

# WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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## Thoughts For November

BY REV JACK KINKEAD



4 Nov - As we enter the season of All Saints, we have a timely reminder of God's requirement that we play an active role in bringing about his Kingdom. God is not interested in worship or religious practice as a veneer, but as an expression of transformed lives.

11 Nov - Continuing through this 'Decade of Centenaries', 2018 marks the centenary of the end of the First World War. We will be joined by some who have put themselves in positions of danger for the safety and security of others, and we will consider what it is to live in God's peace, and strive for a better world, together.

18 Nov - Today we will be joined by members of the 1st Wicklow Company of the Girls' Brigade, and will enrol the officers and members of GB. We will think about the concept of committing to something together, as a team, and focusing all our attention on God.

25 Nov - As we mark the end of the church year, in anticipation of the Advent season of preparation, we celebrate the Kingship of Christ, and how God's kingdom is not governed by human standards. We also celebrate with Paul and Miriam, who bring their son, Dara, for baptism.

## Services

### SUNDAY 4TH NOV

9am Holy Communion  
10am Service of the Word

### WEDNESDAY 7TH NOV \*

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 11TH NOV

9am Holy Communion  
10am Holy Communion. Act of remembrance

### WEDNESDAY 14TH NOV \*

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 18TH NOV

9am Holy Communion  
10am Girls' Brigade Enrolment service

### WEDNESDAY 21ST NOV \*

10.30am Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 25TH NOV

9am Holy Communion  
10am Holy Communion and Holy Baptism of Dara Murphy

### WEDNESDAY 28TH NOV \*

10.30am Holy Communion

\* prayers for the sick



## November Events



**FISHERS**  
of Newtownmountkennedy  
and  
**WICKLOW PARISH CHURCH**

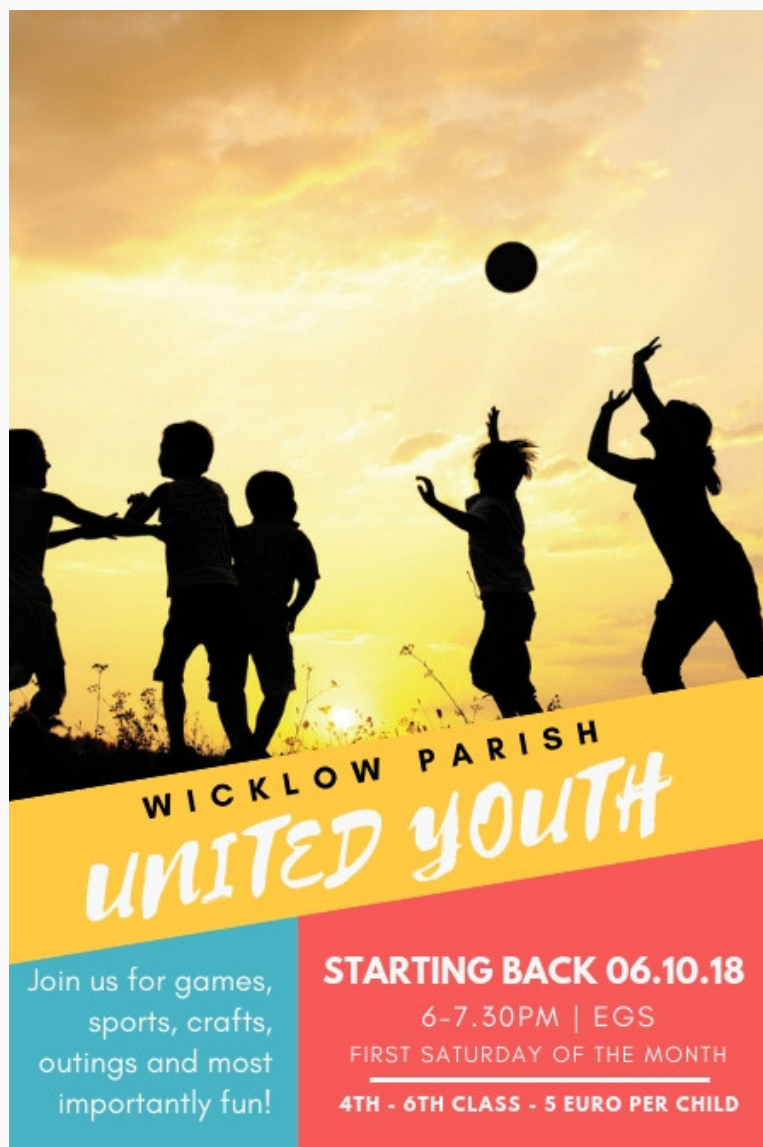
**CHARITY  
FASHION  
SHOW**

in  
**FISHERS, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY**  
on the  
**9<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER, AT 7:30 PM**

### Wicklow Parish Fashion Show

Lights, camera, catwalk! Wicklow Parish is hosting a Charity Fashion Show event in Fishers of Newtownmountkennedy on Friday 9th November, 7.30pm. The latest fashion trends and tips for 2019 will be shared, along with a glass of wine and finger food are included in the price! Tickets will be €20 and are available from Fishers, Peter (087)2706616 or Lesley (087)6091945. 10% discount on all purchases and the expertise of the Fishers personal shoppers will also be at hand. There will be a raffle on the night with fabulous prizes!

## November Events

A poster for the Wicklow Parish United Youth event. The top half features a silhouette of five children playing with a ball against a bright, orange-hued sunset sky. The bottom half is a solid red banner with white text. The text reads: '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', and '4TH - 6TH CLASS - 5 EURO PER CHILD'.

### United Youth

United Youth will be taking place on Saturday 3rd of November in EGS 6 - 7.30pm. We usually meet the first Saturday of the month. Games, sports, crafts, outings and most importantly fun is included for 5 euro per child. Contact Jack for more details.

A poster for the Wicklow Parish Church Teen Youth Group. The top half features a silhouette of three people walking along a beach at sunset. The bottom half is a solid green banner with white text. The text reads: 'Wicklow Parish Church Teen Youth Group', 'nua', 'A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON FAITH', 'Have you ever wondered what life is all about, how we got here or 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.', '18 year olds welcome. Split into two discussions. 1st—3rd year and Y - 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', 'WWW.NUAFILMSERIES.IE', and 'SCRIPTURE UNION IRELAND'.

### Teen Youth Group

The Teen Youth will continue the 'Nua' series on Sunday 4th and 18th of November. Nua is an Irish production, exploring issues of faith, and some of the big questions of life. Anyone in secondary school is welcome to attend. Contact Jack for more details.



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### Church Entrance

During the winter, we are going to use the side entrance to get in to church - the gate at the right hand side of the church. There is a porch there, so using this door should allow us to keep a little more heat in the church building during the colder months! We will start using the side door after the clocks change - so, from Sunday 4 November. There is a beautiful stained glass window, and a medieval doorway in the porch, that many parishioners may never have seen before!



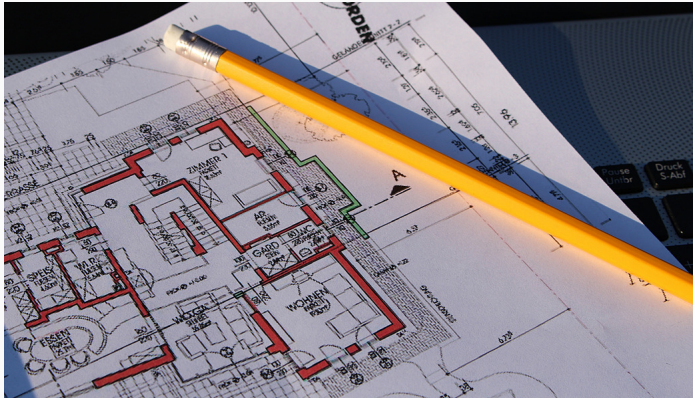
### Ovoca Camp

The ever popular Ovoca weekend camp will run from 18-20 January, in Ovoca Manor! The camp is open to 5th & 6th class children. More information will be available nearer the time, but please make a note to keep that weekend free!

### 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!

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### Rectory update

A huge thanks to those who have contributed so far to the upgrade and refurbishment of the Rectory. The builder is making tremendous progress already. We are still some way from being able to fully finance the project without a loan from a financial institution, with interest. If you are in a position to offer financial support by way of a loan to the parish to help with this work, please contact: John Clarke (parish treasurer): 0874127386 / john\_l\_clarke@msn.com; Dirk van der Flier: 0872356304 / dirkvdf@gmail.com; Shane Fingleton: 0862485045 / shanefingleton@gmail.com.



### Mothers' Union Shoebox Appeal

Mother's Union members and friends will meet in the Hub. Ashford village on Monday 5th November at 11.15 am to pack shoeboxes for the Darndale Creche.

We would be delighted with contributions of shoeboxes, Christmas wrapping paper and gifts for the boxes also including socks, toothbrushes hats and gloves etc etc.

Please call Jessica on 087-2875601 for more details!

## November Events



### Remembrance Day, Sunday 11th November

On Sunday 11th November, there will be an Act of Remembrance during the 10am service. This year marks the centenary of the end of the First World War, a war which claimed the lives of so many Irish soldiers, at a time of particular historical significance for this country. Please join us, as we honour those whose lives have been lost in the service of others, and as we pray for those who work or volunteer with organisations which seek to save and preserve life, in spite of the potential risk to their own members. As usual, people who have previously been part of the Armed / Peacekeeping Services will take part in our act of worship.



### Choir

Once again, we are forming a Choir for Christmas! The choir will sing at the Carol Service, on 23 December, and at the Midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve. Previous singing experience is not necessary, and the ability to read music is not necessary! Rehearsals will start after church on 4 November. We will rehearse from 1130 - 1230. Please contact Jack if you are interested in joining in! 0861727654.

## November Events



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

#### **Table Tennis Club**

A Table Tennis club will commence in the Nun's Cross school assembly room (downstairs in the new classroom block) every Wednesday at 8pm. If you are interested in playing, please contact Rev Ken (087 2766590) or Lesley Rue (087 2810478).

#### **DÁIL Visit**

Andrew Doyle TD has arranged for parishioners to visit Leinster House on Thursday 15th November at 2.30pm. If you are interested in going, please let Rev Ken know. Andrew needs to be advised of numbers attending.

#### **Alpha Course**

Plans are afoot to organise an Alpha Course for early in the New Year in conjunction with Ashford parish. Alpha is an 11 week course, one day away mid-way on the Holy Spirit.

Each weekly session includes a 25 minute lecture/video, 30 minute time in table groups or small group discussion, a bit of food/tea - basically providing an atmosphere conducive to participation, discussion and learning more clearly key principles in the Christian faith.

Bruce Alwood is the instigator and he is looking for volunteers who might assist in the planning of the course. If you can assist, please let either Bruce (087 2547538) or Rev Ken know.

#### **Men's Breakfast**

The Men's Breakfast will take place in the Bel-Air Hotel at 9.30am on Nov 17th. Please contact Rev. Ken if you wish to attend.

#### **Table Quiz**

A Table Quiz will take place in the Bel-Air hotel at 7.30pm on Nov 30th. Please contact Rev. Ken to attend.

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### Surrounding Parish Events - Christ Church Bray

#### **Come and Sing -The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace**

To mark the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day 1918, Christ Church Bray will be hosting a "Come and Sing" of Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man as the culmination of a week-long commemoration of those who took part in the First World War.

Familiar with the work or not, all choral singers are invited to do what they love best in a spirit of fellowship to mark the centenary of a hugely significant day in the lives of many of our forebears.

Our chorus-master and conductor for the day will be Frank Kelly, Musical Director of Bray Choral Society, Wicklow Choral Society and the Newtown Male Voice Choir. A reduced orchestra with a mix of professionals and able amateurs will join us for the performance.

**Registration 1:00**

**Rehearsal 1.30 to 3:30 and 4:00 to 6:00**

**Performance 7:00 to 8:15**

The Fee for Singers is €10 to cover hire of orchestral scores and other expenses. Any surplus will go to the Christ Church Bray Development Fund.

Please source your own score if possible. A limited number may be available for hire on the day if requested well in advance, but this cannot be guaranteed at this time.

For further information:  
Email - [f.lonergan@yahoo.com](mailto:f.lonergan@yahoo.com)  
Telephone 01 2861959 or 085 7363352

# 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)

So many shades of gold  
Autumn  
Another miracle we take for granted  
Another expression of the artist's vision  
The blending of the autumn hues with the setting sun  
Warm  
Comforting  
Perfect  
Thank you for autumn, Lord

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