

# WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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## Thoughts For January

BY REV JACK KINKEAD



6 Jan - On the Epiphany, we celebrate the end of Christmas! We so often think of Christmas as a singular event - but it is actually the celebration of something that impacts on us every day in life. We celebrate with the Magi, who travelled from a far off land to meet the infant Jesus -

13 Jan - The baptism of Jesus is a fascinating event in his life, and marks the beginning of his ministry. Even though Jesus is God Incarnate, here we are fully aware of the humanity he shares with us.

20 Jan - Some people try to reason the mystery out of God, and accuse Christians of believing in God, merely as a support. Today, we are reminded that God is no mere object, but is living, and is active in the life of the world.

27 Jan - When the community of God gather in the service of God, amazing things happen. When skepticism and mistrust enter our dialogue, we become bitter and ineffectual. Today, as we gather in church, let us do so as a worshipping family, there to support and build up one another.

## Services

**WEDNESDAY 2ND JAN \***

10.30am Holy Communion

**SUNDAY 6TH JAN**

9am Holy Communion  
10am Epiphany Service of the Word

**WEDNESDAY 9TH JAN \***

10.30am Holy Communion

**SUNDAY 13TH JAN**

9am Holy Communion  
10am Family Communion

**WEDNESDAY 16TH JAN \***

10.30am Holy Communion

**SUNDAY 20TH JAN**

9am Holy Communion  
10am Morning Prayer

**WEDNESDAY 23RD JAN \***

10.30am Holy Communion

**SUNDAY 27TH JAN**


9am Holy Communion  
10am Holy Communion

**WEDNESDAY 30TH JAN \***

10.30am Holy Communion

\* prayers for the sick

## January 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 have an outing to the Bray Bowl on 12 Jan – more details from to follow from Jack in January. 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

**nua**

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 Y - 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 resume the Nua series on 6 Jan, and we encourage everyone to come along to the first night back. Anyone of secondary school age is welcome to attend. Contact Jack for more details.



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### Friendship Group

We are hoping to set up a Friendship Group 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 first get together will be on the **Monday 21st January 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!



### Ovoca Camp

Booking will shortly open for the ever popular Scripture Union camp at Ovoca Manor! The weekend will run from 18-20 Jan, and is led by members of Wicklow Parish, with some friends. Keep an eye out for more information. The camp is open to 5th & 6th class children.

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### Training for Lay people as Diocesan Pastoral Assistants

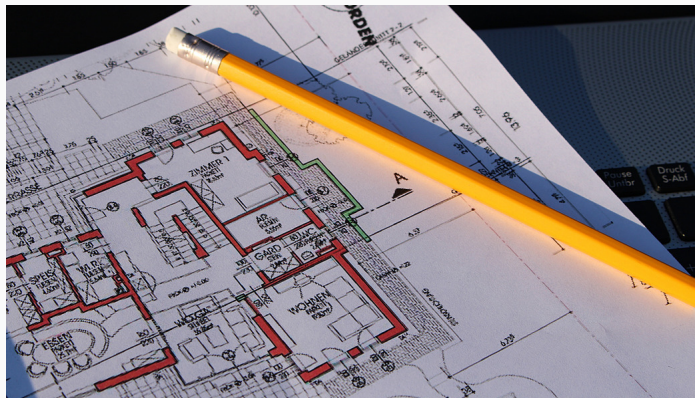
The purpose of this training programme is to equip a range of people to visit primarily in homes, whether those they visit be long-established residents or recent arrivals. There is an immediate urgency for such work not least because of a significant number of upcoming housing and residential developments 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.

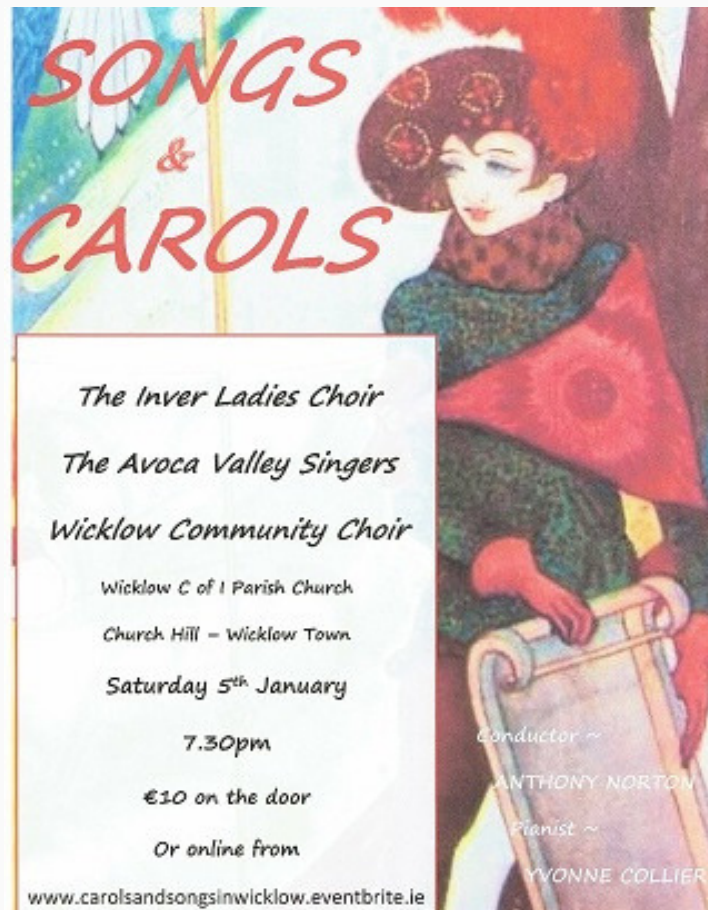


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### Rectory update

A huge thanks to those who have contributed so far to the upgrade and refurbishment of the Rectory. The builder is continuing to make good progress. We are almost three quarters of the way to being able to fully finance the project without a loan from a financial institution, with interest. If you are in a position to offer financial support by way of a loan to the parish to help with this work, please contact: John Clarke (parish treasurer): 0874127386 / [john\\_l\\_clarke@msn.com](mailto:john_l_clarke@msn.com); Dirk van der Flier: 0872356304 / [dirkvdf@gmail.com](mailto:dirkvdf@gmail.com); Shane Fingleton: 0862485045 / [shanefingleton@gmail.com](mailto:shanefingleton@gmail.com).



### Carols and Songs

On Saturday January 5th 7.30pm join the Wicklow Community Choir, The Inver Ladies Choir and members of the Avondale Voices for a celebration of songs and carols to round off the festive season. Beautiful works by Britten, Kinsella, Caccini, Simon & Garfunkel, Traditional Carols and Songs from the Shows. Accompanied by pianist Yvonne Collier and conducted by Anthony Norton, in the beautiful acoustics of the Wicklow Parish Church, this will be a celebration in song for all the family. Tickets are €10 and are available on the door, from choir members or on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie).

## January 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.



# 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)

We praise you, Father, for your  
all-sufficient grace.  
We know that there is nothing we  
can say or do  
That will mean you will stop  
loving us.  
We know too that no matter what  
we face  
Or what we are trying to cope  
with  
Or what battles we are fighting,  
Your love is sufficient for all our  
needs.  
We ask that your Spirit will  
guide, protect and empower us  
And that all we say and do  
Will bring honour to your name,  
for Christ's sake.

Amen

