

# WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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## Thoughts For June

BY REV JACK KINKEAD



**2 June** - Today, we mark the feast of the Ascension - Jesus' return to heaven, 40 days after the resurrection. As Jesus has ascended, we pray that we might ascend in heart and mind. We celebrate with Eric & Naomi, who bring their son, Joshua, to be baptised.

**9 June** - On the Feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the birth of the church, with the dramatic empowering by the Holy Spirit, in which we are confronted with the reality and energy of God. We commission our Select Vestry, and pray that they might be guided by the Holy Spirit in their oversight of the church.

**16 June** - The readings this morning consider the theme of 'wisdom' - a very different concept to 'intelligence' or even 'common sense'. The depth of God's wisdom allows us to connect with God, community, and self, in a deeper way

**23 June** - Although one of the strangest stories in the Gospels, the compelling incident of Jesus exorcising a man's demons into a herd of swine actually tell us something profound about freedom, and where it is truly found

**30 June** - As we mark the end of term, we rejoice in the opportunity for rest. Today is a joint service, in Nuns Cross, Killiskey Parish, at 11am.

## Services

### SUNDAY 2ND JUNE

9am Holy Communion  
10am Holy Baptism

### WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE \*

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 9TH JUNE

9am Holy Communion  
10am Family Communion and  
commissioning of the Select  
Vestry

### WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE \*

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 16TH JUNE

9am Holy Communion  
10am Service of the Word

### WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE \*

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 23RD JUNE

9am Holy Communion  
10am Holy Communion

### WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE \*

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 30TH JUNE

9am Holy Communion  
10am Joint Service with Killiskey  
\* prayers for the sick

## June Events



### Car Boot Sale

The next car boot sale will be held in East Glendalough School on Sat 6th July, 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 17th June**, 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!



## June Events



### Brickworld Lego Exhibition

The Glebe School will be hosting Brickworld on June 9th 11am until 5pm. There will be displays of Lego, including an impressive collection which spans three decades from retro Lego styles right up to modern day Star Wars, Harry Potter, Technics, Ninjago and much more ! There will be a raffle and refreshments. Tickets will be available at the door on the day.



### 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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### Fete Thank You!

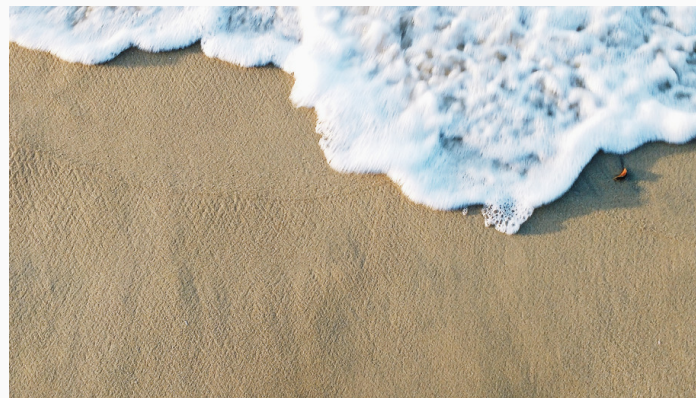
Many thanks to everyone who supported the Fete – it was a great day. A lot of hard work goes into running the Fete each year, but it is worth the effort. Thanks to those who organised everything this year – the committee was ably headed up by Allyson Minion, and her team of helpers.

### 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.

### Holidays

We encourage anyone travelling on holiday on Sundays throughout the summer to seek out a local church / congregation -



you might bring some suggestions back to Wicklow Parish!

### End of Term

As we approach the end of term, we offer our prayers & support to those sitting state exams, and those transitioning from one education level to another. As ever, a huge thanks to all involved in the education of our young people.

### 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.



## June Events



### Surrounding Parish Events - Nun's Cross Church

#### Ecumenical Bible Week

During the week of June 10th there will be talks in 10 different places. The Church of Ireland venues are: Whitechurch Parish Old School (Monday 10th); St Mary's Howth (Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th); St John the Baptist (Wednesday 12th) and Rathfarnham (Wednesday 12th). All talks commence at 7.30pm.

The closing service takes place at St Finian's Lutheran Church, Adelaide Road, Dublin 2 at 7.30pm. This takes the form of sung Lutheran Vespers at 7.30pm at which the speaker will be Rev Sam Mawhinney of Adelaide Road Presbyterian Church.

A full programme of events may be seen at [www.bibleweek.ie](http://www.bibleweek.ie) or go to Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/bibleweekie>

### St. Patricks Church

#### St Patrick's Cathedral Choir

Please join the Cathedral Choir's Summer Concert on Friday June 14th.

Admission is free with a retiring collection in aid of the Cathedral Choir School, which, established in 1432, is not only Ireland's Oldest School but also its last remaining Choir School.

**Saint Patrick's Cathedral ♦ Dublin**

THE CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS  
invite you & your guests to this year's  
**CHORAL FOUNDATION CONCERT**  
*Somewhere over the rainbow!*  
*in aid of the Cathedral Choir School*

**FRIDAY 14 JUNE at 18.15**

Admission free • Retiring collection  
RSVP [music@stpatrickscathedral.ie](mailto:music@stpatrickscathedral.ie)

# 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)

Dear Lord,  
as we think about the gift of your Holy Spirit,  
help us become the hands and feet of your Spirit,  
enabling your light to shine through us.  
Help us to change,  
to grow,  
and speak out -  
not in languages of hate or greed,  
complacency or discontent,  
but in love and peace,  
mercy and kindness,  
in generosity and benevolence,  
in humility and patience,  
so that the presence of God may be seen  
in a new light,  
in new places,  
in new ways.

Amen

