

WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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Thoughts For November

BY REV JACK KINKEAD



3 November - A Cree Indian prophecy has it: "Only when the last tree has been cut down, the last fish been caught, and the last stream poisoned, will we realize we cannot eat money." Once again, we are reminded of God's heart for justice, as we mark All Saints' in church.

Every life has value, and God is not mollified by either empty words or sacrifices. We are also encouraged to keep strong in faith, for there are many who drive a different agenda, and whose purposes are much better suited by Christians growing despondent.

10 November - On Remembrance Sunday, we think of times in human history marked by violence, death, war, suffering. We think of those who have paid the price of conflict with their lives, and we also think of those who currently put their safety at risk to ensure the safety of others. We commit as God's people to peace, and pray for guidance in any situation of conflict.

17 November - As we welcome members of Wicklow GB for their annual enrolment service, we are reminded of the great joys and benefits which are afforded to us when we commit to something, & when we work together. We pray for the girls and officers, and give thanks for those who willingly share their time and talents for the benefit of others.

24 November - On the Feast of Christ the King, we mark the end of the church year. Today, we will have a healing service. In this, we involve all of our senses in worship, particularly the sense of touch, as oil is used to symbolise the balm of God's healing presence.

Services

SUNDAY 3RD NOV

9am Holy Communion
10am Service of the Word

WEDNESDAY 6TH NOV

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 10TH NOV

9am Holy Communion
10am Remembrance Sunday
Communion, with Act of
Remembrance

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOV

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 17TH NOV

9am Holy Communion
10am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 20TH NOV

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 24TH NOV

9am Holy Communion
10am Service of Wholeness
and Healing

WEDNESDAY 27TH NOV

10.30am Holy Communion

November Events



Variety Concert - November 9th

A Variety Concert will take place in the Church **8pm 9th November** in aid of the restoration of the Church Organ.

The entertainment will include the Barber Shop Choir - Beating Time, Johnny Stafford & John Nolan, Madeline O' Doherty playing Harp, Alana Patton, Brother Slim Band and Patricia Graham playing the Madeline. The night will provide a variation of local musical talent! Tickets are 10 euro and are available from Track One, Main Street Wicklow, Lesley Hopkins (087 609 1945) and Peter Earls (087 270 6616) and also on the door before the concert!





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Advent

There will be a series of midweek services through Advent, on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm, in the church. This year, we will work through a new resource from the Irish Council of Churches, focusing on the housing crisis in Ireland, and the consequent rise in homelessness. 'A lot can change in 6 months', reminds us that any of us could find ourselves in difficult circumstances, as well as reminding us that we have a duty to respond to the needs of society. The services will be on Thursday 28 November, 5 December, 12 December, and 19 December. Please do make a special effort to attend.



Friendship Group

There is a friendship 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 18th November**, 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!



November Events



Christmas Choir

Once again, we are forming a Choir for Christmas! The choir will sing at the Carol Service, 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 3 November. We will rehearse from 11.15. Please contact Jack if you are interested in joining in!

Ovoca Camp 2020

The ever popular Ovoca weekend camp will run from 24-26 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!



Pastoral Visiting

Is there someone you know who might appreciate a visit from the Rector? Or would you like to talk to Jack, in confidence? Please feel free to call or email, to arrange a time. kinkeadj@gmail.com / 0861727654.

Public Lectures at Carlow College, St Patrick's

Public Lectures at Carlow College, St Patrick's -Ireland and Europe, 1918-1920: World War I, Versailles Peace Treaty, and Partition, Monday 11 November at 1.45pm in Cobden Hall at Carlow College, St. Patrick's. Presented by Dr Elaine Callinan & Dr Ida Milne, Lecturers in Irish and European History. This is a free event, visit www.CarlowCollege.ie for registration information.

November Events



Glebe Christmas Gift & Craft Fair

The Annual Glebe Christmas Gift & Craft Fair takes place on Sunday 8th December in the Glebe National School, Church Hill Wicklow Town from 10am – 5pm.

Come along enjoy a hot chocolate, buy your Christmas tree and of course shop till you drop with our wonderful crafters /artisans along with our very popular cake stand. With choir singing and of course a visit during the day from the man himself – it's the place to be on the 8th December – The Annual Glebe Christmas Gift & Craft Fair at the Glebe National School Wicklow Town Entry is FREE!!!



November Events



Parish Fete 2020

The Parish Fete committee are giving Parishioners the opportunity to sponsor the Parish Fete raffle. Your business details will be printed on each raffle ticket, giving you great advertisement exposure around the town and beyond! If you are interested please reply to this email or contact Jack.

We are also appealing for raffle prizes now for the 2020 Parish Fete, can your business provide a prize or voucher? If so please contact us.

The next Fete 2020 executive members meeting will take place on November 11th.



Youth

United Youth will take place on Saturday 2nd November. We meet in EGS from 6-7.30pm, for games, stories, crafts, & juice & biscuits! Anyone aged 4th-6th class is welcome to come along. €5 per visit, which covers expenses, the balance being used to fund a trip at the end of term!

The teen youth group will take place on Sunday 3rd and 17th of November. We meet in EGS from 6.30-8pm. Anyone of secondary school age is welcome to attend. This group aims to support our teens & emerging adults in a Christian context - allowing them to question & analyse the things that are important to them.

November Events

EGS New Sports Hall

East Glendalough School in Wicklow Town have planning permission for a new Sports Hall. A fantastic resource for EGS Student and Community use. EGS needs to raise €100,000 by June 2020 to complete the building.

We need your help to buy the bricks! The names of all those who Buy a Brick will be placed on the EGS Sports Hall Wall of Honour. Bricks are a forever gift for Alumni and Students. There are 4 Buy a Brick options Donations over €250 allow tax relief too!

€100 – Brick – 1 Name on Wall of Honour

€250 – Cornerstone – Up to 3 names on Wall of Honour

€500 – Foundation Stone

€1,000 – Lintel

Let us know if you need a gift voucher – email info@egs.ie

Thank you for helping us build a future for EGS Students and the Wicklow Community. Click here for the gofundme page – www.gofundme.com/f/EGSSportshall?utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_lico+share-sheet



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Turn over for Buy a Brick purchase options and form.

EGS Sports Hall Fund



The Sports Hall will consist of a 1,350msq, 8.85m high sports hall building, situated in front of the existing school building, opposite the school car park

There are 4 Buy a Brick options
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Complete and return to the EGS office to Buy a Brick

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

☐ €100 - Brick - 1 Name ☐ €500 - Foundation Stone

☐ €250 - Cornerstone - 3 Names ☐ €1,000 - Lintel

Name or Names on Wall of Honour: 1. _____

2. _____ 3. _____

Gift Voucher Required ☐

Payment – please select:

☐ By Bank Transfer to AIB Wicklow
BIC: AIBKIE2D IBAN: IES7 AIBK 9336 1952 9062 99
Please reference your transfer with your family name

☐ Online on our Go Fund Me Page
gofundme.com/f/EGSSportshall

☐ Cheque made out to East Glendalough School
Please write Sports Hall on back of cheques

November Events



Advanced Notice - The Vine International Concert Series - February 7th

On 7th February we are taken on a journey through the beguiling and atmospheric music for guitar, lute and voice of the 16th and 17th centuries. One of Europe's leading exponents of the Baroque and early Classical guitar, Ashford resident, Eamonn Sweeney will partner one of Ireland's rising stars, the soprano Lorna Breen. Eamonn has toured globally performing as a soloist and with various early music ensembles, he will be joined by the prize-winning young vocal artist in performances of songs and arias by Vivaldi, Caccini, Handel, Purcell and many more composers from the Baroque and Classical eras. As Shakespeare said 'If music be the food of love; play on...'

All the performances in this series will begin at 8.00pm. Tickets will be available in advance from www.gr8events.ie or on the door. Costs are €20, €15 for students, young people (16 or under) accompanied by an adult enter free of charge.

Ticket holders for these concerts may avail of the pre-concert menu at La Locandina restaurant in Wicklow town between 5.30pm and 7.30pm on the evening of the performances. Please contact the restaurant directly to book a table as places are limited; La Locandina, 14 Main Street, Wicklow Town – 0404 53905, www.lalocandina.ie.

November Events



Surrounding Parish - Nun's Cross

Men's Breakfast

A Men's Breakfast is planned for Saturday 16th November in the Bel-Air Hotel at 9.30am. This is an opportunity to socialise with other men in the area. The cost is €12.50 per person.

Parish Quiz

A Table Quiz in aid of Killiskey parish funds will take place on Friday 22nd November in the Bel-Air at 7.30pm. The entrance fee will be €40 for each table of four. There will also be a raffle on the night. It promises to be an enjoyable occasion.

Alchemy Music

In Nun's Cross Church 8pm on Saturday 23rd November Alchemy Music will present a magical night of music featuring one of Ireland's most dynamic and versatile duos - Eamonn Cagney (percussion) and Niwel Tsumbu

Performing a fusion of jazz and folk music the duo have performed extensively both internationally and nationally. Also performing on the stage will be violin virtuoso Lynda O'Connor. Lynda will present works for solo violin from the classical to traditional repertoire. Tickets are available on the door. This will be the last Alchemy Music concert for the foreseeable future. Rachel Factor and Eamonn Sweeney would like to express sincere thanks to all the community for their support of the music series over the past few years. Alchemy Music will be closing the series with a musical night to remember.

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 - URGENT UPDATE

The parish finances are currently severely depleted, due to capital works undertaken this year. As it stands, we urgently need an injection of income, in order to meet our financial obligations for this year. If you can make a one off contribution, or are interested in setting up a regular payment to meet ongoing expenses, or can offer a loan to the parish, please contact John Clarke (0874127386) or Shane Fingleton (0862485045).

The Select Vestry will run a stewardship campaign in the coming months, and ask for your patience and help.

If you are unsure about how the parish is funded, or how parish resources are used, please contact John or Shane, and they can explain the system to you.

If you wish to make a contribution or set up a regular direct debit our details are below:

BIC: AIBKIE2D

IBAN: IE23 AIBK 93361909248084

Wicklow Parish Church

AIB Wicklow branch.

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

O God, we ask for your wisdom to discern how to deal with others we meet, and be with daily.

As we reach out to those in need in our communities and in our world, let your wisdom guide us in our daily walk with you. Amen

Rev Abi's @ Long and Winding Road

