

WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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Thoughts For October

BY REV JACK KINKEAD



6 Oct - Today's readings all point towards building resilience. Being resilient is a habit we need to teach and encourage, especially in our young people. The gift of faith, and the gift of Jesus' journeying through life with us is something worthy of our gratitude, and will help us in times of trouble and joy alike.

13 Oct - Illness and pain are no resisters of privilege or position. Something shared among all humanity is the experience of illness and suffering. Yet, we are reminded today that there is always hope. Also, Jesus teaches us through the Gospel reading today that there is a difference between being cured and being healed.

20 Oct - Each week, we are challenged to wrestle with the Scriptures, as we discern God's guiding hand in our lives and in the life of the world. This is not always easy - there are barriers of translation, context, and the presumptions we all bring. Being faithful to God in our study of Scripture involves getting stuck in, dealing with difficult topics, relying on the tremendous resource of 2000+ years of theology and tradition, and being humble enough to admit our own blind spots.

27 Oct - The readings today remind us of the extraordinary grace that comes to us as a gift of God. Paul knew this grace, and it gave him an extraordinary capacity for resilience, and a tremendous capacity to forgive and let go any resentment or animosity. We are reminded that this grace is God's gift, and we are not to be self-congratulatory over engaging with it. engaging with it.

Services

WEDNESDAY 2ND OCT

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 6TH OCT

9am Holy Communion

10am Service of the Word

WEDNESDAY 9TH OCT

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 13TH OCT

9am Holy Communion

10am Family Communion

WEDNESDAY 16TH OCT

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 20TH OCT

9am Holy Communion

10am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 23RD OCT

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 27TH OCT

9am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 30TH OCT

10.30am Holy Communion

October Events



Vestry Meeting

The next meeting of the Select Vestry will be Monday 14 October. If there are issues you would like us to consider, please contact Dave Gillanders or Jack. The main focus of the Vestry at the moment is the Rectory field, and the overall finances of the parish. Please keep the work of the Vestry in your prayers.



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 21st October**, 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!

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Urgent - Creche Leaders

The creche exists to allow parents of young children to come to church while their children are cared for in a fun environment. It allows children and parents alike to socialise & get to know one another. We are now running low on creche leaders, so may have to stop running it altogether. Please contact Jack (kinkeadj@gmail.com) or Sinead (wicklowandkilliskeycoi@outlook.com) if you are willing to help.



Sustainable Living

A suggestion has come from one of our youth group members, that we should reduce the amount of paper we use as a parish. If parishioners would like to use a tablet or iPad to view the service sheets, please email Jack - kinkeadj@gmail.com - to subscribe. Currently, we print around 70 - 80 service sheets every week. If parishioners subscribe for e-service sheets, we could reduce this number. Jack can email the service sheet in PDF format. The added advantage to this, is the opportunity to increase the size of font for the hymns!

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Girls Brigade

Girls Brigade meets on a Saturday in EGS. Caters for girls from 3 to 21 years old. We do dance, singing, skipping, arts and crafts, musical theatre, games and much more. Please think of giving your girls a try at GB. We are looking for new members and as always any "old" members are very welcome too. For any information please contact Amanda 0876792243.

Tiny Tots: Saturdays 12.30pm-1.30pm

Explorers: Saturdays 11.00am-12.30pm

Juniors: Saturdays 2.00pm-4.00pm

Seniors: Saturdays 2.00pm-4.00pm

Brigaders: Saturdays 1.30pm-3.00pm

Associates: Saturdays 1.30pm-3.00pm

We are a voluntary run organization linked to the church so our annual fee is only €100. Sibling discount is also available.



Wicklow Girls' Brigade

Back every Saturday morning in East Glendalough School

Tiny Tot Class (Under 5's) - 12:30-13:30
Explorer Class (5-8 Years) - 11:00-12:30
Junior/Senior Class (9-14 Years) - 14:00-16:00
Brigader/Associate Class (15+ Years) - 13:30 -15:00
Contact: Lesley (087) 9646763 or Amanda (087) 6792243
Email: 1stcowicklow@girlsbrigadeirl.ie



WE TEACH MODERN/HIP-HOP DANCE, SKIPPING, SINGING, ARTS & CRAFTS, GAMES, OUTINGS & MUCH MORE



Come along and join the fun



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The Vine International Concert Series - October 4th

The first concert on the 4th October will be performed by Passion featuring jazz violinist Pat Collins of the immensely successful Café Orchestra, Drazen Derek the superb Croatian jazz guitarist a regularly featured artist with The Chieftains, RTE and jazz venues throughout Europe and international tenor Anthony Norton who has performed with major opera houses throughout Europe, all the orchestras and significant ensembles in Ireland and toured globally with the Three Irish Tenors. Passion's performance will include songs from film, stage and cabaret celebrating, Piaf, Brel, Gardel, Rota, and songs from Italy, France, Spain and Argentina as well as gypsy

– jazz and standards from the American song book.

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.

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Diocesan Synod

The Diocesan synod meets on the 8 October, in Taney Parish, Dubin 14. Representatives from every parish in the dioceses attend to have their say in the focus and running of the dioceses.

Parish Fete 2020 Raffle Sponsorship

We 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.



Youth

United Youth will recommence on Saturday 12th October. 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 6th and 13th of October.

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.

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Mothers' Union

Dublin & Glendalough Mothers' Union Fashion Show

Dublin & Glendalough Mothers' Union are holding a fashion show on Saturday 19th October 2019 in the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan at 7.30 pm to raise the profile of Mothers' Union. Any funds raised, after expenses, will be used to fund some of our projects such as our Away From It All holidays which are breaks for families experiencing difficulties and our Parenting Courses. Tickets are 15 euro and available from Jean Denner treasurermudg@gmail.com 01 8473323



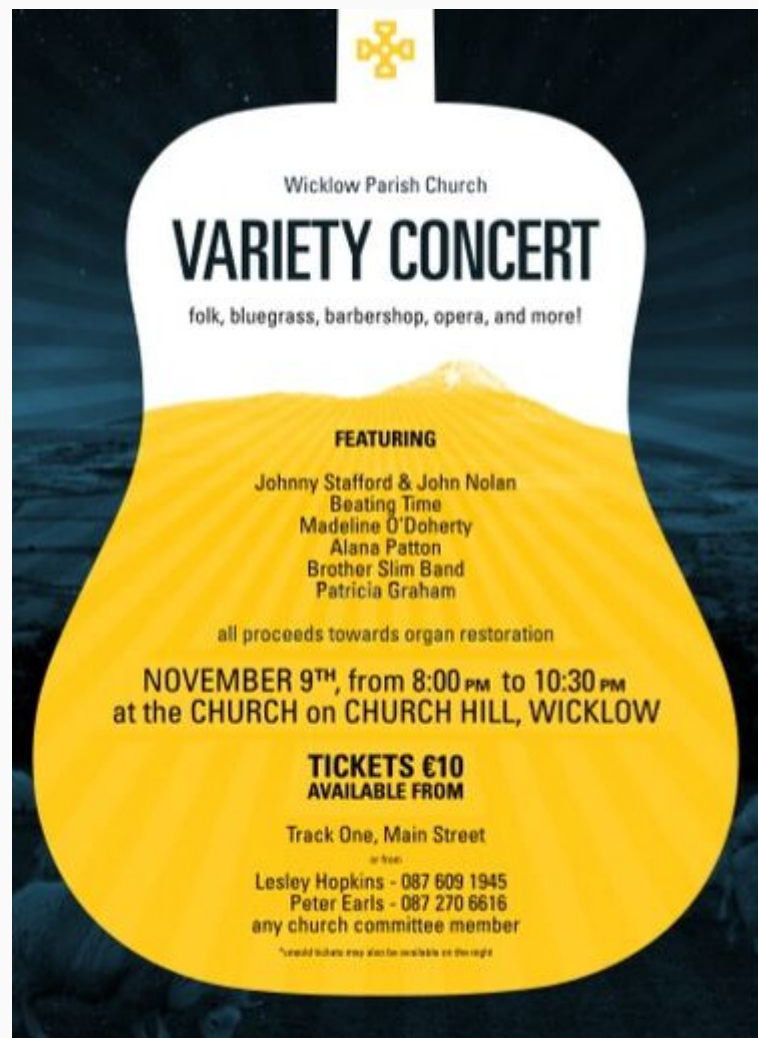
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Advance notice - Variety Concert

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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Parish Fete 2020 Update

The first meeting for the 2020 Parish Fete was held on September 20th. Brian O'Rourke was voted Chairperson and Shane Fingleton as Vice Chairperson. We are proposing to change the date of the Fete to Saturday May 23rd, if you are aware of any clashing events please let us know.

The meeting provide many new and exciting ideas for the Fete, more details will follow later on in the year.

After many years Lesley Hopkins will be moving onto a new area of the Fete, this means that we are looking for new helpers with the clothes section of the Fete. The clothes stand is a very profitable part of the Fete and we thank Lesley for her years of hard work on it. If you can help with the clothes please reply to this email.

If you would like to join the committee, have any ideas, can help on the day or tidy up afterwards please let us know! An email will be sent out with the next meeting date and details.



Surrounding Parish - Nun's Cross

Song of Praise

There will be a Songs of Praise service in Nun's Cross church on Sunday 27th October at 7pm. This is an opportunity to sing favourite hymns. If you plan to come and have a favourite, you can request it by email to kenrue@gmail.com.



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:

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IBAN: IE23 AIBK 93361909248084

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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

Dear Lord,
We give thanks that your steadfast love for us never ceases,
Your mercy never comes to an end,
They are new every morning.
Great is your faithfulness, oh Lord.
Your hope arises with each dawn,
pushing back the rubble of our lives.
Each new day reminds us of your grace, you paint hope across our skies.
Into the deafening cry of hopelessness you whisper love.
Love that catches us, holds us.
There is no end, just new beginnings.
No finish, just new starts,
With you by our side.
Amen

Read more at: https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/prayers_before/prayers_for_hope.html

