



January 2018 Announcements



Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas!

Have a read of **January'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!





Youth Groups

United Youth

United Youth will recommence in February. 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.

Teen Youth

Teen Youth Group will meet on 14th in EGS, 6.30-8pm. New members and guests always welcome!



Bible Study Group

Advance notice: Throughout Lent in **2018** (which begins with Ash Wednesday on **14th February**), there will be a Bible Study group. We will follow the Church of Ireland Bible Association study course, which considers the role of mission in the modern world. This is an accessible and interesting course, designed to be useful and informative to all, so we encourage as many as possible to attend - more details will be available soon. One of the contributors to this year's study is from Rev Jack Kinkead.



Confirmation

If anyone is interested in taking part in classes towards confirmation, they will start in the new year. Confirmation is a serious undertaking, as a public demonstration of Christian faith. For anyone who is interested in confirmation, but who has fallen out of the habit of regular church attendance, perhaps now is a good time to re-engage with church life. Anyone is welcome to join confirmation preparation, but nobody has to be confirmed unless they are confident in the promises they will be asked to make.



Surrounding Parish News

Killiskey Parish

Week of Prayer for the Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an international Christian ecumenical observance kept annually between 18th January and 25th January.

On Friday 19th January, local clergy from various Christian traditions will meet in the Bel-Air for lunch and a time of common worship and prayer.

To mark the week, Mr Don Black (a Methodist local preacher, which is the equivalent of a Church of Ireland lay reader) will be the guest preacher in Nun's Cross church on Sunday 21st January.



General Announcements

Church Services

Wednesday 3rd January – 10.30am Holy Communion, with prayers for those who are sick. Tea / coffee served afterwards in the church

Sunday 7th January – 9am Holy Communion.
10am Service of the Word

Wednesday 10th January – 10.30am Holy Communion, with prayers for those who are sick. Tea / coffee served afterwards in the church

Sunday 14th January – 9am Holy Communion.
10am Family Communion.

Wednesday 17th January – 10.30am Holy Communion, with prayers for those who are sick. Tea / coffee served afterwards in the church

Sunday 21st January – 9am Holy Communion.
10am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 24th January – 10.30am Holy Communion, with prayers for those who are sick. Tea / coffee served afterwards in the church

Sunday 28th January – 9am Holy Communion.
10am Holy Communion

Wednesday 31st January – 10.30am Holy Communion, with prayers for those who are sick. Tea / coffee served afterwards in the church

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 to find out more: 086 1727654.

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. Anyone who might like to help (even occasionally) please contact Jack.

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.

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).

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 Administrator

If your postal, email or phone number has changed please let us know. Also to promote events or post information in the parish newsletter or on the website, please contact Sinead by email on: wicklowandkilliskeycoi@outlook.com