

WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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Thoughts For May

BY REV JACK KINKEAD



5 May - Today is our AGM as a parish. We have the opportunity to review our financial position, the state of our property, and the general structure for running the parish. However, we also have the opportunity to dream together of what possibilities might lie ahead in the coming year(s). It is so appropriate that we do this during this Easter season, as we encounter in scripture the first disciples and their new community - the church - establishing the presence of Jesus in the world through them, just as he instructed.

12 May - An interesting feature of all the glimpses of heaven we encounter throughout the Bible, is that they all feature worship. When we worship, we are intentionally present in God's presence, and we find that we have the most remarkable capacity for joy.

19 May - Humanity is very good at erecting divisions and barriers. A key message of God as revealed in the Bible, is that we are to blur these divisions, and get rid of them, for God's love and attention is available freely, and to all. As the Christian message attracted new followers, this was an issue the early church had to face.

26 May - A number of themes in today's readings all converge. We are challenged by the apostles' willingness to always respond to God's call. We are challenged by the call of the Gospel to love & obedience. But we are reminded that all things necessary for our life and well-being flow from God's grace & love.

Services

SUNDAY 5TH MAY

9am Holy Communion
10am Easter General Vestry

WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 12TH MAY

9am Holy Communion
10am Family Communion

WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 19TH MAY

9am Holy Communion
10am Service of the Word

WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 26TH MAY

9am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY *

10.30am Holy Communion

* prayers for the sick

May 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 May 4th 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 May 12th and 26th in EGS. Anyone of secondary school age is welcome to attend. Contact Jack for more details.

May Events



Car Boot Sale

The next car boot sale will be held in East Glendalough School on Sat 4th May, 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 20th May**, 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!

May Events



Fundraiser to get Alanna Patton to LA!

17th May 7.30pm EGS

Alanna is 15 years old and lives in Wicklow Town and loves performing. Music is her passion. She has been singing in Wicklow parish regularly over the last number of years. Alanna has entered and placed well in numerous competitions and feis across Ireland and has gained a lot of experience through them.

Join Alanna for an evening of music arranged by her to fundraise a trip to Los Angeles.

She was one of 20 performers out of 2000 across Ireland who qualified to train and perform in a showcase in LA in August.

At the showcase she will seek representation from SAG franchised agencies, managers and casting directors. The show on 17th May will display some amazing local talent eg. Choirs, duets, solos and of course a number of performances from Alanna!

Tickets €10, students €5, children U12 free.

Tickets are available at Church on 12th May and at the door.

Your support would be much appreciated.

Complimentary tea, coffee and cake during break.

May Events



Rectory Update

Jack and Rachael have now moved into the refurbished Rectory, and are beginning to get the house in order! Many thanks to those who have been so helpful throughout the works. We are very grateful to Jenko Contractors for the superb job they have done. Once settled, there will be an open morning for parishioners to come and have a look around the house.

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.

Coffee Morning

A coffee morning is taking place by Wicklow Welcomes for the residents in the Grand hotel, on Sat 25th May, 1030-1230. This event is taking place in the Pastoral Centre at the Catholic Church. Please come along and support!

May Events



Easter Vestry

The Easter Vestry will be held on Sunday 5th May, after the 10am church service (which will be a little shorter than usual). Everyone is welcome, and all registered parishioners are entitled to vote. This is the AGM for the church, so please make a special effort to be there and have your say! The parish accounts will be presented, and there will also be a more detailed update re. parish property. A new Select Vestry will be elected, to oversee the running of the parish for the next year. There will be an opportunity to discuss the future of the parish and air our views about potential developments.

Andrew Hopkins Art Exhibition

Parishioner Andrew Hopkins will be holding an opening night for an exhibition of his work at Unit2, South Quay House, Wicklow on Friday May 10th from 7pm until 9 pm.

The exhibition runs from May 11th until May 13th 10.30am until 16.00pm. Please come along and support.

2019 Dublin & Glendalough Kids' Camp

This year's camp will be held 1-4 July at the Glencree Centre in Co. Wicklow. A number of bursaries are available. Families in need of a bursary should contact the Revd Abigail Sines (abigail@christchurch.ie) as soon as possible. The booking fee is €175 and the booking deadline is 28 May. The booking form is available to download here:

<https://tinyurl.com/yxkx2usy>

May Events



Glebe Musical

The Glebe Musical "Mystery at Magpie manor will be taking place in East Glendalough School from May 29th until May 30th. Doors open at 6.30pm and the show starts at 7pm! Tickets are available from the Glebe. Best of luck to the children and teachers of the school!

May Events



Wicklow Parish Fete

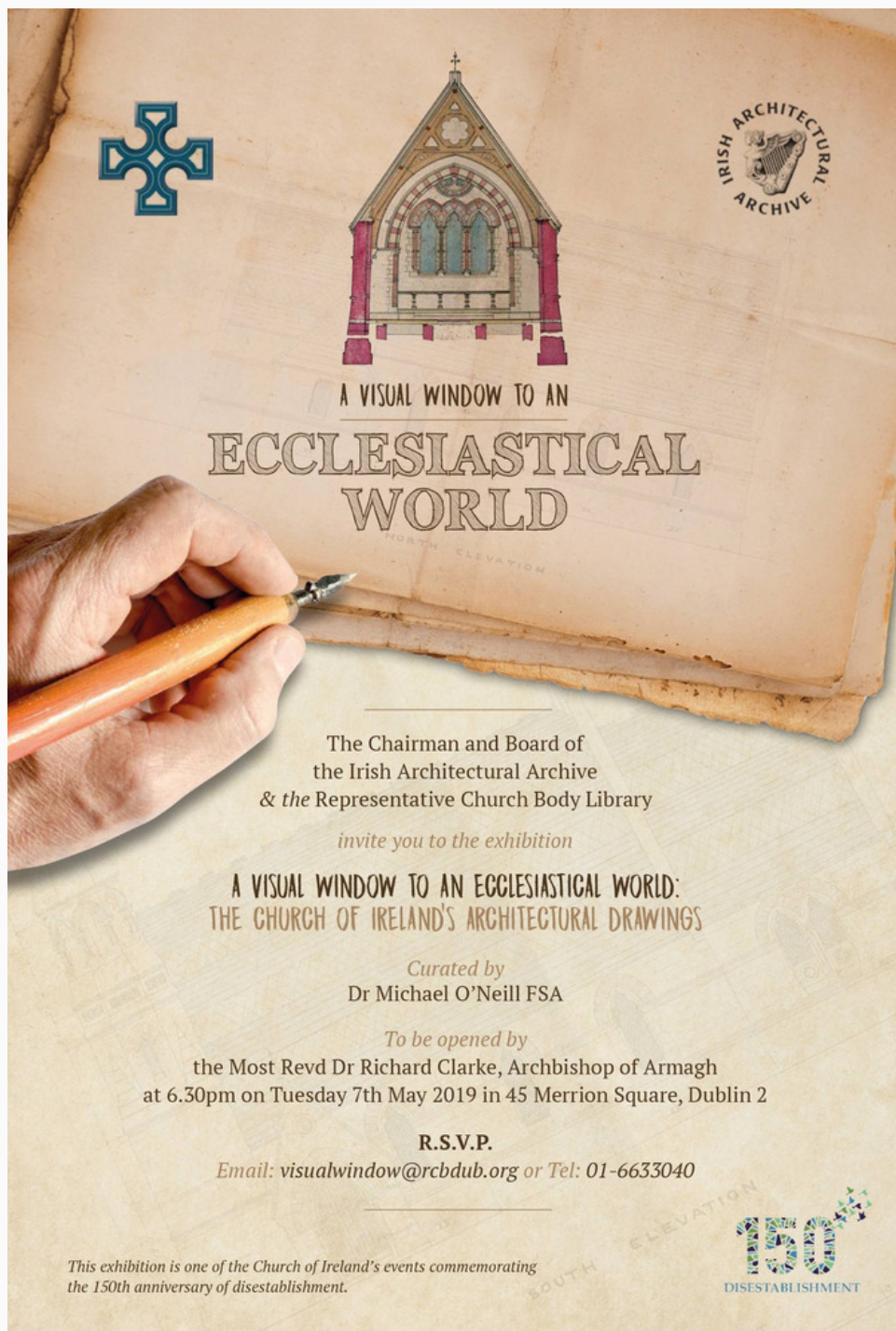
The Wicklow Parish Fete is taking place on June 1st in EGS. Please consider how you can help make this day a great success. We always need volunteers before, during and after the event so please let me know where you can help. Please also hold onto items which might be suitable for stalls such as clothes, bric-a-brac, or toys etc. Please like and share our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WicklowParishSummerFete/

New for 2019 - Dog Show!

This year we will be holding a dog show at the Fete. Sharpeshill WSPA will be kindly judging the classes on the day!

Classes will include:
Best rescue rehomed dog
Best dog led by a child
Best puppy
Best fancy dress dog
Supreme champion

May Events



Visual Window Exhibition

The RCB Library, in collaboration with the Irish Architectural Archive, is pleased to invite you to the opening of the exhibition:

A Visual Window To An Ecclesiastical World: The Church of Ireland's Architectural Drawings Collections

On Tuesday 7 May 2019 at 6.30pm in the Irish Architectural Archive, 45 Merrion Square, Dublin 2

Please see attached invitation and RSVP by email:
visualwindow@rcbdub.org
or tel: 01-6633040 by 3 May 2019

May Events



Surrounding Parish Events - Nun's Cross Church

Reminder - Ashford Country Fair

The 6th annual Ashford Country Fair will take place in the grounds of the Bel-Air Hotel on Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May from 11am to 4pm. Look forward to seeing you there!

Saturday Morning Bible Studies

On Saturday mornings at 9.30am in Café Latte, Ashford Village, joint bible studies will be held with Ashford Parish. These are likely to focus on the gospel readings for the following day. All welcome!

Wicklow Girls' Brigade

The 16th Annual Display of Wicklow Girls' Brigade takes place in Fatima Hall, Dominican Convent, Wicklow Town on Saturday, 11th May at 7pm. It will be well worth supporting!

Féile Londubh

Féile Londubh is an annual Poetry & Music Festival in Ashford, run by Alchemy Music. It places special emphasis on facilitating events for the whole community and programmes a variety of local, national & international artists. Participation in the arts and the development of creative, educational and community links are at the heart of Féile Londubh with a wide range of events for children and adults, many of which are free. This year's festival runs from 17th to 19th May, with events planned for Nun's Cross church on Saturday 18th. Keep up to date with the events by following: www.facebook.com/FeileLondubh/

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

Risen Christ, we thank you for the way you revealed yourself when you had conquered death: To the women at your grave who saw an empty tomb; Walking with your friends the way to Emmaus; In breaking the bread with them, they recognised you.

We thank you that this revelation continues to the present day: You meet us in ways that respond to our deepest personal needs. You are our companion on our journey of faith Stay with us, Lord

Amen

