

# WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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## Thoughts For June

BY REV JACK KINKEAD



**3rd June** - Today, we think about the concept of 'Sabbath'. It's easy for us to become ground down by life's pressures, and the monotony of routine, whatever we have going on in life. Planning time aside, with God and in worship and prayer, is a really healthy thing to do.

**10th June** - Although we don't like to think about it too much, and shouldn't preoccupy ourselves, the presence of evil in life is something we cannot deny. As Christians, we are called to live a positive life – to focus on our life in community, and a life which seeks to build up, rather than tear down.

**17th June** - The ministry God has for the world, is shared with us. The ministry we have as Christians, is shared with God. Today, we think of the analogy of planting – how wonderful it is when the good news of Jesus Christ becomes perennial and prolific. This is our hope for the next generation, which we celebrate with Eric and Jane, as they bring their daughter Maeve for baptism.

**24th June** - Particularly in tough times, we can become very introspective. Today, as Mark and Jennifer bring Noah for baptism, we remember how our focus must always be on God, and our service of others. Through the freewill we have been given, God can only work with us, if we are willing to offer ourselves completely to God.

## Services

### SUNDAY 3RD JUNE

9am Holy Communion  
10am Service of the Word

### WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE \*

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 10TH JUNE

9am Holy Communion  
10am Holy Communion

### WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE \*

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 17TH JUNE

9am Holy Communion  
10am Holy Baptism

### WEDNESDAY 20TH JUNE \*

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 24TH JUNE

9am Holy Communion  
10am Holy Baptism

### WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE \*

10.30am Holy Communion

\* This year, the Wed service of Holy Communion will continue throughout July and Aug, so please drop in anytime you're free during the holiday months

## June Events

Have a read of June's 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 Fete

BRIGHAM YOUNG

**Fete**  
Wicklow Parish

Saturday  
June 2nd  
11am - 4pm  
East Glendalough School

**Great Family Day Out**  
**Great Value**

ADMISSION ONLY 2 EUROS

**Kids 12 & under Free**  
**Free Parking**

sponsored by **gym plus**

Come to the annual Wicklow Parish Fete Saturday June 2nd 11am to 4pm at East Glendalough School in Wicklow town. This day is going to be jam-packed with fantastic activities for all ages! These include bouncy castles, face painting, numerous game stalls and Fire Brigade displays to keep the kids entertained. Browse the stalls including plants, 'Good as New' clothes, toys, books, bric-a-brac, commercial displays, country produce and cakes. Enjoy hot food and refreshments while watching East Coast Falconry, wood turning, live music and much much more! Entry is only €2, kids go free, and free parking is available so get there early! Visit and like our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/WicklowParishSummerFete](http://www.facebook.com/WicklowParishSummerFete)



## June Events



### Car Boot Sales

There will be a car boot sale in East Glendalough School on Sat 7th 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). 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.

## June Events



### Baptism

Ewan Findlay Byrne was baptised in Wicklow Parish Church on 20th May, by retired Archdeacon Edgar Swann. Aaron and Daniel Thompson were baptised in Wicklow Parish Church on 27th May.

We wish those who are recently baptised well, as they and their families continue their journey in faith.

### Funeral

The funeral and act of thanksgiving for the life of Ruth Odlum took place in Wicklow Parish Church on Saturday 19th May. May she rest in peace, and may her family be assured of God's presence in their grief.

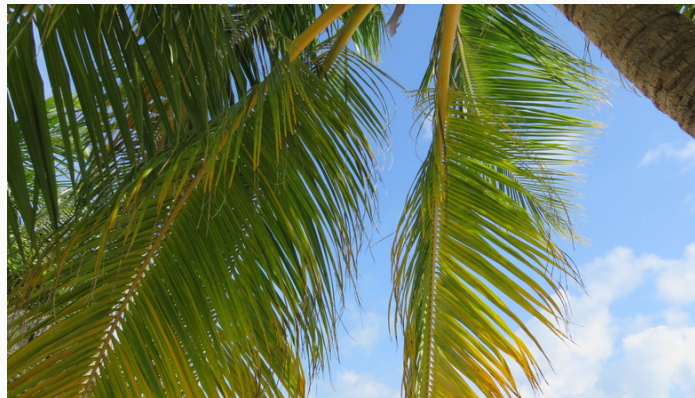


### Scripture Union Bible Reading Notes

These are really useful for devotions at home. Please contact Shelagh Norton if you are interested in receiving bible notes. 085 1766576



## June Events



### Schools / Holidays

For those undertaking school, state, or university exams, please be assured of our prayers. We hope that our young people are able to manage realistic expectations of themselves – to do their best, without putting themselves under too much pressure. We encourage a practice of taking time aside for prayer and meditation, particularly when studying becomes stressful.

We hope that all those involved in education have time to relax and recharge over the summer months – thank you to all who follow a vocation into education, for your care of our children and young people.

### Schools / Holidays Continued

We would be delighted to welcome any visitors who holiday in the Wicklow area over the summer months. Equally, we are sure that local congregations will be delighted to welcome you, should you travel away for your holidays.

## June Events



### Killiskey Parish News

Canon Hatem Shehadeh from Haifa in the Diocese of Jerusalem visited Dublin & Glendalough from 21 to 26 May as part of the partnership link between the two dioceses. He shared his experiences as a Christian, Arab, Palestinian, Israeli, Irish Anglican minister living in the Land of the Holy One. His mother-in-law comes from Fermanagh and he holds Irish citizenship.

He addressed both clergy and lay people in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. He attended the Ministry of Healing Eucharist in Christ Church Cathedral, followed by lunch with Our Table, a refugee initiative. He was at the Thinking Allowed event in the Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3 and was in St

John's Church, Laragh, for Evening Prayer. Canon Hatem talked movingly about the situation of Christians in his home country and his insistence that they must not stop believing the message of peace, witnessing to the Lord and spreading the good news and the message of peace and reconciliation. Canon Hatem has asked Christians in the west to do three things:

1. Push back against the demonisation of both Palestinians and Israelis.
  2. Reject the support of violence. It is not Christian.
  3. Support those who are seeking peace.
- "We don't need you to be pro-Palestinian or pro-Israeli. Be pro-peace". Canon Hatem is involved in a schools-based peace project which brings together Jews, Moslems and Christians. He visited Nun's Cross NS and East Glendalough NS and spoke of this initiative. In Nun's Cross NS, he taught the children some Arabic and Hebrew words. One child asked him what the conflict between Palestinians and Israelis was about. He gave a wonderful illustration: "Here is a watch. One persons say that my father gave it to me and another that my great-great-great-great grandfather gave it to me". There are two stories which lead to conflicting views.



# 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).





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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

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

Dear Jesus  
You are the hope of our nation  
You give comfort to all who mourn  
You are the light in the darkness  
You are the truth in each circumstance  
You are the source of Heaven's hope on earth  
You are the rock in who we trust  
You are our Lord and Saviour

Amen

