

WICKLOW & KILLISKEY PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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Services

Thoughts for September



3 September. Exodus 3:1-15; St Matthew 16:21-28

The dramatic encounter between Moses & God reveals something of the nature of how we might identify as people of God. The Gospel reminds us of our obligation to follow our own vocation when it comes to discipleship.

10 September. Exodus 12:1-14; St. Matthew 18:15-20

Today's readings both describe particular processes when it comes to different elements of faith life. The Old Testament describes the process by which the Hebrew people should mark their safeguarding. The Gospel describes a process of reconciliation after dispute. As we gather in community, we are called to consider how to strike the balance - bearing with one another, yet also being validated in ourselves.

17 September. Exodus 14:19-31; St. Matthew 18:21-35

The rescue of the Hebrew people comes at great cost for those in the Egyptian security services, which might give us pause for thought as we consider the mercy of God in an unpredictable world. In the Gospel, Jesus uses a parable to teach how necessary it is that we are generous in our forgiveness.

24 September. Exodus 16:2-15; St Matthew 20:1-16

The path to freedom can be long & can bring its own difficulties, as the people of Israel discover in their escape from slavery in Egypt - 'at least the Egyptians fed us well', they grumble. However, in their journey towards a permanent home, God provides. The Gospel challenges our perceptions regarding distribution of wealth, what is fair, and what we might reasonably expect.

Wicklow: Sep 3rd -
8.30 & 9.30 am
Holy Communion
Family Worship
Killiskey: 11.15am
Service of Worship

Wicklow: Sep 10th -
8.30 & 9.30 am
Holy Communion
Family Worship
Killiskey: 11.15am
Service of Worship

Wicklow: Sep 17th -
8.30 & 9.30 am
Holy Communion
Family Worship
Killiskey: 11.15am
Service of Worship

Wicklow: Sep 24th -
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

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....

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.

Baby & Toddler group

The toddler group will recommence on Tuesday 5 September, in the Methodist Church Hall, 9.30am-11.30am.

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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

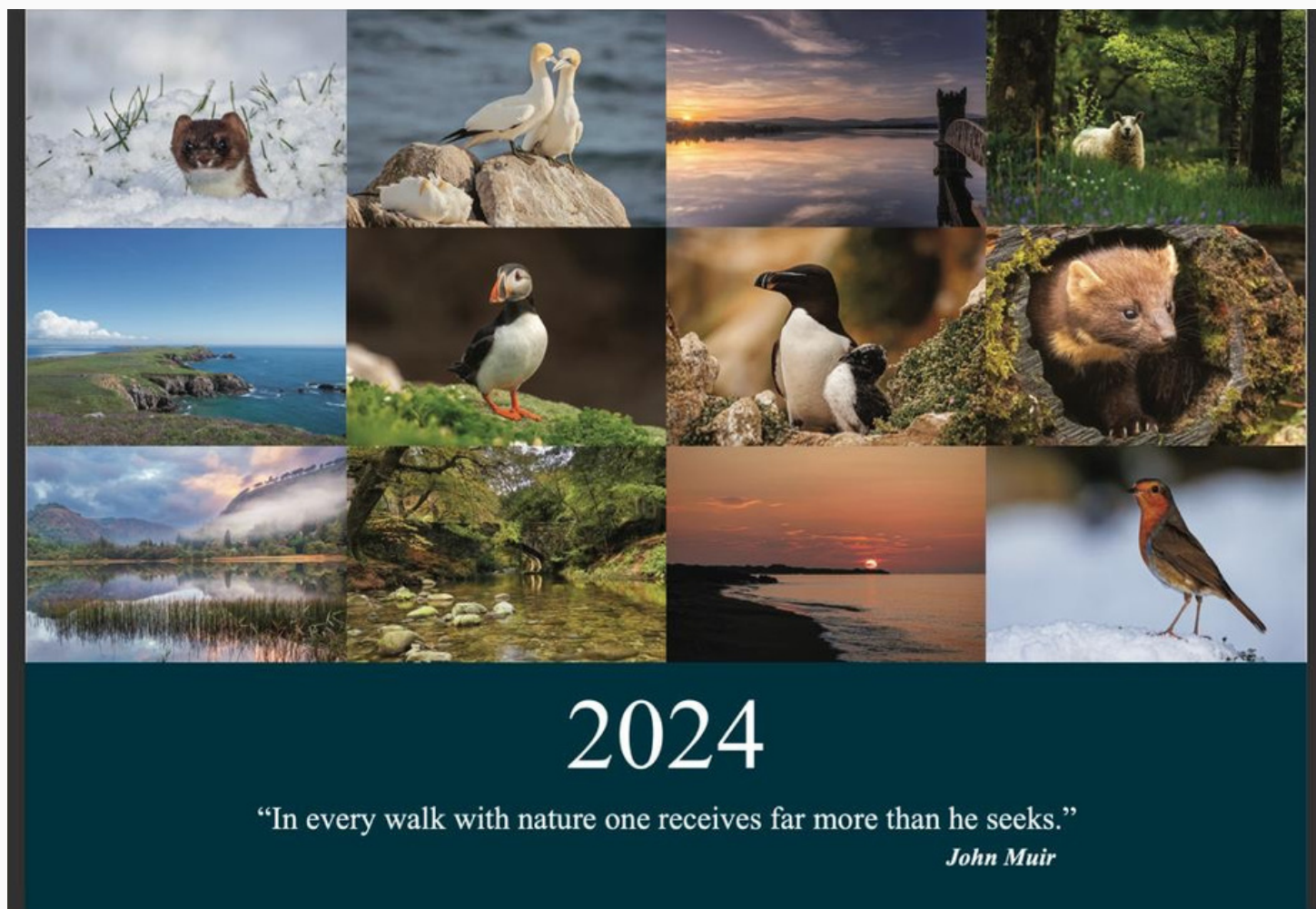
Thanks to those who have signed up so far, to help provide tea / coffee after the 9.30am services. Please let Jack know if you are able to help with this occasionally.

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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Calendar

This November, two of our parishioners (Sandra and Cillian Dunne) are going to Africa with the Mellon Educate charity and a fundraiser are selling a beautiful calendar full of images of our beautiful wildlife and local scenes. All the proceeds from the calendar are going towards the trip and the calendar costs €12 each or 3 for €30. Sandra will have some with her at the Parish BBQ or you can contact her on 0877803157. For further information on the charity, please see www.melloneducate.com Sandra has previously completed 9 building blitzes with the charity and I'm sure many of you will have heard her stories of the difference the work in the townships has made to the many children living in extreme poverty.

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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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Select Vestries

Both Select Vestries will meet towards the end of August / early September, to discuss various matters relating to the day to day running of the parishes. Some work has been undertaken in both churches over the summer months. The windows have been painted & repairs made in Wicklow, thanks in part to a heritage grant. The door at Nun's Cross will be restored in the coming weeks. Thanks to the team of volunteers who undertook a deep clean in Wicklow Church during the summer. It is very important that we recruit some volunteers to keep on top of church cleaning on a semi-regular basis. Church attendance has dropped off in Wicklow, though we hope to see an increase once the new school term begins. Attendance has been very encouraging in Nun's Cross, with an overall increase in recent months. It has been great to see a return to parish events, for social and fundraising purposes. The Parish Future working group will meet in early September in Wicklow, to discuss opportunities for deepening faith & providing forums for discussion. Killiskey Parish are focusing on a Faith Values and Vision plan, aiming to safeguard the future for the parish. 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: BOFIIIE2D; IBAN: IE16 BOFI 906734 11025991

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FAMILY BBQ

VENUE : EAST GLENDALOUGH SCHOOL

DATE: SUNDAY 3RD SEPT

TIME: 1.00 -4.00

TICKETS : €20.00 PER ADULT €5 PER CHILD
€45 FOR FAMILY x 4.

- BURGERS/SAUSAGES/STEAK
- VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE.



- CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED
- PLEASE CONTACT JIM ON WHATSAPP – 0867701456 TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS.
- DESSERTS DONATION GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

WICKLOW PARISH CHURCH FUNDRAISING EVENT PLEASE SUPPORT.



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GIRLS AGED 2-18
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Girls Brigade

A great all round activity for girls aged 2 & half and onwards. Arts & crafts, singing, dancing, skipping, drama, games and more.

All for just €100 per YEAR. Sibling discount also available.

Harvest Thanksgiving

We will give thanks to God for the abundance of the earth on Sunday 24 September and on October 1st in Killiskey. Further details to follow re. decorating the church.

Parish BBQ - This Weekend!

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! Please try and support this event.

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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.

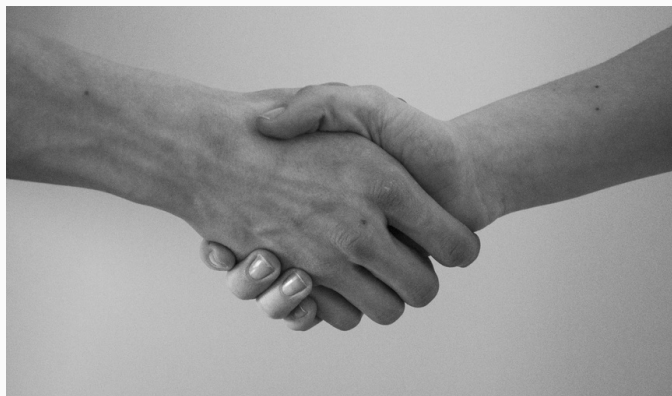
So save the date and get it in your autumn youth schedule!

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.

Youth

United Youth will start in Oct & the teen youth event (DGYC Big Day Out) on 17th will be the main event for September.

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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.

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

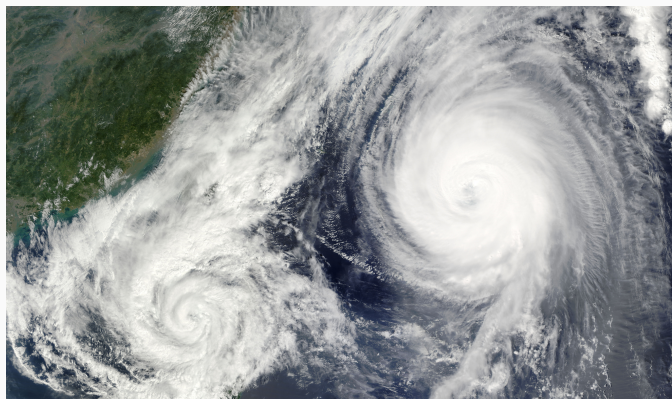
Table Tennis

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

Coffee Morning

Anne Newton will be holding a Hospice coffee morning on Thursday 21st September, in her home located at Ballyduff, Ashford, A67 C982 from 10am-1pm. All welcome!

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Eco Tips

September 2023 Green Shoots of Change

The prevalence of reports on the effects of climate change can cause people: 1) to “switch off” entirely, seeing no point in making attempts to change their lifestyle; 2) to suffer from climate anxiety, worrying endlessly about our future; or 3) to take action. The last is undoubtedly the most useful. Some farmers have always allowed corners to run wild (traditionally called the “hare’s corner”), left boggy fields by river margins etc. and not used fertilisers or chemical control for pests and weeds. However, recently these were in the minority as, for decades, the EU rewarded farmers financially for ripping out scrub, draining bogs, removing hedgerows or infilling

ponds in order to maximise land for agricultural output, in addition to encouraging the use of artificial fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides to increase yields. The cost to the environment was hugely detrimental. Owing to the current climate and biodiversity crisis, EU regulations are at last changing and they now incentivise farmers to provide habitat for wildlife; the advantages of harbouring a greater diversity of plants and animals is already becoming obvious, for example when the return of barn owls has obviated the need for rodenticides. Some farmers are setting additional land aside for the sake of biodiversity. A number of folk in Wicklow are proactively engaging in ways to improve biodiversity and reverse the loss of wild habitat.

Some do so quietly on their own, maybe by buying up an acre or two of land and letting nature move in. Others buy larger tracts of previously agricultural land, with the sole purpose of improving biodiversity.

An example of this is to be found at Wildacres, where in 2017 Gilly Taylor and Brian O’Toole bought 17.5 acres of farmland on the Redross River and have transformed it into a wonderful nature reserve, creating many ponds, woods, wildflower meadow etc.

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Eco Tips Continued

Education is also a core mission and visitors can do courses there or go on tours around the reserve. Sites such as these are vital as reservoirs of wildlife and also show how nature can rebound. However, not all land can become nature reserves, as clearly land still needs to be farmed to provide food. Maybe the present increase in environmental awareness, from the EU down to every farmer, will encourage more interest in preserving our wonderful and diverse wildlife, whilst also producing healthy food.



Heritage Week in Nun's Cross

REPORT: NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEKENDS Saturdays/Sundays August 12/13 and August 19/20th. 2023.

First a very big thank you to the Select Vestry for allowing us to open the

the Church in order to generate interest in Nun's Cross church, a local 'heritage' church and its valuable contents.

A very big THANK YOU to the following who came and helped out on the above dates: -

CELIA GRANT, DAVID HARTE, RICHARD HENDERSON, LUCY TOTTENHAM, TIM HICKS, MARGARET BLOOMER, JULIET BELTON, MICHAEL NORMAN, JESSICA CLARKE, CHRISTINE DAVIES AND FAMILY. Without their wonderful support, we would not have been able to bring to the public's attention the Treasures of Nun's Cross church.

Despite not being able to open on Saturday, 19th August due to lack of electricity, the figures were reasonably healthy with 40 visitors expressing an interest in their local church and enjoying the guided tour and talk.

8 books relating to the history of the church were sold during the above period, the sum amounting to 160 euro and donations came to around 200 euro. Total sum for 3 days only: 360 euro.



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 of all
Creation,
Thank you for the
blessing of the different
seasons,
Both in the natural realm
and in the academic
realm.
Remind us to take time to
rest.
Remind us of the wonder
of your creation.
Remind us of your love
for each one of us.
Help us to look to you for
guidance in the coming
year,
Knowing that we can do
all things through Christ
who gives us strength,
In Jesus' name we pray,