

WICKLOW & KILLISKEY PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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Services

Thoughts for August



6 August. Genesis 32:22-31; St Matthew 14:13-21

The mysterious Old Testament reading of Jacob's nocturnal wrestle with God is a challenge to us all - to allow ourselves to be confronted with that which makes us uncomfortable, but which might lead to growth. As Jesus feeds 5000, we are reminded that God provides for us in times of need.

13 August. Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; St. Matthew 14:22-33

If we thought the saga of the people of Israel would settle, we see how family traits of scheming and jealousy continue into the next generation! As Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers, we learn that this is not the worst fate which could have befallen him.

20 August. Genesis 45:1-15; St Matthew 15:21-28

The saga of the family of Abraham finally reaches a point of redemption, and we are awe struck by the power of God to bring redemption where it might seem impossible. The Gospel reading is an important one for Matthew's original audience, as they are introduced to the concept of Christ's universal care for all people.

27 August. Exodus 2:1-10; St Matthew 16:13-20

As we move to the book of Exodus, we are introduced to Moses, who will be such a crucial presence at a crucial time, for the people of Israel. We learn of the precarious nature of his early life, and how fortunate he was to survive infancy. In the Gospel reading, Jesus reveals who he really is to the disciples - things will never be the same from this point on.

Wicklow: Aug 6th -
8.30 & 9.30 am
Holy Communion
Family Worship
Killiskey: 11.15am
Service of Worship

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Back to Church Sunday

The annual parish gathering for Back to Church will take place on Sunday 9 September, at the usual service times in both Wicklow & Nun's Cross. If you haven't been to church for a while, we'd love to see you there! There will be a children's address & the band will lead our worship

Pastrol Visit

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.

Parish Badminton Club

The parish badminton club will soon be re-established! Keep an eye out for more information....

Baby & Toddler group

The baby & toddler group will stop meeting for July & August, and will recommence in September.

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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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Wicklow Regatta Festival



THE 145th
Wicklow Regatta Festival

July 28th to August 10th, 2023

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FAMILY DAY,
SINGING PUBS
FIREWORKS,
AND MUCH MORE**


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**COOL FOOD SCHOOL WORKSHOP,
DON CONROY ART WORKSHOP
ONE FOR ADULTS AND ONE FOR KIDS!!,
DOG SHOW, TREASURE HUNTS,
HISTORICAL TALKS & WALKS, ART TRAIL,
KIDS ENTERTAINERS & GAMES, SPLASH SUNDAY,
RAFT RACE, TRY OUT SAILING & KAYAKING,
COMEDY, OUTDOOR MUSIC,
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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), 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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National Heritage Week 2023

Open Saturday August 12 and Sunday August 13 and Saturday, 19th August and Sunday, 20th August, 2023 between 2.30 - 5 p.m.

A talk to be given at 3 p.m. on each of the above dates by author of the commissioned history of the church, Patricia Butler entitled: Nun's Cross church, Co. Wicklow and its Treasures, 1817-2017.

Harvest Thanksgiving

We will give thanks to God for the abundance of the earth on Sunday 24 September. Further details to follow re. decorating the church.

Save the Date - Parish BBQ

The Parish BBQ is back and will take place in EGS on 3rd September at 1pm!
Tickets are Adult €20, Child under 12 €5
Family €45 - Two adults and two children
WhatsApp Jim Costello to book: 086 770 1456
Entertainment and games will be provided on the day!

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DGYC's Big Day Out: Wicklow Town

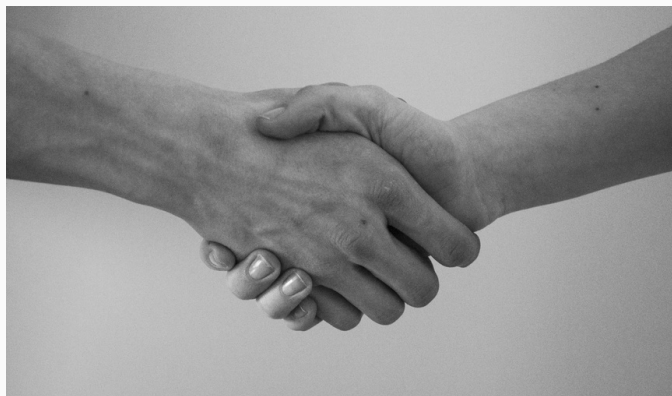
Wicklow Town, 17th September 6 - 8pm

We are joined again by the Nomad Cage Soccer Team, and will have inflatables, games, chill zones and some other fun activities available.

So save the date and get it in your autumn youth schedule!

These events are for secondary school age young people, who are part of a group in the Dublin & Glendalough dioceses. Young people must attend as part of a group and not as individuals. Booking information will be available closer to the time.

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Killiskey Churchwardens - Urgent!

We only have a small amount of 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

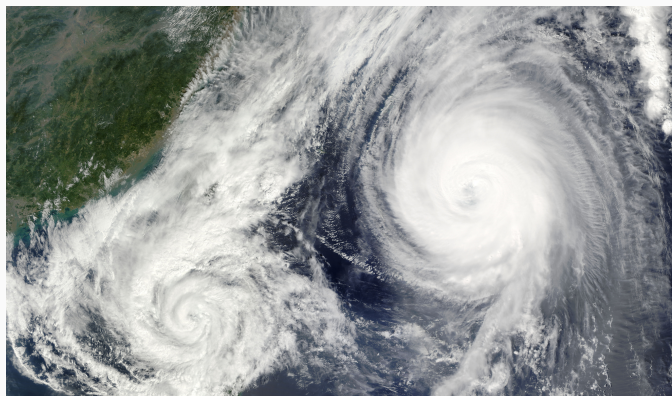
Ashford Charity Shop has a wide range of goods for sale, Opening hours are from 11am-3pm Mondays to Saturdays.

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

August 2023

"The era of global boiling has arrived"

Imagine you are standing at the bottom of a hill, watching a huge juggernaut slowing winding its way down from the top. Then it speeds up, sending rocks flying downhill as it takes the corners too fast. If brakes were applied now, the lorry would slow down, the damage would be limited. Left to accelerate ever faster, it would veer totally out of control, possibly tipping sideways and obliterating all in its path. Likewise with climate, if we "apply brakes" by limiting greenhouse gas emissions, then we can reduce the rate of earth's temperature rise. The first three weeks of July have been the hottest on record.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said "The era of global boiling has arrived. Climate change is here. It is terrifying. And it is just the beginning. It is still possible to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C (above pre-industrial levels) and avoid the very worst of climate change. But only with dramatic, immediate climate action." In Ireland, we must learn to adapt and part of that adaptation must be to see climate action by us all as a right for future generations – this will, of necessity, involve giving up some of our current "rights" – over-consumption, waste, too much travel, overheating of buildings etc. Most people do not want to hear it: "Ireland is a small country, so it doesn't matter what we do, it won't make a difference." Wrong. Millions of small changes can have a large impact, both directly and by influence (remember banning indoor smoking, levying plastic bags? – other countries followed suit). If we embrace climate action NOW, we can help safeguard the future.



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

God, we commit
ourselves to trust you
with our lives,
To obey your will more
often,
And to open to your
guiding hands each day.
We commit ourselves to
be more caring towards
each other
And to show genuine
concern for each other's
needs.
Fill us with your Holy
Spirit,
That our commitment
may demonstrate the
mind of Christ within us.
Amen