

WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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Thoughts For August

BY REV JACK KINKEAD



The Gospel today is called 'The Parable of the Rich fool'. As we celebrate with Alan & Sarah, bringing their daughter Ellie for baptism, we reflect on the legacy we leave for the next generation. We also think about the value we place on time: for leisure and for work.

The challenge is set before us once more in today's readings: how do you use your time & the resources you have? We are warned of the dangers of complacency, & the assumption that life as we know it will always carry on as we expect.

So many people, including Christians, can make the assumption that faith only exists as a crutch, or as a comfort blanket. Today, Jesus makes a series of unsettling remarks, which totally disabuse this notion. Doing the right thing doesn't always mean to take the easiest option.

As Jesus encounters the self-righteousness of the religious leaders of his day, we are drawn to the instinct that of kindness in all circumstances. Jesus' healing ministry demonstrated the unequalled love of God for all people, and his care and concern to make broken people whole.

Services - August

SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST

9am Holy Communion
10am Holy Baptism of Ellie Hughes

WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST

9am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST

9am Holy Communion
10am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST

9am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 28TH AUGUST

10.30am Holy Communion

August Events



Car Boot Sale

The next car boot sale will be held in East Glendalough School on Saturday 3rd August, 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).



Friendship Group

There is a friendship 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 19th August**, 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!

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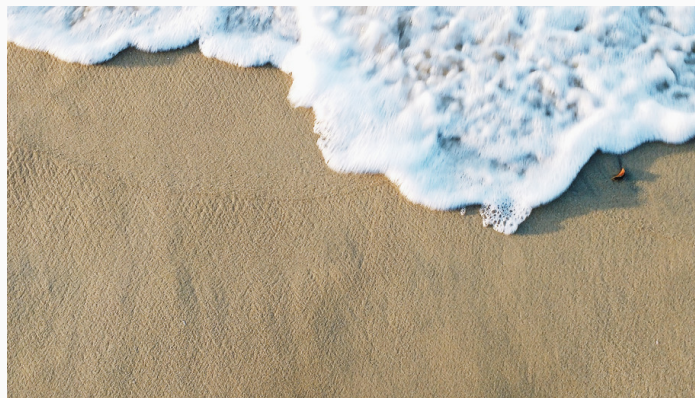


Wicklow Parish BBQ

The Wicklow Parish BBQ in aid of Wicklow Parish & Friends of St Luke's Hospital, Rathgar will be held on September 15th at Killmullen House Moneystown, near Roundwood, Co. Wicklow starting at 1 pm. Steak, hog roast and a vegetarian option will be served, accompanied by homemade salads and desserts. Kids of all sizes will be entertained by a selection of carnival style games, activities and a treasure hunt through the grounds. Adults can enjoy refreshments including wine. Tickets are available from Brian O Rourke and any of the committee members.



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Wanted - Creche Leaders

The creche exists to allow parents of young children to come to church while their children are cared for in a fun environment. It allows children and parents alike to socialise & get to know one another. We are now running low on creche leaders, so may have to stop running it altogether. Please contact Jack (kinkeadj@gmail.com) or Sinead (wicklowandkilliskeycoi@outlook.com) if you are willing to help.

Help needed for Church Teas

We need Parishioners to help out with coffee/ teas after the 10am service each Sunday? Contact either Jack or Sandra Dunne (primefitnessireland@gmail.com) if you can help out every few weeks!

Got questions, or want to talk in confidence?

If you face any difficulty, or would like to avail of pastoral care, please feel free to contact Jack & arrange to meet.

Pastoral Cover August

Rev Jack is on holidays from 5-19 August and Rev Ken from 9-20 August. In their absence, please contact Rev Brian O'Reilly, Rector of Rathdrum and Glenealy, in the event of a pastoral emergency on 086 2230271.



August Events



Sunday Club

What is it? A club for primary age children, featuring games, drama, stories, group work and fun! Where is it? The Glebe National School
When is it? The first and third Sunday of each month, from September to June. Sunday Club is beginning again for a new term. We meet on the first and third Sunday of each month, in the Glebe School, during the 10am service. 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



The first meeting of Sunday Club is on Sunday, 1st September, at 9.55am. Please go straight to the Glebe School! Junior Infants to Second Class will meet in the Fifth Class classroom. Third Class to Sixth Class will meet in the Sixth Class classroom. Look forward to seeing you then!

Back to Church

There will be a Back to Church family service on Sunday 8th September, at the 10am service. Please make a special effort to attend church on that day, as we kick off another new term!

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Parish Fete 2020 Meeting

There is a Parish Fete meeting scheduled for September 30th in EGS at 8pm. This is an opportunity for new ideas for the 2020 Parish Fete. Everyone is welcome and please spread the word about the meeting!



Harvest Thanksgiving

Advance notice that the Harvest thanksgiving will be on Sunday 29 September, at 10am, in Wicklow Parish. Further information will follow in the September newsletter.

School caretaker

A position is available in the Glebe School for the role of school caretaker. Light maintenance & repair duties. Around 4/5 hours per week, times flexible. For more information, contact Rev Jack Kinkead or email glebewicklow@gmail.com

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Surrounding Parish - Nun's Cross

Ashford Country Fair

Ashford Country Fair has funded the erection by Ashford Tidy Towns of two benches on the bridge over the weir. An ecumenical dedication ceremony is planned for Saturday 3rd August at 7pm.

Heritage Week

Nun's Cross Church will be open to the public as part of Heritage Week on Saturday 24th August and on Sunday 25th August from 2pm to 5pm. A leaflet drop to the new housing in Ballinahinch is planned to encourage new neighbours to visit.

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

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Benedict of Nursia (c. 550)

