

# WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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## Thoughts For January

BY REV JACK KINKEAD



5 Jan - The Feast of the Epiphany marks the visit of the wise men to the infant Jesus. In this visit, the Gospel which comes now into the world is claimed for all people - not only one particular community. We are also reminded of the dangers of the human lust for power, in the jealousy and raging of Herod the King.

12 Jan - In the baptism of Jesus, we gain a brief insight into the workings of the Trinity - God the creator, redeemer, and sanctifier. We might call to mind the meaning of this baptism, in which we all share. We might reflect on the vows made at our own baptism, and how our lives currently measure up to those aspirations.

19 Jan - Over the next couple of Sundays, we are introduced to the first disciples of Jesus, and their call to follow. We should bear in mind that in their following, they are called to take part in the mission of Jesus. The disciples were not merely passive listeners and learners, but active in applying their training to the greater glory of the Gospel of God.

26 Jan - 'The Church', as the body of Christ, must be aware of its own failings and pitfalls. Church history has shown times when the institution has become more important to its members, than the message, or even the Lord it serves. This is nothing new, and is simply a reality of the human condition. Paul had to write sternly to the church in Corinth, to warn against the disastrous consequences of division. Part of living in community, must be learning to accept differing opinions to ours, and committing together to serve a higher purpose - that of God.

## Services

### SUNDAY 5TH JAN

9am Holy Communion  
10am Service of the Word

### WEDNESDAY 8TH JAN

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 12TH JAN

9am Holy Communion  
10am Family Communion

### WEDNESDAY 15TH JAN

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 19TH JAN

9am Holy Communion  
10am Morning Prayer

### WEDNESDAY 22ND JAN

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 19TH JAN

9am Holy Communion  
10am Holy Communion

### WEDNESDAY 29TH JAN

10.30am Holy Communion



## January Events



### Confirmation

Classes will begin on 12th January, in East Glendalough School. If anyone wasn't at the confirmation information evening, but is interested to find out more, please contact Jack. In conjunction with the confirmation sessions, we are going to run the Alpha Teen Parenting Course, aimed to support parents of 11-18 year olds. If anyone else is interested in this course, regardless of having a candidate for confirmation, please contact Jack.



### Friendship Group

There is a friendship group within the joint parishes, 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 meeting is on Monday 20th January in the Wicklow Methodist hall. For further details, please contact **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!



## January Events



### Ovoca Camp 2020

The ever popular Ovoca weekend camp will run from 24-26 January, in Ovoca Manor! The camp is open to 5th & 6th class children and is led by members of Wicklow Parish. Booking for the camp will open next week.

### Pastoral Visiting

Is there someone you know who might appreciate a visit from the Rector? Or would you like to talk to Jack, in confidence? Please feel free to call or email, to arrange a time. [kinkeadj@gmail.com](mailto:kinkeadj@gmail.com) / 0861727654.



### Youth

United Youth will take place on Saturday 11th. We meet in EGS from 6-7.30pm, for games, stories, crafts, & juice & biscuits! Anyone aged 4th-6th class is welcome to come along. €5 per visit, which covers expenses, the balance being used to fund a trip at the end of term!

The Teen Youth Group will take place on Sunday 5th and 19th. We meet in EGS from 6.30-8pm. Anyone of secondary school age is welcome to attend. This group aims to support our teens & emerging adults in a Christian context - allowing them to question & analyse the things that are important to them.

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### Parish Fete 2020

The Parish Fete committee are giving Parishioners the opportunity to sponsor the Parish Fete raffle. Your business details will be printed on each raffle ticket, giving you great advertisement exposure around the town and beyond! If you are interested please reply to this email or contact Jack.

We are also appealing for raffle prizes now for the 2020 Parish Fete, can your business provide a prize or voucher? If so please contact us.

The next Fete 2020 executive members meeting will take place on January 20th.

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### Advanced Notice - The Vine International Concert Series - February 7th

On 7th February we are taken on a journey through the beguiling and atmospheric music for guitar, lute and voice of the 16th and 17th centuries. One of Europe's leading exponents of the Baroque and early Classical guitar, Ashford resident, Eamonn Sweeney will partner one of Ireland's rising stars, the soprano Lorna Breen. Eamonn has toured globally performing as a soloist and with various early music ensembles, he will be joined by the prize-winning young vocal artist in performances of songs and arias by Vivaldi, Caccini, Handel, Purcell and many more composers from the Baroque and Classical eras. As Shakespeare said 'If music be the food of love; play on...'

All the performances in this series will begin at 8.00pm. Tickets will be available in advance from [www.gr8events.ie](http://www.gr8events.ie) or on the door. Costs are €20, €15 for students, young people (16 or under) accompanied by an adult enter free of charge.

Ticket holders for these concerts may avail of the pre-concert menu at La Locandina restaurant in Wicklow town between 5.30pm and 7.30pm on the evening of the performances. Please contact the restaurant directly to book a table as places are limited; La Locandina, 14 Main Street, Wicklow Town – 0404 53905, [www.lalocandina.ie](http://www.lalocandina.ie).



# 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).





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## 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 - URGENT UPDATE

The parish finances are currently severely depleted, due to capital works undertaken this year. As it stands, we urgently need an injection of income, in order to meet our financial obligations for this year. If you can make a one off contribution, or are interested in setting up a regular payment to meet ongoing expenses, or can offer a loan to the parish, please contact John Clarke (0874127386) or Shane Fingleton (0862485045).

The Select Vestry will run a stewardship campaign in the coming months, and ask for your patience and help.

If you are unsure about how the parish is funded, or how parish resources are used, please contact John or Shane, and they can explain the system to you.

If you wish to make a contribution or set up a regular direct debit our details are below:

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## 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)

We pray to you who we adored as Christmas Child. We call on you as Prince of peace: touch our hearts to be steadfast in kindness and understanding in all we undertake this year. Send us out to be ambassadors of your never ending forgiveness and solid love for this world.

Amen

