

WICKLOW & KILLISKEY PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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Services

Thoughts for November



5 November. Joshua 3:7-17; St. Matthew 23:1-12

Today's readings teach us two important things: in times of transition, trust in God's providence and steadfastness. Also, do not ask another to bear a burden that you yourself would not carry.

12 November. Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25; St. Matthew 25:1-13

On Remembrance Sunday, as we remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, we also renew our commitment to peace in our time. The readings remind us of the possibility of renewal after a time of turbulence, but also to avoid complacency in times that seem settled.

19 November. Judges 4:1-7; St Matthew 25:14-30

Today's readings challenge us on where we invest our efforts and energies. Where we are lazy or self-centred, we find ourselves drifting from God and the opportunities that there are to make a difference in our world.

26 November. Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; St Matthew 25:31-46

Ezekiel takes a slightly unusual approach in his description of God as shepherd this morning, castigating those who grow rich while making others poorer and more vulnerable. The Gospel is a well known observation of judgement, as Jesus teaches that God will judge us based on our compassion towards vulnerable people.

Wicklow: Nov 5th -
8.30 & 9.30 am
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Killiskey: 11.15am
Morning Prayer

Wicklow: Nov 12th -
8.30 & 9.30 am
Holy Communion
Family Worship
Killiskey: 11.15am
Holy Communion

Wicklow: Nov 19th -
8.30 & 9.30 am
Holy Communion
GB Enrolment service
Killiskey: 11.15am
Holy Baptism
5pm Family Service

Wicklow: Nov 26th -
8.30 & 9.30 am
Holy Communion
Service of Wholeness
and Healing
Killiskey: 11.15am
Service of Wholeness
and Healing with
Communion

WICKLOW BABY AND TODDLER PLAY GROUP

TUESDAYS

9.30AM - 11.30AM

THE METHODIST HALL,
A67 WK11



Toys for babies
and toddlers

Coffee, tea,
juice & biscuits

3 euro per family
to cover costs

Enquiries to Rachael
(0872418174)



THIS INFORMAL PLAY GROUP RUNS DURING SCHOOL TERM.
FACILITATED BY WICKLOW CHURCH OF IRELAND.



Remembering Loved Ones

Sunday 5 November is within All Saints tide, when we celebrate all human life, past and present. We will remember those who have died, but whose influence lives on. Please send Jack the names of any loved ones you would like to remember by name. We will do this at both main services, in Wicklow and in Nun's Cross.

Remembrance Day

On Sunday 12 November there will be an Act of Remembrance at the main services in both Wicklow and Nun's Cross. We will remember in prayer those who have died in the service of others - in the armed and emergency services. Particularly important at the moment, we will commit afresh to peace and covenant relationship with God.

Baby & Toddler group

The toddler group will take place on Tuesdays, in the Methodist Church Hall, 9.30am-11.30am.

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Frienship Group

The next get together will be on Monday 20th Nov from 11am to noon in the Wicklow Methodist Hall. Further information available from Linda Walsh: 086 8228378.

Pastoral 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....

Sunday Club

Bible Stories,
Games, Colouring
& lots more fun

**Every 1st
& 3rd
Sunday**

9.30am

Meeting in church & over
to school hall for Sunday
Club. All children of
primary school age
welcome

Volunteers needed urgently

Sunday Club

Sunday Club will meet during the 0930 service in Wicklow on Sunday 5 and 19 November. All primary school age children are invited to come along. We start in church and move to the Glebe School after the first hymn / song.

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Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Ireland

CAP Ireland is a Christian charity that believes no Irish person should live in financial distress. We're equipping a movement of churches to walk alongside those in financial distress whilst sharing about the fullness of life in Jesus. CAP Ireland provides the church with free practical financial tools, services, and money skills to enable financial wellbeing for their community, no matter their background or situation.

Understanding the dignity of the person, CAP Ireland and their partners offer these services without judgement but rather as a response to the grace and mercy we have received.

If anyone is interested in finding out more, please visit www.capireland.ie or contact Jack. If you are in financial difficulty, please reach out in confidence as there are supports available.

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Fundraising

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

Wicklow coffee rota

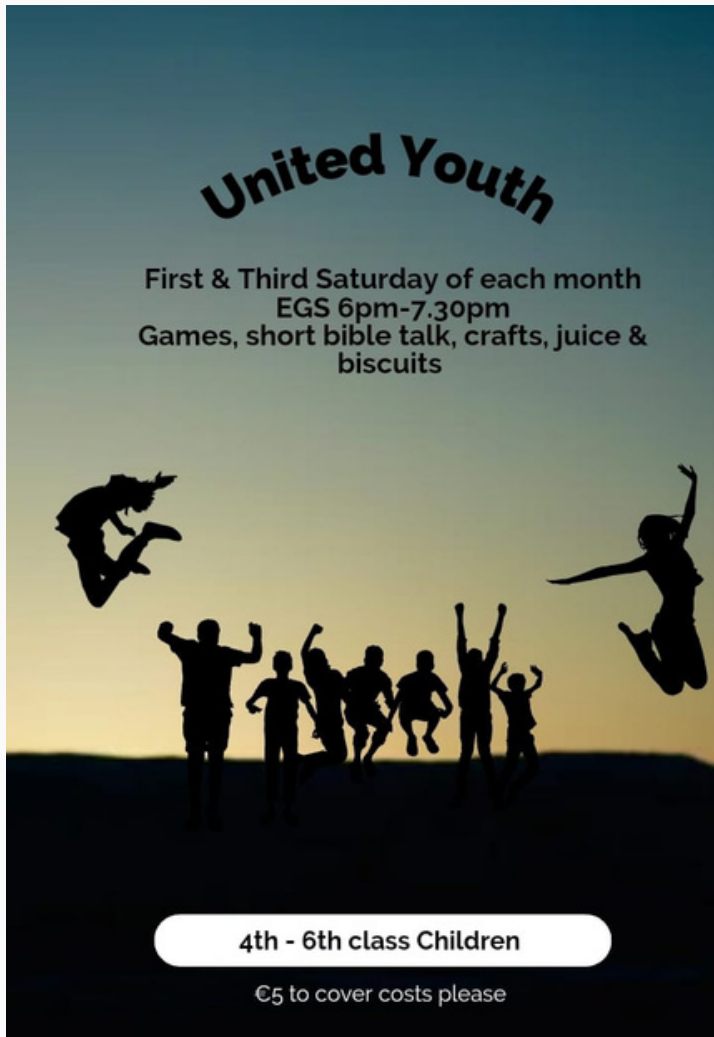
Thanks to those who have signed up so far, to help provide tea / coffee after the 9.30am services. Please let Jack know if you are able to help with this occasionally.

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
4. **Youth leaders** - We urgently need volunteers to help run the teen youth group, which meets twice per month on a Sunday evening, in EGS. Please let Jack know if you are able to help.
5. **Readers in church** - Please contact Jack or Frances Shearer if you are available to join the readers' rota for bible readings in church.

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Youth

United Youth will meet on 4th & 18th November, 6-7.30pm in EGS. Anyone from 4th-6th class is welcome to come along! €5 to cover costs.

The teen youth group will meet on 5th & 19th November, 6.30-8pm, in EGS. Anyone of secondary school age is very welcome to come along.

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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.

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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.

Ashford Gift & Book Shop - The Hub

The Hub has a wide range of very good second-hand clothes for men, ladies and children. It also sells books, bric-a-brac and new items. It is totally run by volunteers, and we are lucky to have got a Tús worker who joined us two months ago.

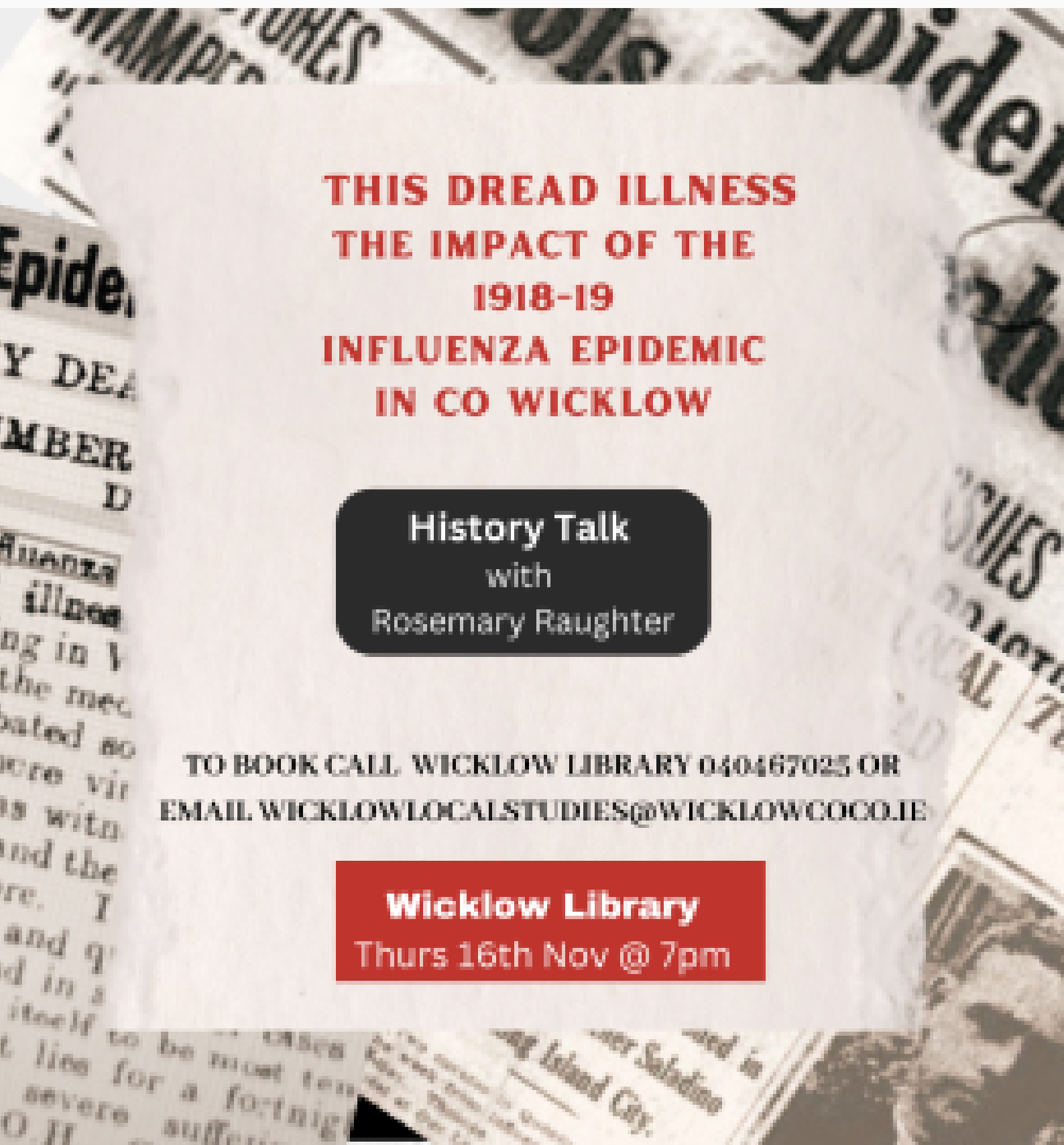
We have a wide range of greeting cards from the Mothers Union at very reasonable prices! Also, our Christmas Cards and decorations will be available from early November. The Hub is open Mondays and Saturdays 11-3pm and Tuesdays – Fridays 11-4pm

Table Tennis

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



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THIS DREAD ILLNESS THE IMPACT OF THE 1918-19 INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IN CO WICKLOW

History Talk
with
Rosemary Raughter

TO BOOK CALL WICKLOW LIBRARY 040467025 OR
EMAIL WICKLOWLOCALSTUDIES@WICKLOWCOCO.IE

Wicklow Library
Thurs 16th Nov @ 7pm

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SOULS OF OUR SHOES EXHIBITION

ST. SAVIOURS CHURCH, ARKLOW

FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER TO MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2023



An exhibition showcasing shoes that speak on behalf of victims of domestic abuse and violence. The physical shoes in the 'Souls of our Shoes' exhibition are accompanied by comments from those that have walked away from abuse, and those who journey with them.

The exhibition has travelled throughout Ireland and is part of the Mothers' Union Initiatives to highlight domestic abuse and the practical and prayerful support we offer to families.

The issue of Domestic Violence is often hidden but is unfortunately in every community and society around the world. It is surrounded by secrecy and pain.

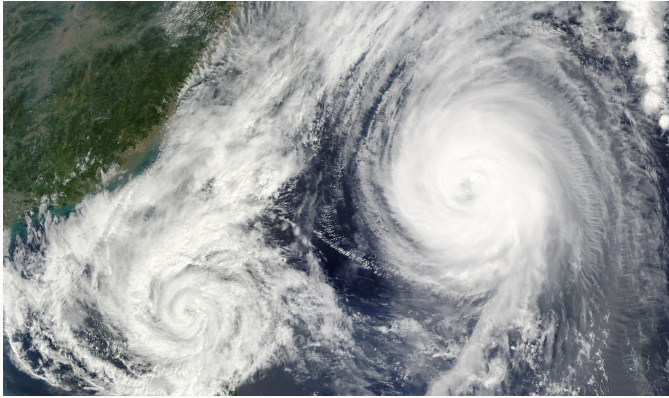
1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men suffer from some sort of domestic violence/abuse. We hope by displaying this exhibition we can help to highlight this issue and signpost help available.

The exhibition opens on Friday evening at 7.30pm, will be open Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 2pm to 6pm and Monday 10am to 4pm. We encourage as many people as possible to attend. There will be tea/coffee & traybakes available in the church hall beside the church. Our speaker at the Sunday morning service at 11.30am in St. Saviours Church Arklow, will be Mrs Leslie Bayley, Diocesan President of Cashel Ferns & Ossory Diocese – herself a survivor of domestic abuse.

All are welcome to attend the exhibition but please note that the exhibition is primarily intended for adults as the subject matter may be disturbing.

ARKLOW, INCH & KILBRIDE MOTHERS' UNION

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Eco Tips

November 2023

The beauty and value of hedgerows

Spring saw the hawthorn (or aptly named may) trees ablaze with blossom. This autumn the trees are bearing the fruits of all those flowers, with hedgerows abounding with red berries. Apart from their aesthetic value, the flowers and haws are wonderful for wildlife – pollinators, small mammals, birds. They also provide shelter from wind and rain along field boundaries for farm stock.

Other native tree and shrub species occur, such as guelder rose, spindle, hazel (with bountiful nuts this year), holly (already bearing a profusion of red berries) etc., all interwoven with a jumble of bramble and ivy, which also provide great food and shelter. These healthy hedgerows are in stark contrast to those so evident in many areas, where fields are divided by short, stubby, over-trimmed “neat” barriers that barely deserve the moniker hedgerow. Not only are they poor reservoirs for wildlife, but their carbon sequestration abilities are seriously compromised. In the current era of biodiversity crisis and climate change, the value of trees cannot be overstated and maintaining proper hedgerows is one way to assist in this challenge. All landowners, be they of small rural holdings or larger farms, can play their part by allowing their hedges to flourish. Urban dwellers, too, can plant native shrub species in their gardens.

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Family Service

The Family service will be on the third Sunday this month instead of the fourth. So we meet on Sunday 19 November, in Nun's Cross Church at 5pm. This short service is aimed at families with young children, and snacks are served afterwards!



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 Lord, help us to be expectant and faithful this month and to stand on Your promises, for they are "Yes" and "Amen". Help us to be a blessing to those around us.

Heavenly Father, may Your face shine upon us. Be gracious to us. Lift Your countenance towards us, Lord, and shower us with Your peace, wholeness, and well-being.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen