

WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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Thoughts For October

BY REV JACK KINKEAD



7 Oct - Today is a special day in the life of the Parish, as Archbishop Michael Jackson will confirm 17 young people. The readings reflect a theme of resilience in living in faith - something we hope and pray all our young people develop.

14 Oct - There is no hiding from God's desire for justice, and abhorrence of vulnerable people being taken advantage of in life. Though people may interpret particular Bible passages, and can perform theological acrobatics to justify their own viewpoint, the Word of God cuts through all human precepts, in its quest for justice for all.

21 Oct - As we give thanks for God's goodness to us in the abundance of the earth's provision, we also reflect on the nature of God - the suffering servant, whose sacrifice is enough.

28 Oct - In a cynical world, we are reminded today, that God's grace is worth having! In a world where we are always on the lookout for a 'catch', God's love is offered - freely.

Services

WEDNESDAY 3RD OCT *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 7TH OCT

9am Holy Communion
10am Confirmation

WEDNESDAY 10TH OCT *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 14TH OCT

9am Holy Communion
10am Family Communion

WEDNESDAY 17TH OCT *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 21ST OCT

9am Holy Communion
10am Service of the Word

WEDNESDAY 24TH OCT *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 28TH OCT

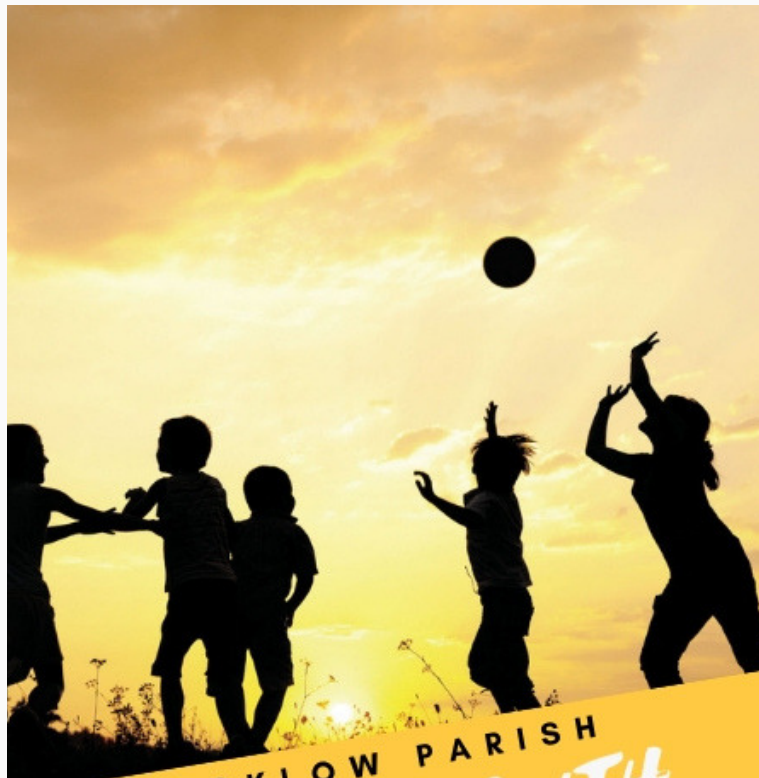
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WEDNESDAY 31ST OCT *

10.30am Holy Communion

* prayers for the sick

October 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 be starting back on Saturday October 6th 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.



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 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 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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SCRIPTURE UNION IRELAND

Teen Youth Group

The Teen Youth will begin the 'Nua' series on Sunday 7 October. 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.



October Events



Confirmation

Archbishop Michael Jackson will preside at the Confirmation Service in Wicklow Parish church on 7th October at 10am. We pray for all the candidates that they may continue to grow in the Christian faith: Felix Bauman, Sophia Black, Lisa Bradshaw, Luke Clements, Oscar Cobbe, Grace Doyle, Cillian Findlay-Byrne, Madison Hatton, Jack McCall, Liam Murphy, Ben O'Donohue, Hannah Pearse, Cuan Sloan-Kelly, Hugo Sloan-Kelly, Senan Sloan-Kelly, Thomas von Teichman and Emily Zeig.



Harvest Thanksgiving

The church will be decorated to celebrate the gift of Harvest, for Sunday 21 October. Anyone who can help with decoration, please contact Allyson Minion.



Hymns

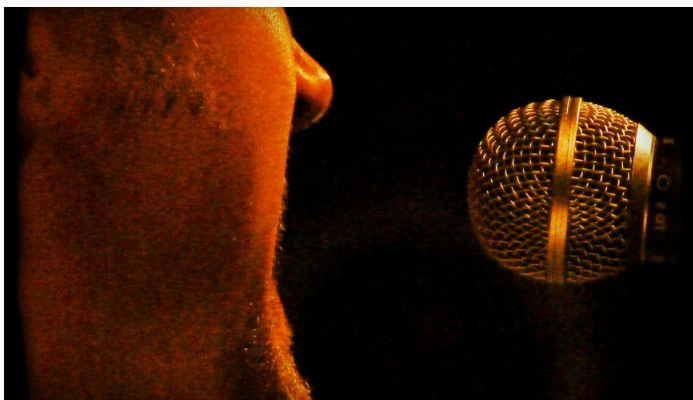
Got any favourite hymns? Or want to request a particular hymn around the time of an anniversary? Please let Jack know your suggestions! We can't promise anything but will try to accommodate your choices if possible!

October Events



New Methodist Minister

There will be a Service of Welcome for Rev Mark Forsyth at the Methodist Church Harvest Thanksgiving, on 14 Oct, at 7.30pm. Mark is married to Liana, who works for Scripture Union Ireland. They have 3 children. It would be nice to see some of the Wicklow Parish at the service in the Methodist Church.



Concert

On Saturday 13th October, Gospel and Soul singer, Brian Deady, will perform a concert in Wicklow Parish church. Tickets €22 will be available on the night.



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.

October 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) on Wednesday 3rd October at 8pm. It will continue on most Wednesdays. 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.

DÁIL Visit Continued

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. The first meeting of the steering group will take place in October. If you can assist, please let either Bruce (087 2547538) or Rev Ken know.

Advance Notice - November Events



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! Keep on eye on Facebook and our website for more details to follow.

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

Dear Lord,
We give thanks for the harvest of the fields around, We give thanks for the harvest of local hedgerows, We give thanks for the harvest of gardens, We give thanks for the harvest of talents in this church, We give thanks for the harvest of fellowship, We give thanks for the harvest of prayer, We give thanks,

Amen

