sheet in the porch of the church if you are available to help with church flowers. This isn't a big job & doesn't involve fancy arrangements (unless you want to!) but is about having some fresh flowers, in vases, in church week by week.

HELP WANTED!

We always need volunteers to help with parish organisations and events. Could you help with: Children's activities, youth clubs, fundraising events, the Fete, the BBQ, Messy Church, church flowers, crèche? Any time and help, however little, is so much appreciated. Contact Jack for more details

PRAYERS

We are really keen to involve more people in worship in Wicklow Parish. One way to do this is to involve people in leading the prayers of intercession at services. Would you be willing to help with this, on an occasional basis? If so, please speak to Jack. There is an information pack available, with pointers on how to lead a congregation in prayer.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

If you have items you want included in the Parish Newsletter, please send to Sinead before the 20th of each month at wicklowandkilliskeycoi@outlook.com

Dear Father

It is so easy to look around and see a world of chaos, turmoil and disorder and wonder where You are in all of this.

Just like the disciples as they see You betrayed and crucified, a victorious end-game seems unlikely.

But ... You have the victory!

We give thanks that You are victorious, and though there are times when it might look like You are not in control, You are always in charge.

Help us to trust You to bring good out of any situation we face, and we give thanks that for those who love You, all things work together for good.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen