

WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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Thoughts For July

BY REV JACK KINKEAD



7 July - Luke provides great details in his telling of the Gospel, of Jesus' instructions to the disciples whom he sent out in mission & ministry. We can learn much from today's Gospel reading, about how to be active in mission, and effective.

14 July - The Parable of the Good Samaritan is relevant in every age - principles of inclusion, hospitality, and care should be the aim of every human. Interestingly, today this parable is paired with an unsettling passage from the prophet Amos. Amos brings an urgent message to his audience - if a community dedicated in God's name does not focus their attention on God, life is likely to take a turn for the worse.

21 July - In the midst of busy lives, it is so important that we take time aside, for rest & recuperation, and to learn. It is in our worship and prayer life that we respond to the call of Jesus, and it is in taking time aside in rest that we find opportunities to learn from him, and deepen our relationship with him.

28 July - There are times when God might seem far from us, or hard to comprehend. It can sometimes seem difficult to discern God's call for our lives. In such times, when it is difficult to pray, we are called to be honest with God. A good discipline for every Christian, is to say the Lord's Prayer at least once per day.

Services - July

WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 7TH JULY

9am Holy Communion
10am Service of the Word

WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 14TH JULY

9am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 21ST JULY

9am Holy Communion
10am Service of the Word

WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 28TH JULY

9am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY

10.30am Holy Communion

July Events



Car Boot Sale

The next car boot sale will be held in East Glendalough School on Saturday 6th July and Saturday 3rd 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) and general admission is free. For more information, call Peter Earls (087 2706616) or Lesley Hopkins (087 6091945).



Friendship Group

There is a new group within the parish, 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 get together for afternoon tea is on **Monday 15th July**, in the Methodist Hall. All welcome! Further information available 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!

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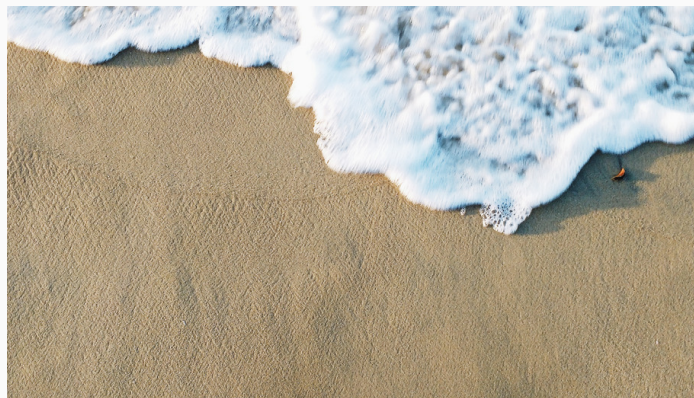


Wicklow Parish BBQ

The Wicklow Parish BBQ in aid of Wicklow Parish & Friends of St Luke's Hospital, Rathgar will be held on September 15th 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. More details to follow later on in the summer but please save the date!



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Wanted - Creche Leaders

The creche exists to allow parents of young children to come to church while their children are cared for in a fun environment. It allows children and parents alike to socialise & get to know one another. We are now running low on creche leaders, so may have to stop running it altogether. Please contact Jack (kinkeadj@gmail.com) or Sinead (wicklowandkilliskeycoi@outlook.com) if you are willing to help.

Help needed for Church Teas

We need Parishioners to help out with coffee/ teas after the 10am service each Sunday? Contact either Jack or Sandra Dunne (primefitnessireland@gmail.com) if you can help out every few weeks!

Got questions, or want to talk in confidence?

If you face any difficulty, or would like to avail of pastoral care, please feel free to contact Jack & arrange to meet.

Summer time

As with last year, the services during July and August will be slightly shorter than normal, to help facilitate our sea swimmers! Even though there are lots of things to do during the summer in Wicklow, please make time to attend church when you can.

July Events



Surrounding Parish - St. Patricks Church

Fam Fest!

Fam Fest will take place on July 21st 1-6pm in the Abbey Grounds Wicklow Town. Lots of free fun for the family including live music, games etc. Please come along and support!



Surrounding Parish - Redcross

Redcross Summer Fete

The Redcross Summer Fete will take place on July 13th in the Church Grounds. Lots of fun for the parents and children with free entry and free parking!



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

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

Wherever we are this month; at home or abroad,
Fuel us, Holy Spirit, with love and kindness
Towards are selves and those we meet.
God, we thank you for your inclusive love and compassion
Show us the way - in the footsteps of Jesus.

Amen

