



November 2017 Announcements



There are some great events coming up this winter.

Have a read of November's Newsletter and see what you can come along and support!

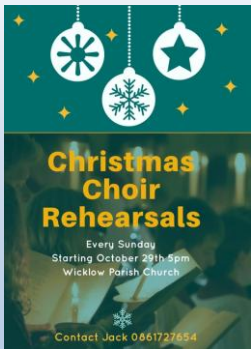
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Christmas Carol Rehearsals

29th October 5pm Wicklow Parish Church

Christmas Carol rehearsals are starting this Sunday at 5pm in Wicklow Parish Church. No experience required and ability to read music not necessary either. Some festive fun for all! The rehearsals which are on every Sunday will be leading up to a Carol Service on December 17th!





United Youth & Youth Group

United Youth

The next meeting of United Youth (4th-6th class) will be on Saturday **4th November**. We will meet in East Glendalough School, from 6-7.30pm. There is a nominal charge of €5, to cover costs. If anyone is interested in helping with the youth club, please contact Jack by phone or email: 0861727654 / kinkeadj@gmail.com.

Youth Group

The teen youth group will meet on Sunday **5th & 19th November**, in East Glendalough School, from 6.30-8pm. New members and guests always welcome!



Wicklow Syria Appeal

8th November 2017 at 8pm Grand Hotel, Wicklow Town

Wicklow Syria Appeal is a volunteer group supporting those affected by conflict in Syria.

Wicklow Syria Appeal wish to engage with the wider community of Wicklow around what we can do to help Syrian refugees coming to Ireland. We have partnered with Nasc, the Irish Immigrant Support Centre, to develop an exciting and unique community project. Please come along and share your thoughts.

More details are on www.facebook.com/wicklowsyriaappeal and www.wicklowsyriaappeal.com



Fashion Show

16th November 7.30pm Fishers of Newtownmountkennedy

Wicklow Parish are holding a Fashion Show in Fishers of Newtownmountkennedy, on Thurs 16th November, at 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased from Miranda Harris or Leslie Hopkins for €20 each.



Wicklow Syria Appeal - Gala Concert

26th November at 7.30pm St Patrick's Catholic Church

The Wicklow Syria Appeal volunteer group will be hosting a Gala concert with performances by the Wicklow Community Choir, Inver Ladies, Wicklow Male Voice Choir, all the primary schools from Wicklow town, as well as a guest soloist. Tickets €10 / €20 for a family. For more details please contact Jack by phone or email: 0861727654 / kinkeadj@gmail.com.



Messy Church

9th December 5.30pm – 7pm the Glebe school

On Saturday 9th December we will hold 'Messy Church' in the Glebe school, from 5.30pm – 7pm. Messy Church allows the whole family to worship together, in an interactive way. Fellowship is an important part of Messy Church, so food will be provided!



Confirmation

If anyone is interested in taking part in classes towards confirmation, they will start in the new year. Confirmation is a serious undertaking, as a public demonstration of Christian faith. For anyone who is interested in confirmation, but who has fallen out of the habit of regular church attendance, perhaps now is a good time to re-engage with church life. Anyone is welcome to join confirmation preparation, but nobody has to be confirmed unless they are confident in the promises they will be asked to make.



Advent

Advent is a season of preparation for the celebration of the incarnation - God made human - at Christmas. We encourage everyone to give some serious thought to this season. What does the birth of Jesus mean to us? How does it impact our world? How can we extend the season of peace and goodwill throughout the rest of the year? As we prepare for the joy of Christmas day, throughout December, there will be a short, reflective service on Thursday evenings, in the church. The services will start at 8pm, and last no longer than half an hour. These services will take place on the 7th, 14th and 21st of December.



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tish Costello will be running the Christmas Hamper Raffle again the year after a very successful one last year. She is looking for donations of prizes and people to sell some lines to their friends, family and colleagues. If anyone is able to source a voucher for a butcher it would be fantastic. For more information please talk to Tish - (087) 689 2489



General Announcements

Church Services

Wednesday 1st November – 10.30am Holy Communion, with prayers for those who are sick. Tea / coffee served afterwards in the church

Sunday 5th November – 9am Holy Communion.
10am GB Enrolment service

Wednesday 8th November – 10.30am Holy Communion, with prayers for those who are sick. Tea / coffee served afterwards in the church

Sunday 12th November – 9am Holy Communion.
10am Family Communion

Wednesday 15th November – 10.30am Holy Communion, with prayers for those who are sick. Tea / coffee served afterwards in the church

Sunday 19th November – 9am Holy Communion.
10am Baptism of Rosie Cox

Wednesday 22nd November – 10.30 Holy Communion, with prayers for those who are sick. Tea / coffee served afterwards in the church

Sunday 26th November – 9am Holy Communion.
10am Holy Communion

Wednesday 29th November – 10.30 Holy Communion, with prayers for those who are sick. Tea / coffee served afterwards in the church

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.

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.

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.

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.

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