

# WICKLOW & KILLISKEY PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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## Thoughts for May



**7 May. Acts 7:55-60; St. John 14:1-14** - The readings today point us towards the understanding that to accept the supremacy of Christ as Lord is not to become immune to life's challenges - indeed, a life of faith may well lead us to encounter experiences of suffering. The reconciling ministry of Christ is ever more important in such circumstances.

**14 May. Acts 17:22-30; St. John 14:15-21**

The readings today are reassuring, in that they remind us that we do not go through this life alone. Paul calls the Athenians to repent - to literally turn away from a multi-God understanding of the universe, to a universal understanding of One God. The idea of an 'unknown God' is anathema to Paul, as God has been made known to us in Christ; St John looks forward to the omnipresence of God's Holy Spirit, by whom the transforming work of Jesus continues.

**21 May. Acts 1:6-14; Acts 1:6-14; St John 17:1-11**

On this Sunday after Ascension, we give some thought to the continuing work of Christ, and the centrality of prayer. The Gospel reading is part of a prayer prayed by Jesus himself, and is ultimately a prayer for unity. We will have the opportunity this morning to spend time in prayer - for unity between us and God; for unity between us & our fellow humanity; for unity within the body of Christ: the Church. As we come before God, we must come in humility.

**28 May. Acts 2:1-21; St John 7:37-39**

Today's first reading is the dramatic revelation of the Holy Spirit to the early church: wild, vivid, unexpected. The short Gospel reading is slightly puzzling, as it seems to suggest that the Spirit only comes into being after Jesus' glorification. However, we are once again brought to Jesus as the hub around which all else is ordered. People's understanding of God as creator and Spirit is reordered and rekindled through the incarnation of Jesus himself.

## Services

**Wicklow:** May 7th -  
8.30 & 9.30 am  
Holy Communion  
Family Worship  
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## May News - Wicklow



### Family Service

There will be a family service in Nun's Cross Church on **28th May at 5pm**. This short service is aimed at younger children & families with other commitments on Sunday mornings - all welcome!

### Confirmation

18 young people from within the parishes will be confirmed on **Sunday 21 May** in St. Saviour's, Arklow. Please pray for them as they undertake greater responsibility in faith.

### 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.



### Survey Results

Thanks to all who responded to the Killiskey Parish survey. If you would like a full copy of the results, please check the parish Facebook page, or contact Rev Jack. (0861727654)

### Tree planted in memory of Canon Pettigrew

A tree has been planted in the grounds of Nun's Cross Church to remember the late Canon Stanley Pettigrew, who was Rector of Wicklow & Killiskey from 1962-1992. The tree was presented by the Select Vestry of Killiskey Parish.



## May News - Wicklow



### Congratulations!

We are delighted that former parishioner Kevin Conroy has been appointed as Rector of the parishes of Blackrock and Stillorgan! Kevin has worked for many years in the tech industry, in recent years also working in ordained ministry as a self-supporting priest. He has now made the move to full time professional ministry, and we wish him well.

### Visiting Choir

The choir of St. Bartholomew's in Dublin will sing a service of choral Evensong on Sunday 7 May at 5pm, in Nun's Cross Church. Evensong is a wonderfully reflective service of beautiful music. We'd love to see lots of people come & experience a rare treat!



### Glebe School Dedication

On Thursday 20 April, the Archbishop visited Wicklow to dedicate and bless the enhanced facilities there, following a lengthy building project. It was a pleasure to welcome back former Principal (and Wicklow parishioner) Hilda Heavenor, along with former Rector Canon John Clarke. A representative from the Department of Education was also present, along with the project Architect, Ronan Rose-Roberts, and project engineer, Trevor Wood. Board of Management members Olive Casey-Conroy, Dave Howell, Lissa McPhillips, and Will Goodbody were also in attendance.

## May News - Wicklow



### 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!

### 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.

### 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



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### Youth Groups

United Youth will meet in EGS on Saturday 6 May, 6-7.30pm. Anyone from 4th-6th class is welcome to attend!

### Teen Youth Group

The teen youth group will meet on Sunday 6 May, 6.30-8pm. Anyone of secondary school age is welcome!

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](http://churchmusicdublin.org)

€25 per Participant

enquiries [info@churchmusicdublin.org](mailto: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 Kinkead (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



## May News - Wicklow



### Sunday 21 May in Wicklow Church

We'll take some time today to focus on prayer & how to engage with God & within ourselves.

'Power of Prayer - Being confident and Purposeful Praying'

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made know to God. Philippians 4:6.

Praying brings us closer to God. He wants to hear from you. He listens to and, answers prayers.

But where might I start? And how do I pray?

For everyone, about anything, always and forever .. Making praying accessible to all'.

Praise & Prayer

Wicklow Church  
Thursday 25th May  
7.30pm - 9pm

"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens and I will give you rest Matt 11.28 "



**MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE**

 **MindMatters Col**  
A Reducing Stigma  
A Supporting Communities  
A Developing Young and Support  
A Shared Responsibility

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE...

**MindMatters Col (Church of Ireland) Conference**  
on Friday, 20th October 2023 in the Radisson Blu  
Royal Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin 8.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**  
Most Rev Justin Welby,  
Archbishop of Canterbury

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**Matins**  
9.00am St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin

**Conference**  
10.00am Registration at Radisson Blu  
Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin  
10.30am Commencement of Proceedings  
4.00pm Conference Closes

**Choral Evensong**  
5.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin

The conference is free to attend but booking is essential.  
To secure your place, please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mindmatters-col-conference-tickets-600321837777>  
email [mhp@rcbdub.org](mailto:mhp@rcbdub.org) or leave a message at: 0035314125660

[mindmatters.ireland.anglican.org](http://mindmatters.ireland.anglican.org)

 **BENEFACT TRUST**



## May News - Wicklow

### Sports Extra Camp



**SUMMER CAMPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**  
CAMPA SAMHRAIDH  
DO DHAOINE ÓGA

SERIOUS SPORTS ACTION FOR  
THE SERIOUS SPORTS PLAYER  
GNÍOMH SPÓRT TROMCHÚISEACH  
LE HAGHAIDH IMREOIR SPÓIRT  
TROMCHÚISEACH

**SPORTS EXTRA IRELAND**

**22ND - 27TH  
JULY  
2023**

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CHRIST CITY CHURCH

#### SPORTS EXTRA IRELAND

A week of specialist sports coaching and team competitions for young people who are serious about sport and play regularly in a club or team.

It's the perfect way to improve in your sport, while exploring more about the Christian faith and what it means to be a Christian sports player.

22-27  
JULY

**IRELAND**  
**WILSON'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL**

#### SPORTS

Young people choose one sport to specialise in for two hours every morning. The options are:

- Hockey
- Rugby
- Soccer

#### Cost

Sports Extra Ireland costs €300 for each young person, with a reduced rate of €150 also available. The reduced rate is subsidised by a bursary fund and is accessible for families to which the full cost is not affordable.

#### Age

Sports Extra Ireland is for young people in 6th Class to 5th Year in the 2022/23 academic year.

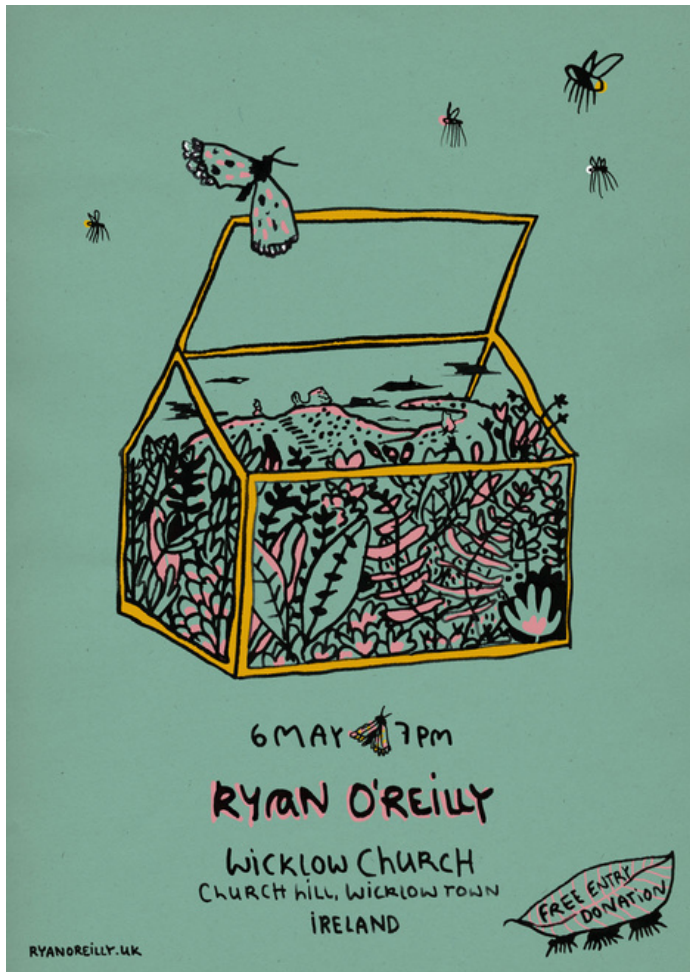
#### Contact us

For more information please visit the website, contact the team on +353 83 127 0941 or email [sports.extra@christcitychurch.ie](mailto:sports.extra@christcitychurch.ie)

BOOKING IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:  
[CHRISTCITYCHURCH.IE/SPORTS-EXTRA](https://christcitychurch.ie/sports-extra)



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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.

Please check out [www.ryanoreilly.uk](http://www.ryanoreilly.uk) for more details!



### 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.



## May News - Wicklow

### Easter General Vestries

Both EGVs took place on Sunday 30th April, in the context of the main morning services in Wicklow & Killiskey. Many thanks to those who attended - anyone who wasn't there but would like a copy of the reports, please contact Jack.

In Wicklow, the Select Vestry members for 2023-4 are:

Rector's Churchwarden: Debbie Patton

People's Churchwarden: Jim Costello

Rector's Glebewarden: Tim Austen

People's Glebewarden: Marc Devereux

Hon. Secretary: Heather Minion

Hon. Treasurer: Shane Fingleton

Tracey Ashley

Mattanje de Boer

Jenny Costello

Gail Fingleton

Andy Hasler

William Heatley

James Leng

Jonathon Patton

Lee Rhodes.

Our grateful thanks to outgoing Select Vestry members: John Clarke, Dave Gillanders, Philip Hastie, and Ivan Shields.

Diocesan synods representatives for the next three years will be: Lynn

Glanville & Lesley Hopkins;

Supplementalists: Jonathon Patton & Allyson Minion.

Parochial nominators will be: Philip Hastie & Hilda Heavener.



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### Easter General Vestries

In Killiskey, Select Vestry members are:

Rector's Churchwarden: Hazel Bayley

People's Churchwarden: VACANT

Rector's Glebewarden: David Harte

People's Glebewarden: John Smyth

Hon. Secretary: Justine Bauman

Hon. Treasurer: Scott Golden

Juliet Belton

Patricia Butler

Bernadette Glover

Tim Hicks

Celia Grant

Amanda Mooney

Michael Norman

Ivan Sheane

Lucy Tottenham

Our grateful thanks to outgoing Select Vestry members: Lisa Armstrong, and Freda Yague.

The diocesan synod representative is: Scott Golden; supplementalist Amanda Mooney. Parochial nominators are: Celia Grant, and Lucy Tottenham; supplementalists: Tony Dunne & Amanda Mooney.

Following the EGV in Killiskey, a weeping willow tree was planted at the back of the church in memory of the late Rev Canon Stanley Pettigrew (1927-2022), who was Rector of Wicklow & Killiskey from 1962-1992.



## May News - Killiskey



### 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



## May News - Killiskey

*Nun's Cross Church, Killiskey, Ashford,  
Co. Wicklow*

*Sunday, 7th May at 5.00pm*

*Choral Evensong*

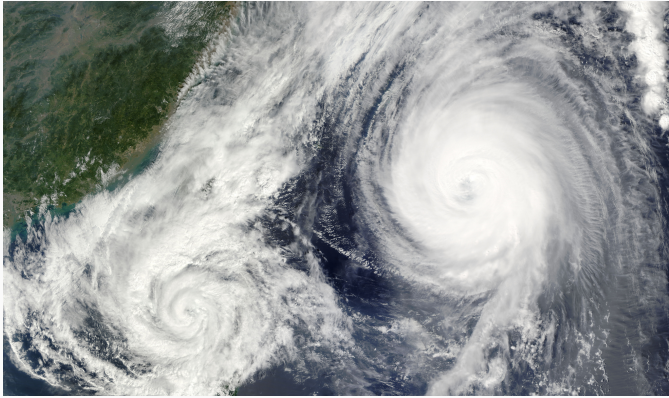
*with the Choir of  
St Bartholomew's Church,  
Dublin.*



### Choral Evening

Please come join an evening of Choral Evensong with the Choir of St. Bartholomew's Church from Dublin on May 7th at 5pm in Nun's Cross Church.

## May News - Killiskey



### Eco Tips

#### May 2023

#### IPCC Report

Mary Donnelly heads the Irish Climate Change Advisory Council. It would make huge economic sense for the government to take on board some of her comments. To increase carbon uptake, Ireland needs to plant 8,000 hectares of woodland annually, but at present we are only achieving 2,000 ha/year. We urgently need to set specific targets on land use to indicate how we will reach net zero C emissions. Farming practices have always changed through time and this needs to continue, but farmers will need advice and substantial financial support to adopt sustainable farming practices. Emissions need to decrease across ALL sectors, yet in Ireland they are actually increasing.

By 2030, it is estimated that Ireland will be paying a minimum of €8 billion on carbon credits to offset emissions, BUT carbon credits may not be available as so many other countries will be doing likewise. It would make much more sense to spend €8 billion on reducing our emissions, instead of paying fines, and to transition to a low carbon lifestyle, not just on farms but in urban areas too. The challenge is for individuals, companies, industries and government to heed the advice of Mary Donnelly.

#### 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](mailto:wicklowandkilliskeycoi@outlook.com)

O Lord our God, your goodness reaches every corner of your creation, and your presence is within every aspect of our lives, and so we praise you. In this season of rebirth and new growth, we give thanks. In this Easter season of resurrection and promise, we rejoice. As we approach Ascension and Pentecost, we seek your leadership and your encouragement. With you, we are ready for the challenges that lie ahead. We pray for unity within our parishes and between our parishes and the wider community. Draw us together, Lord, in unity and in service. We ask these things in the name of Christ: Risen, Ascended, Glorified! Amen.