

# WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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## Thoughts For March

BY REV JACK KINKEAD



**3 March** - In the Transfiguration, we see how an encounter with God can bring about total transformation. To follow the Way of Jesus is to enter into the work of God, which is all about transformation, salvation, and grace. If we seek out God, we might be amazed at what becomes possible

**10 March** - In today's readings, we are reminded that all that we have is by God's goodness, and without God we would have nothing. However, the context of this lesson is gratitude. As we begin the journey of Lent, we also consider the topic of temptation.

**17 March** - On St Patrick's Day, we think about our Patron Saint, whom we are told was brought to this land against his will, yet felt drawn back here after escaping. We think about the presence of God, even when any of us encounters the 'dark night of the soul.'

**24 March** - Humanity is very good at feeling sorry for itself. We can all indulge in complaining and feeling hard done by. Today, we are challenged to think about the steps we might take ourselves to improve our cause. The invitation of God is to an abundant life, not self imposed bitterness.

**31 March** - The experiences we have in life form us to be the people we are. We must learn to be reconciled with what has happened in the past, for we are assured of God's presence and love, no matter how and where we might stray. Today is a 5th Sunday, so we look forward to welcoming parishioners from Nuns Cross, as we join in worship as a joint parish at the 10am service.

## Services

### SUNDAY 3RD MAR

9am Holy Communion  
10am Service of the Word

### WEDNESDAY 6TH MAR \*

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 10TH MAR

9am Holy Communion  
10am Family Communion

### WEDNESDAY 13TH MAR\*

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 17TH MAR

9am Holy Communion  
10am Service of the Word

### WEDNESDAY 20TH MAR \*

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 24TH MAR

9am Holy Communion  
10am Holy Communion

### WEDNESDAY 27TH MAR \*

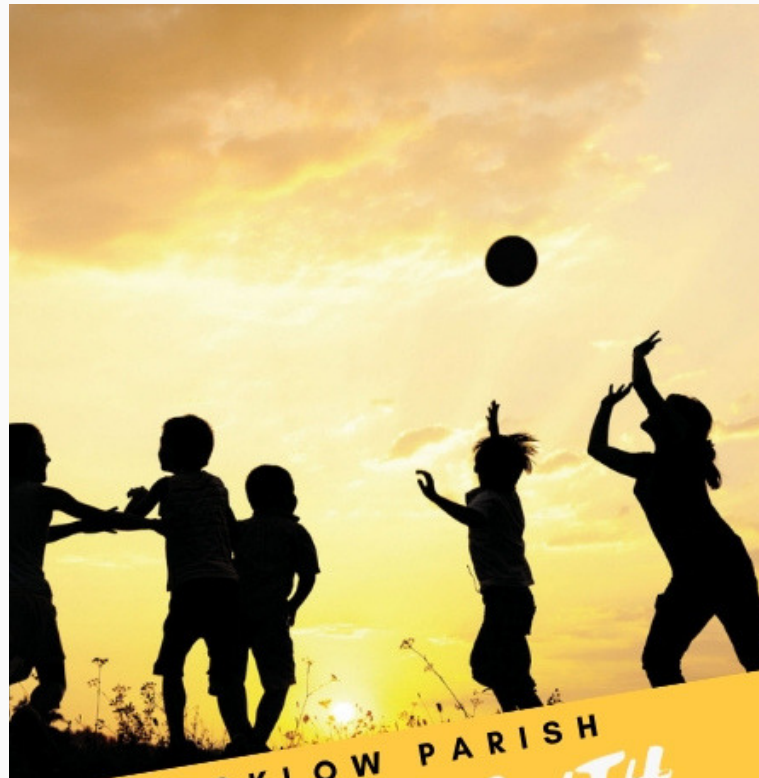
10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 31ST MAR

9am Holy Communion  
10am Service of the Word,  
joint with Killiskey Parish

\* prayers for the sick

## March Events



**WICKLOW PARISH  
UNITED YOUTH**

Join us for games,  
sports, crafts,  
outings and most  
importantly fun!

**STARTING BACK 06.10.18**  
6-7.30PM | EGS  
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
4TH - 6TH CLASS - 5 EURO PER CHILD

### United Youth

United Youth will meet this month on March 9th in EGS. We usually meet the first Saturday of the month. Games, sports, crafts, outings and most importantly fun is included for 5 euro per child.



Wicklow Parish Church Teen Youth Group

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON FAITH

Have you ever wondered what life is all about, how we got here, what happens next? Have you ever thought, how can God be good when we see so much trouble and uncertainty around us? NUA might be perfect for you! All of these questions and more, discussed in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

All 18 year olds welcome. Split into two discussions. 1st—3rd year and 4th - 6th year. Pizza for supper afterwards! All Welcome.

Venue: East Glendalough School  
Time: 6.30-8pm  
1st & 3rd Sunday per month  
Start date: 16th September

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### Teen Youth Group

Teen Youth Group will meet on March 3rd and 24th in EGS. Anyone of secondary school age is welcome to attend. Contact Jack for more details.



## March Events



### 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 25th March**, 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!



### Save The Date - Wicklow Parish Fete

The Wicklow Parish Fete is taking place on June 1st and the Fete Committee are looking for volunteers to join the committee and help out on the day! The Parish Fete is the main fundraiser of the year and has been running for over 40 years. The day wouldn't be a success without the help of our Parishioners. Please contact Rev. Jack if you can help!

### Clothes Wanted

If you are spring cleaning your wardrobe, keep the Fete in mind. Lesley Hopkins is accepting clothes shoes and accessories for resale at the Fete. Please contact Lesley at (087)6091945

## March Events



### Mothers' Union

Monday 4th March there will be a Mothers' Union meeting in the Hub at 11 am. Tea, Coffee and chat. All welcome.

The Mothers' Union area service will be held in Arklow on Tuesday 12th March at 8pm. The speaker is Revd. Kevin Conroy.

Advance notice for Saturday 27th April. There will be a Mothers' Union Lunch in Chester Beatty's at 12.45pm . All welcome. More details to follow.



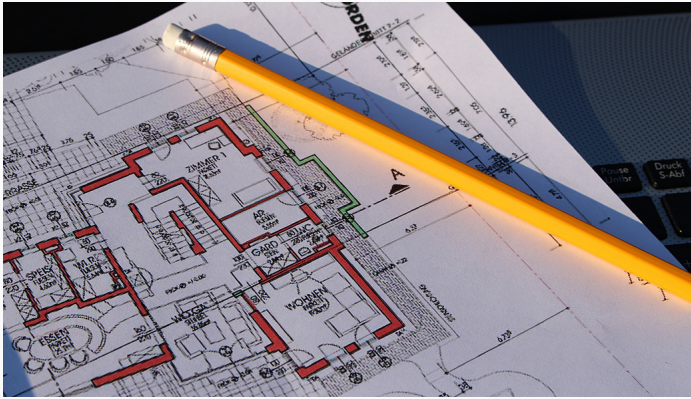
### Journey through Lent with Christian Aid

During Lent Christian Aid invites you to walk with them on a journey, called 'Footprints'. Each day participants will receive an email containing a short reflection and prayer based on the daily Lectionary bible readings from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

Along the way we will hear the Scriptures opened up to us by church leaders, chaplains, activists, theologians and practitioners from Ireland, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Brazil and South Africa. Please sign up to receive Footprints email reflections - <https://www.christianaid.ie/form/footprints-email-sign-up>



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## Rectory Update

As work to the Rectory enters its final phase, we are excited to see the building modernised and improved for today's standards. The investment undertaken has been substantial, but has greatly increased the value of the parish's major asset - in practical terms as well as monetary. If anyone is in a position to assist with the costs of renovation, please contact Dirk Van der Flier (0872356304), John Clarke (0874127386), or Shane Fingleton (0862485045). The parish will have to seek a bank loan to cover the final payments, and any reduction to that amount will make a big difference to interest payments.

## Car Boot Sales

The first car boot sale of 2019 will be held in East Glendalough School on Sat 6th April, 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).



## March Events



### Ash Wednesday

As we begin our Lenten journey to the pain of the cross and the joy of Easter, we meet for worship on Ash Wednesday (6th March), in Nuns Cross Church, at 7.30pm, for a short service of Holy Communion. This is an important service, as we consider how we are impacted by our own journey through Lent, so please do come along. It is also a rare opportunity to gather for worship with parishioners from Killiskey Parish, in the beautiful Nuns Cross Church.



### Developing Ministry

A colloquium organized by Search: A Church of Ireland Journal and the Church of Ireland Chaplaincy at Trinity College Dublin is taking place Saturday 30th of March. Registration is from 9.30am and the event starts from 10am finishing up at 5pm in The Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin. The speakers are including Canon David Hewlett (Keynote), Bishop Michael Burrows, Ven. Andrew Forster, Dean Maria Jansson, Bishop Ken Good, Canon Dr Maurice Elliot, Ven. Robert Miller, Rev. Rob Jones and Bishop Patrick Rooke. Tickets cost 35 euro which is inclusive of lunch and mid-session refreshments. Cheques are payable to Search to Treasurer, 10 Dun Emer Drive, Dublin. D16 F788. Payments can also be made online via Paypal at [www.searchjournal.ireland.anglican.org](http://www.searchjournal.ireland.anglican.org)



## March Events



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

#### Church Music

The next session of Church Music Dublin is planned for 23rd March in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, when Ian Keatley, cathedral director of music, will lead a workshop on Anglican chant. Organists, singers and members of congregations are welcome.

#### Table Tennis

The Table Tennis club will reopen in the Nun's Cross school assembly room (downstairs in the new classroom block) on Wednesday 9th January at 8pm.

### Surrounding Parish Events - St Patrick's Catholic Church

#### World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This year's theme is 'Come Everything is Ready' prepared by women in Slovenia. On Friday 8th March at 7.30pm you are invited to the local gathering which takes place in St Patrick's Church in Wicklow Town.

# 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](mailto:wicklowandkilliskeycoi@outlook.com)

Holy Lord, Thank You for grace.  
Please help me move beyond the  
hurdles that trip me up and give  
me the strength and wisdom to  
look up and see the hope I run  
toward in Christ. In Jesus' Name,

Amen

