

WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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Thoughts For July and August

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1 July - Healing was a central part of Jesus' ministry, and the restoration of life. The healing that Jesus did, was a sign to everyone of God's presence and love.

8 July - Returning to Nazareth, Jesus encountered the greatest cynicism to his work

and ministry - in his home town! He prepared his followers, and sent them out to begin their own work in ministry - rooted in him, but not restricted to him.

15 July - On a day when we welcome for baptism Conor Genoe, with his parents, Ray and Michelle, we have a reading which is all about disunity within a family! Herod, his wife, and daughter play each other against one another, and John the Baptist loses his life. They were attracted by material and selfish gain, not emotional stability and support. The family that prays together, will draw closer together, in God.

22 July - We see Jesus' concern for the whole life of his followers - physical, spiritual, mental, emotional well being - as he feeds the crowd who followed him. As his message begins to spread, he starts to build a following. We see the power of Jesus, and his compassion.

29 July - In John's telling of the miracle of feeding, there is a real foretaste of the Eucharist - Holy Communion. We join in fellowship in Nun's Cross, with members of Killiskey Parish.

Services

SUNDAY 1ST JULY

9am Holy Communion
10am Morning Prayer -
Canon Peter Norton

WEDNESDAY 4TH JULY *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 8TH JULY

9am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion
- Canon Neil McEndoo

WEDNESDAY 11TH JULY *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 15TH JULY

9am Holy Communion 10am
Holy Baptism of Conor Genoe -
Canon Neil McEndoo

WEDNESDAY 18TH JULY *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 22ND JULY

9am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion -
Canon John Clarke

WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 29TH JULY

9am Holy Communion
11am JOINT SERVICE IN NUNS
CROSS CHURCH, KILLISKEY

* prayers for the sick

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5 August - The danger of building a large following quickly, can be in a misunderstanding, and over hyped interpretation of a leader. Some who followed Jesus thought he had a 'quick fix' solution, and could tell them a shortcut through the law. He explains how faith is not lived like this.

12 August - Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus reveals 'signs' which point towards his being divine in nature, as well as human. Today, we think about one of his sayings: I am the bread of life.

19 August - Jesus talks again about his flesh and blood being shared with the world for our sanctification. How wonderful it is, that Jesus is so generous that he shares every aspect of his life for our strength.

26 August - Those who build a following very quickly, can lose it just as quickly. Today, we see that many of those who had got caught up in the hype of Jesus, quickly went away when they realised that there was a cost to discipleship.



Services

WEDNESDAY 1ST AUGUST *
10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST
9am Holy Communion
10am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 8TH AUGUST *
10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST
9am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 15TH AUGUST *
10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST
9am Holy Communion
10am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 22ND AUGUST *
10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST
9am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 29TH AUGUST *
10.30am Holy Communion

* Prayers for the sick

Many thanks to Peter, Neil, and John for covering services while Jack is away on holiday. For any pastoral emergencies during the summer, please contact Rev Ken Rue: 0872766590

July and August Events

Have a read of the July and August 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!

The Wicklow Parish BBQ



Friend's of
St. Luke's Hospital
HARVEST
BBQ
**KILMULLIN HOUSE
MONEYSTOWN**
near Roundwood, Co. Wicklow. A98W602.
SUNDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER
AT 1PM
STEAK, VEGETARIAN & HOGROAST
ADMISSION
€25 Adult, €8 Child, €55 Family (2&2)
Kids under 5 FREE
Tickets available on **Eventbrite**
Super Raffle
IN AID OF WICKLOW PARISH (Church Hill)
& FRIENDS OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, RATHGAR

The Wicklow Parish BBQ in aid of Wicklow Parish & Friends of St Luke's Hospital, Rathgar will be held on September 2nd at Killmullen House Moneystown, near Roundwood, Co. Wicklow starting at 1 pm.

Steak, hog roast and a vegetarian option will be served, accompanied by homemade salads and desserts.

Kids of all sizes will be entertained by a selection of carnival style games, activities and a treasure hunt through the grounds. Adults can enjoy refreshments including wine. Feel free to BYOB. Family friendly dogs are welcome but must be on a lead.

Admission - 25 euro per adult are available at www.eventbrite.ie - search for Friends of St. Luke's Hospital Harvest BBQ or use the link <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/friends-of-st-lukes-hospital-harvest-bbq-tickets-47123380299?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> Children and family tickets (€8/€55) will be available on the day at the gate or in advance through Brian O'Rorke 086 342 8226 Linda Walsh, Frances Shearer, Rev Jack Kinhead, Alyson Minnion to name but a few! All those who buy their tickets in advance will be entered into a special draw. We're going need help before, during and after the event so PLEASE volunteer for an hour or two, to any of the above. Keep on eye on Facebook for more details during the summer!

July and August Events



Car Boot Sales

There will be a car boot sale in East Glendalough School on Sat 4th August, 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). For more information, call Peter Earls (087 2706616) or Lesley Hopkins (087 6091945).



Churchwardens/Church Greeters

Churchwardens are appointed to help oversee the good running of the parish. The most visible job they do, is to greet worshippers on a Sunday morning, as they arrive at church. This is a responsibility we try and share among a few people, so it is a manageable commitment for everyone. We are looking for parishioners to volunteer to be a 'church greeter' on a semi-regular basis – roughly once every 8 weeks. Please let Jack know (086 1727654) if you can help.

July and August Events



Wednesday

This year, we are continuing the midweek service of Holy Communion throughout July and August. This service is on every Wednesday, at 1030. It is a short celebration of Holy Communion, with prayers for those who are sick. Please let Jack know if you would like a name included on the prayer list. Please support this service if you are available to over the summer months.

Church Gate Collection

There will be a the Church Gate collection on 5 August for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Please try and support this cause.

Summer Services

During July and August, the crèche and Sunday Club take a break. Also, there are lots of opportunities to enjoy the wonderful surroundings of our town, during a time of year when we hope most people can take a slightly slower pace of life. The main 10am Sunday service will be a little shorter over the summer - to allow sea swimmers to get to the water on time; to allow families with young children to still come to church; to help everyone relax a little, and take time for leisure, family, and friends.

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Back to Church Sunday

The Back to Church service will take place on Sunday 9th September. The speaker will be Greg Fromholz. Greg is the diocesan development officer for ministry to young adults. He is also a film and music director, and a brilliant speaker! We look forward to getting the new term off to a great start, as we welcome everyone back after summer holidays.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Canon John Clarke, who has been elected Chair of the Dublin and Glendalough Retired Clergy Fellowship. Though, as we know, John is far from being fully retired!



Glendalough Camino

On Sunday 9 Sept, the annual Camino day will take place, with a pilgrimage walk to the Upper Lake at Glendalough, and an outdoor act of worship in the afternoon. Pilgrimage has always been a significant part of Christian living, representing the journey we take through life, as well as uniting body, soul, and nature. More details will follow in the September newsletter.

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Fete Thanks

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Fete – it was a great day. A lot of hard work goes into running the Fete each year, but it is worth the effort. Thanks to those who organised everything this year – the committee was ably headed up by Allyson Minion.

Best Wishes

Best wishes to Rev Ivor Owens, who has been Minister in Wicklow Methodist Church for the past 10 years, as he prepares to move to Raheny.



Visit

If anyone would like Jack to call and visit you at home, please just call! 0861727654 / kinkeadj@gmail.com. Particularly if you are struggling with anything, or finding life difficult in any way, please reach out – a big part of church is being a community that supports. Or, if you just want a chat, a cup of tea is always welcome!

Surrounding Parish Events - St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow



Everyone is welcome to the Festival of Families celebration on July 28th 12- 5pm in the Abbey Grounds, Wicklow Town. This is a free family event! There will be food on sale but people are also invited to bring a picnic if they prefer. There will be plenty of entertainment for the family including music, a puppet show, a clown, a huge slide and some giant games! This event is open to everyone - 'If you belong to a family we would love you to come!'

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 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).



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

To promote events, post online information or update your details please contact Sinead by email on: wicklowandkilliskeycoi@outlook.com

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the summer with its long days, beautiful colours and warm sunshine. Things are a bit more relaxed when we have free time and a different routine. We pray your blessing over the adventure of traveling and of family time together. Lord Jesus, the summer will not shield us from feelings of disappointment, of loss. Whatever our circumstances may this time be an opportunity to (re)discover Your healing presence and firm foundation.

Amen

