

# WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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## Thoughts For February

BY REV JACK KINKEAD



**3 Feb** - As we mark the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, we think about worship in the modern world. How do we maintain practices which point us to God, without them becoming stale or repetitive? And how do we engage in a way which is fresh and new, without our

understanding of God becoming diluted and self serving? The answer lies in today's second reading...

**10 Feb** - The common theme of today's readings, concerns the ability of humanity to fall short of perfection, and yet still be regarded by God. We call to mind the aspects of our life that we most want to improve, while also rejoicing that God accepts and loves us, just as we are.

**17 Feb** - With rights and privileges come responsibilities. To accept God's love means to accept God's truth. The call of Jesus is to join his mission of the transformation of the world. We are not called to endure unnecessary hardship, but are to be prepared that the road ahead isn't always easy.

**24 Feb** - The Lord does not despise anything within the creation he has put in motion. As we make value judgements in the society we help form, it is vital we bear this in mind.

## Services

### SUNDAY 3RD FEB

9am Holy Communion  
10am Feb Service of the Word

### WEDNESDAY 6TH FEB \*

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 10TH FEB

9am Holy Communion  
10am Family Communion

### WEDNESDAY 13TH FEB \*

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 17TH FEB

9am Holy Communion  
10am Service of the Word

### WEDNESDAY 20TH FEB \*

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 24TH FEB


9am Holy Communion  
10am Holy Communion

### WEDNESDAY 27TH FEB \*

10.30am Holy Communion

\* prayers for the sick

## February 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 February 9th 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 or 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.

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

 [WWW.NUAFILMSERIES.IE](http://WWW.NUAFILMSERIES.IE) 

### Teen Youth Group

Teen Youth Group will meet on February 3rd and 17th in EGS. Anyone of secondary school age is welcome to attend. Contact Jack for more details.



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### Friendship Group

Our Friendship Group is for our retired members of the parish who would like to meet for Afternoon Tea and a chat once a month in the Methodist Hall. Our next get together will be on the **Monday 18th February 2019** at 3pm. Further information 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

## February Events



### Training for Lay people as Diocesan Pastoral Assistants

The purpose of this training programme is to equip a range of people to visit primarily in homes, whether those they visit be long-established residents or recent arrivals. There is an immediate urgency for such work not least because of a significant number of upcoming housing and residential developments but also because of loneliness and alienation in suburban and rural life in today's Ireland. The training course will be delivered by Church Army (Ireland) through Archdeacon Isaac Hanna and his team. While having theological and intellectual credibility, the course is not designed to be academic but

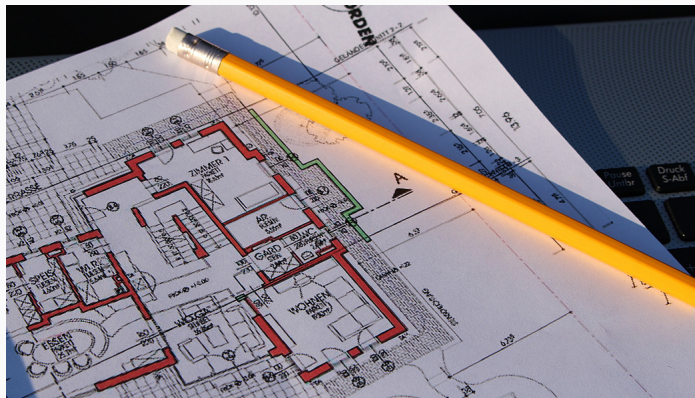
practical and engaging for all concerned. The course will be delivered in three full-day sessions on Saturday 9th February, Saturday 9th March and Saturday 13th April 2019. The course will lead to the commissioning before the summer as Diocesan Pastoral Assistants of those who complete it through the awarding of the Bishops' Certificate. Candidates will need the endorsement of their rector or Rural Dean, as appropriate. They will also need to be Garda Vetted before beginning work.

If you would be interested in receiving this training, please contact Rev Jack to discuss.





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### Rectory update

As work to the Rectory enters its final phase, we are excited to see the building modernised and improved for today's standards. The investment undertaken has been substantial, but has greatly increased the value of the parish's major asset - in practical terms as well as monetary. If anyone is in a position to assist with the costs of renovation, please contact Dirk Van der Flier (0872356304), John Clarke (0874127386), or Shane Fingleton (0862485045). The parish will have to seek a bank loan to cover the final payments, and any reduction to that amount will make a big difference to interest payments.



### Advance Notice - Car Boot Sale

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).

## February Events



### Surrounding Parish Events - Nun's Cross Church

#### Alpha Course

Alpha will run on Thursday evenings in the Ashford Community & Heritage Centre from 7.30pm to 9pm commencing on 17th January and concluding on 28th March.

Alpha is an 11 week course, with an additional away day. Each weekly session includes a 25 minute lecture/video, 30 minute time in table groups or small group discussion, a bit of food/tea - basically providing an atmosphere conducive to participation, discussion and learning more clearly key principles in the Christian faith.

If you would like further information please contact either Bruce Alwood (087 2547538) or Rev Ken (087 2766590).

#### Table Tennis

The Table Tennis club will reopen in the Nun's Cross school assembly room (downstairs in the new classroom block) on Wednesday 9th January at 8pm.

#### Alchemy Music

Alchemy Music opens its 2019 season on Saturday February 16th, 8pm at Nun's Cross Church. For further information go to:  
[www.alchemymusic.ie](http://www.alchemymusic.ie) and  
<https://www.facebook.com/AlchemyMusicPoetry/>



# 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](mailto:wicklowandkilliskeycoi@outlook.com)

Dear Lord

We give thanks for your steadfast love, for your mercies that never come to an end.

As we become a new creation in you, help us to trust in you to melt us, mould us, fill us and use us.

And as we live our lives, that we draw strength from you each day, knowing that with you walking we us, we can face our fears, our struggles, our pain. Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us,

Amen

