

WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

Thoughts For April

BY REV JACK KINKEAD



1 April - Easter Day - Today is the central Christian celebration, as we rejoice in Jesus' resurrection from the dead. The way of Jesus is a threat to the injustices that are central to the world we live in, and gives hope for the way the world can and should be. The message of the resurrection is that: death, violence, bigotry, sin, and evil do not have the last word. God has the last word, and God is love.

8 April - The readings today are all about encouragement, as they remind us of the reality of the Easter story - we do not proclaim a fairy tale, but a remarkable truth about Jesus rising from death.

15 April - As we continue through the weeks of Easter, we follow the experiences of the first Christians, as recorded in Acts. This brings to life the infectious excitement for a new Christian community, so we think of how we can harness afresh the wonder of God.

22 April - We might well wonder how it is that Jesus is able to sacrifice so much for the humanity whom he loves so much. Today, we gain an appreciation of this, as we consider Jesus as the 'good shepherd.'

29 April - In a society which divides itself into different tribal units, the message of Jesus challenges us to think and live differently. As this is a 5th Sunday, we join together in worship with Nuns Cross parishioners!

Services

EASTER SUNDAY 1ST APRIL

9am Holy Communion
10am Family Communion

WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL *

No Service

SUNDAY 8TH APRIL

9am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 11TH APRIL *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 15TH APRIL

9am Holy Communion
10am Service of the Word

WEDNESDAY 18TH APRIL *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 22ND APRIL

9am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 2ND APRIL

9am Holy Communion
10am Joint Service with Nuns Cross, in Wicklow Parish Church

* Prayers for the sick



April Events

Have a read of April's Newsletter. The Wicklow Parish is looking forward to some great events during 2018. Keep reading our monthly newsletters to stay in touch with what's going on!



Easter Sunday Cake Sale

There will be a cake sale in the Glebe School following the Easter Day service, in aid of parish funds. Please let Jack or Lesley (087 6091945) know if you can contribute to the cake sale.



Car Boot Sales

The first car boot sale of 2018 will be held in East Glendalough School on Sat 7th 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). For more information, call Peter Earls (087 2706616) or Lesley Hopkins (087 6091945).



April Events



Confirmation

Confirmation classes are starting after the Easter holidays. Please keep the candidates in your prayers, as they explore issues of faith and how they relate to daily living



Parent and Toddler Group

Reminder that there is a Parent and Toddler group on Wednesdays, in the Methodist Church hall, from 10am - 12 noon.



Syrian Appeal - Coffee Morning

The Wicklow Active Retirement Association are hosting a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale on Tuesday 17th April from 11 am - 12 noon in the Pastoral Centre, St. Patrick's Church. Your support would be much appreciated. Free Car Parking available.

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Easter Vestry

The Easter Vestry will be held on Sunday 22nd April, after the 10am church service (which will be a little shorter than usual). Everyone is welcome, and all registered parishioners are entitled to vote. This is the AGM for the church, so please make a special effort to be there and have your say! The parish accounts will be presented, and there will also be a more detailed update re. parish property. A new Select Vestry will be elected, to oversee the running of the parish for the next year. There will be an opportunity to discuss the future of the parish and air our views about potential developments.



Youth Groups

United Youth

We will meet in East Glendalough School on Saturday 14th April, from 5.30 - 7pm. 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.

Teen Youth

Teen Youth Group will meet on Sunday 15th April in EGS, from 6.30-8pm. New members and guests always welcome!

April Events



Fete 2018

The Fête will take place on Saturday 2nd June, in 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 me know where you can help. Please also hold onto items which might be suitable for stalls such as clothes, bric-a-brac, or toys etc. Please contact Allyson Minion if you wish to help with the event. 086 8597423. Please like and share our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/WicklowParishSummerFete/



Surrounding Parish News

Nun's Cross Parish

Féile Londubh

Féile Londubh is an annual Poetry & Music Festival in Ashford. It places special emphasis on facilitating events for the whole community and programmes a variety of local, national & international artists. This year there are also Music and Poetry outreach activities taking place during the festival with various local schools, including Nun's Cross NS.

As part of the festival, there will be a child-centred launch concert in Nun's Cross church on Friday, 13th April and a keynote concert the following evening.

April Events

Nun's Cross Parish Continued

The keynote concert features Nuala Ni Dhomnaill & Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin – past and present 'Ireland Professors of Poetry' with music from Aoife Doyle (singer), Greg Felton (Piano), Cormac Breatnach (Susato whistles). Admission costs €15/12 (concession), Family (2+2): €30.

Ashford Country Fair

The 5th annual Ashford Country Fair will take place in the grounds of the Bel-Air Hotel on Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May from 11am to 4pm. If you can help in this or any other way with this important fund-raiser, please contact Bernadette Glover, Amanda Mooney or Lesley Rue.

Like and share our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/Ashfordcountryfair/



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 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).





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

To promote events, post online information or update your details please contact Sinead by email on: wicklowandkilliskeycoi@outlook.com

Dear Lord and Father, we give thanks at this Easter time, as we confess with hearts and voices that Jesus is risen and the tomb is empty, so that we might know forgiveness, and that lives might be reborn.

As we embrace this Eastertime, and rejoice in Jesus's resurrection from the dead, help us to become emboldened by Your victory on the cross and proclaim the good news of love and hope to all, so that all might know the gift of eternal life. We ask that You fill us with renewed fervour to know You more, and to let Your light shine through us, as we go about our daily lives, knowing that we are not alone, that You are with us.

Amen

