



June 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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VHI Mini Marathon

Monday June 5th, Dublin

On Monday 5th June, Allyson Minion, Fiona Bradshaw, Dympna Shields, Denise Byrne and Sarah Yennusick too part in the VHI mini marathon, to raise money for the church roof. Much generous sponsorship has been trickling in, and a total amount raised will be published in the July notes. Well done to everyone involved!



United Youth Group BBQ

Friday June 9th Ballinacoola, Glenealy

The last meeting of the youth group before the summer will be a barbeque at the home of Dalton and Penny Phillips, on Sunday 11 June, between 6.30 & 8.30pm. Lifts from Wicklow will be available. If you would like to go, please talk to Dalton, Penny, Ciara or Jack!



Fathers Day Service

Sunday 18th June Wicklow Parish Church

10am Service is a family service in honour of Fathers' Day, with a celebration of the end of the school term, as we thank God for another school year and pray. We will also commission the Select Vestry, and pray with them for their work in running the parish for the next year.



Car Boot Sale

Saturday 1st July East Glendalough School

A car boot sale, in East Glendalough School, on Saturday 1st July 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 July! Contact Peter Earls on 087 270 6616.



Concert

Tuesday July 4th Wicklow Parish Church

On Tuesday 4th July, at 7.30pm, there will be a FREE concert in Wicklow Parish Church. The concert will feature the Maryland State Boychoir's prestigious Tour Choir, along with the tremendously talented Wicklow Community Choir, directed by Tony Norton. There will be a donation box for voluntary contributions.

The Maryland State Boychoir is a diverse group of talented boys who love to sing. The Tour Choir usually consists of a maximum of 20 unchanged voices (trebles and altos) and 15 changed voices (tenors and basses).

We are extremely privileged to have such talent visit us in Wicklow, and look forward to welcoming the Maryland State Boychoir, along with talented singers from Wicklow!

www.marylandstateboychoir.org

www.facebook.com/Wicklow-Community-Choir-287083451684140



Annual Parish BBQ

Sunday July 2nd 2017 Moneystown

Killmullen House Moneystown, near Roundwood, Co. Wicklow starting at 1 pm

Two pigs will be spit roasted and served, accompanied by homemade salads and desserts.

Bouncy castle, wellie boot throwing, treasure hunt to keep children entertained. Adults can enjoy refreshments including wine. Feel free to BYOB.

Family friendly dogs are welcome but must be on a lead.

Admission – 20 euro per adult, 8 euro per child and 50 euro per family (2 adults and 2 children)

Kids under 5 go free!

In aid of Wicklow Parish, Killiskey Parish & Friends of St Luke's Hospital, Rathgar.

Contact Brian O'Rorke to book tickets – 086 342 8226

Keep an eye on the Wicklow Parish Facebook Page for more details!



Summer Fête

Thank You!

Please consider how you can help make this day a great success. We always need volunteers before, during and A huge thank you to all who contributed to this year's Fête! It was a tremendous team effort to organise this year's Fête & it was a great success. Months of planning go into the Fête, but it is work the effort when we see so many people enjoy themselves on the day. This year, a little over €10,000 profit was raised – a tremendous result!





Schools

We will pray for all awaiting exam results at this time of year, and all who prepare to move from one education level to another. As another busy academic year comes to an end, we wish all involved in the education of our young people a happy and well deserved break.



Holidays

As we prepare for the summer, we wish safe travel and a well deserved break to all those who go away on holiday. Wherever you are, a local church congregation will be delighted to welcome you to join in their worship, if you are away on a Sunday.



Prayers

Prayer: A powerhouse for us at all times

The Bible invites us to bring everything that is on our mind in prayer to God. 1 John 5:14 says: 'And this is the confidence that we have before Him: If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.'

In our Sunday service prayer is an integral part of our worship. Twice a month people from the congregation prepare the prayers. The small team of Jack Kinkead, Jane Hastie and Mattanja de Boer would welcome anyone who would like to get involved. And did you know that at the Wednesday morning service the prayers include requests for people or specific situations. You can give them to Jack, or to the church wardens. We read in **Philippians 4:6 "in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God"**. As a parish we support each other, also in prayer. A small group of parishioners meet every fortnight to pray for the parish, Wicklow and broader world issues. They would love you to join them or to pray for you. Talk to Mattanja de Boer, Evelyn Hastie, Hannah Mohandass, Shelagh Norton, or Rose Richmond.



General Announcements

Church Services

Sunday 4th June 9 am Holy Communion

Sunday 4th June 10 am Holy Baptism of Ailbhe Jackson

Wednesday 7th June 10.30 am Holy Communion with refreshments afterwards in church

Sunday 11th June 9 am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th June 10 am Holy Communion

Wednesday 14th June 10.30 am Holy Communion HC with refreshments afterwards in church

Sunday 18th June 9 am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th June 10 am Fathers' Day family service, with celebration of end of school term & commissioning of Select Vestry

Wednesday 21st June 9.30 am Glebe School graduation service

Wednesday 21st June 10.30 am Holy Communion with refreshments afterwards in church

Sunday 25th June 9 am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th June 10 am Holy Communion

Wednesday 28th June 10.30 am Holy Communion with refreshments afterwards in church. Last midweek service until 6th Sept

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.

Wicklow Toddler group

Wicklow Toddler group every Wednesday 10 till 12 during term time in the Methodist Hall please contact Michelle Waldron on (086) 074 0019 for any queries.

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.

Sunday Club

Sunday Club takes place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month from September to June. Children should go straight to the Glebe school before the service starts. Junior Infants-Second Class will meet in the Fifth Class classroom; Third Class-Sixth Class will meet in the Sixth Class classroom. 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 is at 10.30am each week from September to June, and is a simple celebration of Holy Communion with prayers for the sick. Tea / coffee are served at the back of church after the service. All welcome.

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.

Youth Group

The annual youth group trip is coming up shortly. Please contact Jack (0861727654) for more details if you are interested!

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