WICKLOW CHURCH OF IRELAND

July and August 2017 Announcements



There are a number of events, services and fun family days planned for the summer.

Please try and join some of these events.

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30th July from 11am - 4pm Wicklow RNLI Lifeboat Station

The annual Wicklow lifeboat Open day will take place on **Sunday 30th July from 11am - 4pm**. Throughout the day there will be displays, guided tours and equipment demonstrations by the lifeboat volunteers and many local emergency services.

Other attractions will include face painting and an appearance by station mascot Stormy Stan, the fundraising shop will also be open selling lifeboat souvenirs and light refreshments will be served throughout the day.

More details can be found on the Station Facebook page - www.facebook.com/Wicklow-RNLI-Lifeboat-Station-160504700636255/

Come along meet the volunteer crew and join us for a fabulous fun filled day!



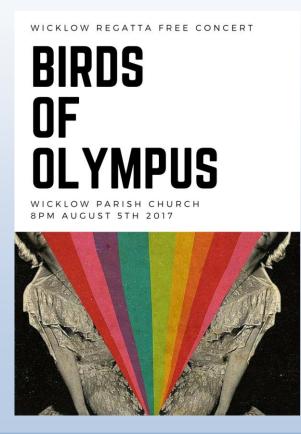
5th August 10am East Glendalough School

A car boot sale, in East Glendalough School, on Saturday 5th August from 10am – 4PM. Gates open at 7.30am, 10 euro per car/ 20 euro per van. Tea/coffee available. Please support this local event this August! Contact Peter Earls on 087 270 6616.



5th August 8pm Wicklow Parish Church

The popular and talented Wicklow band **Birds of Olympus** will be playing a free concert as part of the 2017 Regatta Festival on the **5th of August 2017** at 8pm in the Wicklow Parish Church. Parishioners are lucky enough to be given the opportunity to be added to the priority guest list. Please contact John Goodman at **goodmanww@gmail.com** if you wish to be added. This will be a very popular event during the Regatta so put your name down early!





Kammerphilharmonie concert

9th August 8pm Wicklow Parish Church

We are very honoured that **Kammerphilharmonie** will be returning to the Wicklow Parish Church this August 9th as part of their Irish 2017 tour.

Their performance will include famous European composers Vivaldi, Handel, Tchaikovsky, Paganini and Boccherini.

Tickets are available at the door from 7pm. Tickets will cost €20 / €17 OAP / €12 student. The performance will start at 8pm sharp.

For more information about Kammerphilharmonie please visit <u>www.kpk-info.de</u>





11th August 8.30pm Mickey Finn's pub Redcross

Come and join us at the Parish Social night. Entertainment will include acoustic music and great company! If you are interested in joining us, a bus will be leaving from the **Grand Hotel at 8pm**, returning at 12.30am. There will be a cost of €10 for the bus.

For those travelling by car, we will meet in Redcross from 8.30pm. If you would like to go, please contact Jonathon Patton: cakesbyjonathon@yahoo.ie / 0867399591.





Fete

Huge thanks to everyone who contributed to the Fete & helped make it such a success. We made around €10500 on the day, which is a great help for parish maintenance. We are now planning next year's Fete, so please get in touch if you are interested in helping. Contact Jack: 086 1727654.

Mini Marathon

Congratulations to Fiona Bradshaw, Allyson Minion, Sarah Yennusick, Denise Byrne & Dympna Shields, who took part in the mini marathon on the June bank holiday Monday, raising money for the parish. Sponsorship of around €1000 helped spur them on to the finish line, still smiling!

Car boot sale

The car boot sale in July was extremely successful. The car boot sales are building momentum, and have the potential to be a great facility for the community, as well as a good fund raiser for the parish.

BBQ

The Parish, in conjunction with Killiskey Parish celebrated a Garden Party BBQ in style on Sunday 2nd July at Brian ORorke's home in Moneystown near Roundwood. Up to 200 parishioners, neighbouring parishioners, locals and friends feasted on spit roast pork, accompanied by the best of homemade salads and desserts, all washed down by a glass of wine! Three large marquees abounded for the wining and dining and the many children enjoyed the amusements laid on!

The proceeds of approximately €3000 were split between Wicklow Parish, Killiskey Parish and the Friends of St Luke's Hospital in Rathgar. St Luke's have developed a paediatric radiation therapy unit, the only such facility in the country.

Credit must go to Brian O'Rorke and his extremely hard working committee of Jim, Tish and Jennifer Costello, Linda Walsh, Alyson Minnion, Gail Fingleton, Anne Newton, John Smyth and Amanda Mooney and of course their merry band of helpers! Also, sponsors: Barney Young of Maertz Motors, Glenealy; John Smyth, Killiskey; Moneystown and Roundwood Community Centres; Centra Supermarket, Roundwood; Lidl, Wicklow; The Wishing Well, Blackrock; East Glendalough School and of course Andrew Doyle,TD for donating the 2 pigs!



We were so lucky with the weather allowing many, young & old, to see all the animals and fowl in splendid surroundings and partake in a fun treasure hunt! Thanks again, goes to all those who came along and supported a brilliant occasion!







General Announcements

Summer Church Services Sunday 23rd July 9am Holy Communion Sunday 23rd July 10am Holy Communion Sunday 30th July 10am Holy Communion Sunday 30th July 11am Joint Service in Nun's Cross Sunday 6th August 9am Holy Communion Sunday 6th August 10am Morning Prayer Sunday 13th August 9am Holy Communion Sunday 13th August 9am Holy Communion Sunday 20th August 10am Holy Communion Sunday 20th August 9am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th August 10am Holy Communion

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.

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.

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.

Back To Church

There will be a Back to Church Family service on Sunday 10th September. Please make a special effort to attend.

Youth Clubs

United Youth (4th-6th class) and the senior youth club (secondary school age) will recommence in September. More information will follow later in the summer...



Sunday Club

Sunday Club will recommence on Sunday 3rd September. Sunday Club is open to all children of primary school age, and runs on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, from September to June. Children are invited to go straight to the Glebe School at 10am, and they join the congregation in church after the sermon. Registration for Sunday Club will take place on Sunday 3rd September.

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 =)

Midweek service

The midweek service of Holy Communion will recommence on Wednesday 6th September. This service runs each Wednesday, at 10.30am, from September to June (except the week after Christmas and Easter). Tea / coffee is served after the service

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 finance

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).

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

