



WICKLOW CHURCH OF IRELAND

May 2017 Announcements



There are a number of fundraisers and fun family days planned for the next couple of months.

Check out below and save the dates and support your Parish.

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Car Boot Sale

Saturday 6th May East Glendalough School

A car boot sale, in East Glendalough School, on Saturday 6th May, from 10am-4pm. Gates open 7.30am, €10 per car / €20 per van. Tea / coffee available. Please support your local event this May! Contact Peter Earls is (087) 270 6616.



Easter General Vestry

Sunday 7th May, after the 10am service

What is the Easter General Vestry?

It is the AGM for Wicklow Parish. Parish accounts will be presented, plus a report on capital projects which have been undertaken, plus an overall address about ministry within the church. We will have an opportunity to talk about / consider our priorities over the coming year(s).

A new Select Vestry will be appointed / elected by the parish, to oversee its running for the next year, plus people to represent the parish at diocesan level.

Who attends?

As many parishioners as possible, please!

If I go, am I going to be landed with a job?

No-one has to do anything they don't want to, or don't have time for!

Will it take hours?

No! We will endeavour to be as efficient as possible. There will be a shorter service than usual. The school will be open, and children supervised while the meeting takes place.



Race Night

Friday 26th May 9pm Fitzpatrick's Bar, Fitzwilliam Square

We have decided to arrange a race night on 26th May 2017 in Fitzpatrick's Bar Fitzwilliam Square to raise funds.

One of the best aspects of a race night is it allows us to raise funds from outside our normal pool of supporters by selling horse sponsorship to friends and work colleagues and offering race sponsorship to any businesses which would gain awareness from the community.

Could you sell 5 horses and or get us a sponsor for a race?



Summer Fête

Saturday 3rd June 2017, East Glendalough School

Please consider how you can help make this day a great success. We always need volunteers before, during and after the event so please let us know where you can help. We will need items (saleable) for the following stalls:

- Bric a brac
- Clothes
- Books
- Jams & preserves (Country Produce)
- Toys
- Cakes

If you have items which are appropriate for these stalls but are limited for space, contact Jack (086 1727654), Lesley Hopkins' mobile (0876091945) or Peter Earls (0872706616)

We would love people to volunteer help in any way, but we especially need help for the following:

- The raffle
- Teas
- Set and Tidy up

Like and Share our Fête Facebook page!





Annual Parish BBQ

Sunday July 2nd 2017 Moneystown

Last September the Parish raised a staggering €5000 (€2000 for St Luke's Hospital, Rathgar and €3000 for Wicklow Parish) at a hog and lamb roast BBQ in Moneystown.

This summer we're organising another but for 1pm on the 2nd July to avail of the, hopefully, warmer and drier conditions.

We're being partnered by Killiskey Parish and are going to split the proceeds evenly 3 ways! St Luke's don't supply helpers per se, so it'll be down to our 2 parishes to do the needful. Several of you thankfully did help, both before and on the day, as did many 'outsiders,' but we need more! So, please volunteer your worthy services to make this year's event bigger and 'even' better!

Brian O'Rorke, (0863428226) Linda Walsh, Alyson Minnion and Jim) & Tish Costello are some of the ones needing that help!

The more help we have the easier it'll be on everyone!!! Your Parish and St Luke's need your help - it's fun! - PLEASE?



General Announcements

Church Services

Wednesday 3rd May 10.30am Holy Communion. Coffee afterwards in church.

Sunday 7th 9.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Easter General Vestry, with short act of worship. Rev Jack Kinkead

Wednesday 10th 10.30am Holy Communion. Coffee afterwards in church.

Sunday 14th 9.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion. Rev Jack Kinkead.
11.30am Rite of Confirmation. Nun's Cross. The Archbishop

Wednesday 17th 10.30am Holy Communion. Coffee afterwards in church.

Sunday 21st 9.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Prayer. Rev Jack Kinkead

Wednesday 24th 10.30am Holy Communion. Coffee afterwards in church.

Sunday 28th 9.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion. Rev Jack Kinkead.

Church Gate collection in aid of Concern

Wednesday 31st 10.30am Holy Communion. Coffee afterwards in church.

United Youth

The next meeting of United Youth (4th-6th class) will be on Saturday 6th May. We will meet in East Glendalough School, from 6-7.30pm. There is a nominal charge of €5, to cover costs. If anyone is interested in helping with the youth club, please contact Jack by 'phone or email: 0861727654 / kinkeadj@gmail.com.

Youth Group

The teen youth group will meet on Sunday 7th May, in East Glendalough School, from 6.30-8pm. New members and guests always welcome!

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.

Wicklow Toddler group

Wicklow Toddler group is starting again Wednesday 10th of May 10 till 12pm in the Methodist Hall please contact Michelle Waldron is on (086) 074 0019 for any queries.

Sunday Club

Sunday Club takes place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month from September to June. Children should go straight to the Glebe school before the service starts. Junior Infants-Second Class will meet in the Fifth Class classroom; Third Class-Sixth Class will meet in the Sixth Class classroom. The aims of Sunday Club are:

- To guide children in their own discipleship and relationship with Jesus
- To encourage conversation and questions about faith
- To facilitate children in discovering their own place in our community
- To further equip children to live out their faith daily
- To have fun =)

Midweek service

The midweek service of Holy Communion is at 10.30am each week from September to June, and is a simple celebration of Holy Communion with prayers for the sick. Tea / coffee is served at the back of church after the service. All welcome.

Crèche

It is wonderful to see so many small children coming to church with their parents. We encourage all families to bring your children to church & establish a good routine from an early age. To make it easier for parents to engage in worship themselves, a crèche has started, for children of pre school age. It runs each Sunday during the main 10am service. Anyone who might like to help (even occasionally) please contact Jack.

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 – have a look before committing if you are interested but unsure.

Parish finance

As each parish in the Church of Ireland is financially self-sustaining, we can only function financially through the good will of our parishioners. Any parishioners who have not yet entered a planned contribution scheme, please speak to Philip Hastie (parish recorder) or John Clarke (hon. treasurer - 0874127386). If you have parish envelopes, cash or cheques placed on the collection plate can be recorded. Alternatively, there are standing order forms available in church. If a taxpayer donates €250 or more per year (and we can trace the donations through the envelope scheme or standing order) we can claim a further 45% of the amount through the government's charity tax relief scheme. The details of any person's contributions are kept completely confidential. This income is used to maintain the ministry of a full time Rector, to maintain the beautiful church building, and to provide resources for parish activities, such as Sunday Club, Messy Church and youth clubs, as well as church services. Please consider the parish as part of your financial plan.

Capital Projects

We have been fortunate in receiving council grants to help in some of the maintenance work required for our church building. However, in order to avail of these grants, we must match the funding offered by the county council. If anyone is in a position to help with financing necessary capital works, please contact a member of the Finance Committee: John Clarke (0874127386), Jim Costello (0867701456) or Shane Fingleton (0862485045).

Parish Administrator

We are delighted to welcome Sinead Todd as a new member of parish staff, to work as part-time Parish Administrator. Sinead lives near Ashford, and has tremendous experience working in a corporate background. To promote events or post information in the parish newsletter or on the website, please contact Sinead by email on: wicklowandkilliskeycoi@outlook.com