

WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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Thoughts For April

BY REV JACK KINKEAD



7 April - "The past is another country: they do things differently there." Today, we are challenged to look forward, rather than back. It is easier to look back than forwards, but through Christ, we can face the future with confidence.

14 April - On Palm Sunday, we will have Messy Church - we will gather in

the school at 10am, and hold our own procession to the church, as we place ourselves in the story of the dramatic events of that first Holy Week.

15-19 April - Holy Week. Services will take place throughout Holy Week, as we reflect on the build up to the crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday, and the miracle of the first Easter Day. Please make a special effort to attend some of the Holy Week services, and please come to the Walk of Witness on Good Friday, as we join with fellow Christians in the Catholic & Methodist churches.

21 April - Easter Day is the pinnacle of the Christian year. Our faith hangs on our joy in the resurrection, by which all is redeemed and made new. We look forward to gathering as the full Christian community in Wicklow Parish.

28 April - The Resurrection of Jesus is not the end of the story, but only the end of the beginning. We gather to celebrate the resurrection every time Holy Communion is shared. Our common goal to be guided by the Holy Spirit - individually, and in community.



Services During April

Wed 3rd 10.30am Holy Communion (Wicklow) *

Sun 7th 09.00am Holy Communion (Wicklow)

Sun 7th 10.00am Holy Baptism of Conor Murphy (Wicklow)

Wed 10th 10.30am Holy Communion (Wicklow) *

Sun 14th 09.00am Holy Communion (Wicklow)

Sun 14th 10.00am Palm Sunday Holy Communion (Wicklow)

Sun 14th 11.00am Palm Sunday Children's Service (Killiskey) - commencing with a Donkey Procession from Nun's Cross National School at 10.45am

Mon 15th 07.30pm Holy Week Service (Wicklow)

Tue 16th 07.30pm Holy Week Service (Wicklow)

Wed 17th 10.30am Holy Communion (Wicklow) *

Wed 17th 07.30pm Holy Week Service (Wicklow)

Thu 18th 07.30pm Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday (Killiskey)

Fri 19th 10.00am Good Friday Service of the Word (Wicklow)

Fri 19th 02.15pm Good Friday Quiet Meditation on the Cross (Killiskey)

Fri 19th 07.30pm Good Friday Walk of Witness, starting at Wicklow Methodist Church, proceeding to Wicklow Parish Church and finishing at St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, featuring readings, prayers and music in each church

Sat 20th 09.00pm Easter Vigil (Killiskey) with the Unity Gospel Choir

Sun 21st 09.00am Holy Communion (Wicklow)

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Sun 21st 10.00am Family Communion (Wicklow)

Sun 21st 11.00am Family Communion (Killiskey)

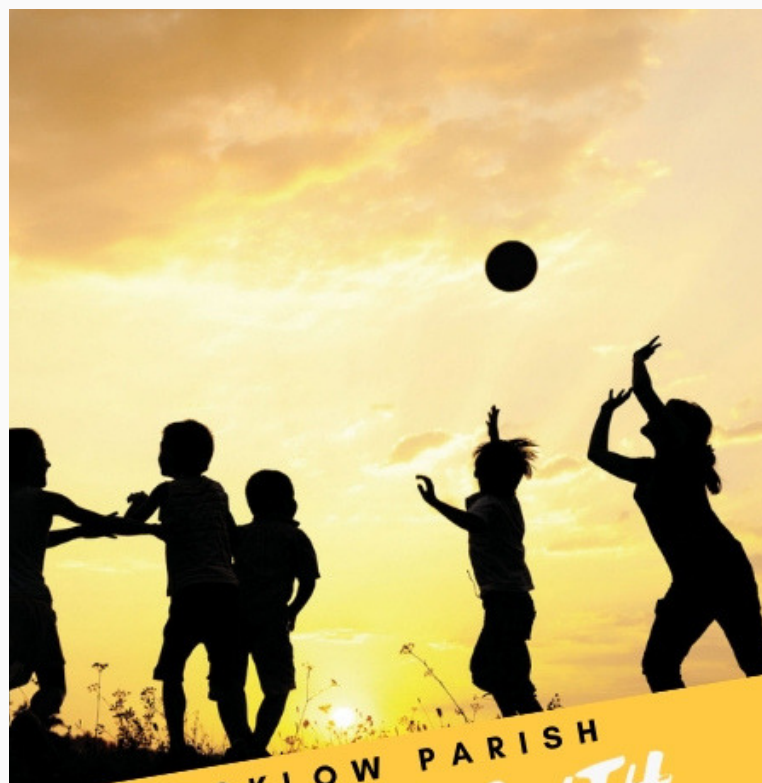
Wed 24th 10.30am Holy Communion (Wicklow) *

Sun 28th 09.00am Holy Communion (Wicklow)

Sun 28th 10.00am Holy Communion (Wicklow)

* Prayers for the sick

April Events



WICKLOW PARISH
UNITED YOUTH

Join us for games, sports, crafts, outings and most importantly fun!

STARTING BACK 06.10.18
6-7.30PM | EGS
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
4TH - 6TH CLASS - 5 EURO PER CHILD

United Youth

United Youth will meet this month on Saturday 6th April in EGS. We usually meet the first Saturday of the month. Games, sports, crafts, outings and most importantly fun is included for 5 euro per child.



Wicklow Parish Church Teen Youth Group

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON FAITH

Have you ever wondered what life is all about, how we got here? What happens next? Have you ever thought, how can God be good when we see so much trouble and uncertainty around us? NUA might be perfect for you! All of these questions and more, discussed in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

All 18 year olds welcome. Split into two discussions. 1st—3rd year and 4th - 6th year. Pizza for supper afterwards! All Welcome.

Venue: East Glendalough School
Time: 6.30-8pm
1st & 3rd Sunday per month
Start date: 16th September

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Teen Youth Group

Teen Youth Group will meet on 7th and 28th of April in EGS. Anyone of secondary school age is welcome to attend. Contact Jack for more details.

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Friendship Group

There is a group within the parish, for people who are retired, and for those who aren't able to get out to meet people as regularly as they would like. The next get together for afternoon tea is on **Monday 15th April**, in the Methodist Hall. All welcome! Further information available from **Linda Walsh: 086 8228378**

Hymns

Got any favourite hymns? Or want to request a particular hymn around the time of an anniversary? Please let Jack know your suggestions! We can't promise anything but will try to accommodate your choices if possible!



Save The Date - Wicklow Parish Fete

The Wicklow Parish Fete is taking place on June 1st and the Fete Committee are looking for volunteers to join the committee and help out on the day! The Parish Fete is the main fundraiser of the year and has been running for over 40 years. The day wouldn't be a success without the help of our Parishioners. Please contact Rev. Jack if you can help!

Clothes Wanted

If you are spring cleaning your wardrobe, keep the Fete in mind. Lesley Hopkins is accepting clothes shoes and accessories for resale at the Fete. Please contact Lesley at (087)6091945

April Events



Mothers' Union

The annual Mothers' Union birthday lunch has been arranged for April 27th at 12.30 for 12.45pm at the Chester Beatty Inn, Ashford. It is an open meeting when MU members welcome others to join them and celebrate. There is a list for names in Wicklow Church porch and names are needed by April 20th. The cost is € 22 for 2 courses, which is payable on the day.

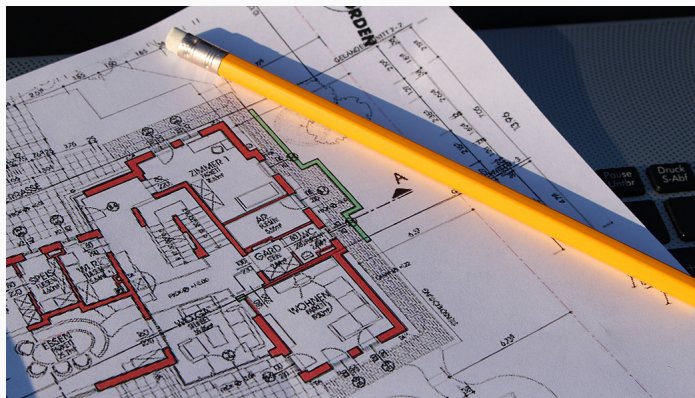
Save the date for September 14th as there will be an afternoon trip to Kilmacurragh Gardens. More details to follow later in the summer.



Easter General Vestry

The AGM for the church will take place on Sunday 5 May, as part of the Sunday service. The parish accounts will be presented, and we can give some time to planning for the year ahead: what is important to you about how your church runs, and is perceived in the wider community?

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Rectory Update

The refurbishment to the Rectory is almost complete, and the house will be ready to move into in the early part of April. Huge thanks to those who have made this possible. An open morning, for members of the parish, will follow in due course.



Car Boot Sales

The first car boot sale of 2019 will be held in East Glendalough School on Sat 6th April, 9am-2pm. If you are interested in taking a pitch, the cost is €10 per car, or €15 for car with trailer or a van. Tea / coffee is available, and there are toilets open in the school. The car boot sales will run on the first Saturday of each month from April – September (except June) and general admission is free. For more information, call Peter Earls (087 2706616) or Lesley Hopkins (087 6091945).

April Events



St John Passion

On 9 & 10 April, Rev Jack Kinhead will sing the role of the Evangelist in J S Bach's St. John Passion, in Trinity College Chapel, with the college choral society. This major work is divided into two halves, was written to be performed liturgically, and follows the drama of the latter part of Jesus' life, as relayed in St. John's Gospel, chapters 18 & 19. The performances will begin at 7.30pm each night.



Cake Sale

Calling all bakers! There will be a cake sale after Church on Easter Sunday. All donations of cakes will be welcome! Please come along and support.

April Events



Surrounding Parish Events - Nun's Cross Church

Ashford Country Fair

The 7th annual Ashford Country Fair will take place in the grounds of the Bel-Air Hotel on Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May from 11am to 4pm.

This year's fair will have a number of animal attractions including a dog show, gun dog demonstration, duck herding, falconry and a pony club. Children will also enjoy our magician and fairground. Stalls include artisan displays, plants, crafts, books and clothes. For food try our barbecue, teas, coffees and cakes! There will also be vintage cars, tractors, a raffle and many other interesting features. In other words, there will be something for everyone in a beautiful country setting which is only a half hour's drive from parts of Dublin.

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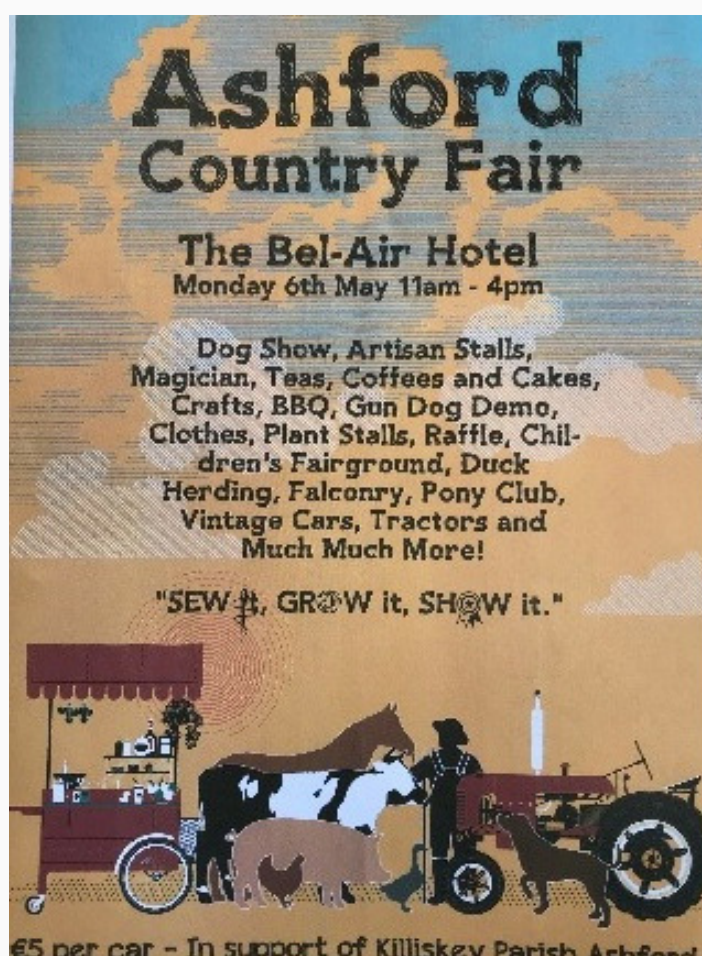


Table Tennis

The Table Tennis club will take place in the Nun's Cross school assembly room (downstairs in the new classroom block) each Wednesday at 8pm. All welcome!

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

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 preschool age. It runs each Sunday during the main 10am service. Contact Jack for more details.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

We are about to undertake major renovations to the Parish Rectory, and are looking for financial support from parishioners, whether in the form of donation or loan. . 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).





General Announcements

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 FINANCES

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.

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 and Saviour,
we give thanks
that Easter is for everyone,
that your love
and your Salvation are available
to all.
We confess with our mouths
that Jesus has risen indeed,
and because of this, we would
know forgiveness.
And being reborn,
we give glory to your holy name,
for ever and ever,

Amen

