

WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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Thoughts For September

BY REV JACK KINKEAD



1 Sept - As we begin a new term, and as the various activities which we do return after a summer break, the scriptures call us today to start as we mean to continue. The theme of service is strong today, and a measured approach to life.

8 Sept - Today, we invite the whole parish to gather together, for 'Back to Church'. The readings today are all about investment. God's love is for all, and is freely offered. Yet, as with anything worthwhile in life, it takes some intentional concentration to fully appreciate this great gift.

15 Sept - Human nature can be very changeable – consider our own changing moods, and the things that affect us. Today's readings remind us that God is big enough to cope with any of our challenges & doubts.

22 Sept - Integrity is a human virtue which we should value very highly. Our own personal integrity will form the reputation that goes before us. However, as a Christian community, we have a collective integrity – part of the reason for our gathering regularly for worship, is to test and build a corporate identity of impeccable integrity.

29 Sept - Today, we give thanks for the Harvest, and all God's gifts in creation. We reflect on the importance of our environment & sustainable living. We take the opportunity to assess the things that are important to us, & the necessity to start with our daily needs. Today, we worship together as a parish family, in a Messy Church Harvest!

Services

SUNDAY 1ST SEP

9am Holy Communion
10am Service of the Word

WEDNESDAY 4TH SEP

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 8TH SEP

9am Holy Communion
10am Back to Church family
Communion

WEDNESDAY 11TH SEP

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 15TH SEP

9am Holy Communion
10am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 18TH SEP

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 22ND SEP

9am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 25TH SEP

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 29TH SEP

9am Holy Communion
10am Messy Church Harvest

September Events



Car Boot Sale

The last car boot sale will be held in East Glendalough School on Saturday 7th September, 9am-2pm. If you are interested in taking a pitch, the cost is €10 per car, or €15 for car with trailer or a van. Tea / coffee is available, and there are toilets open in the school. The car boot sales will run on the first Saturday of each month from April – September (except June) and general admission is free. For more information, call Peter Earls (087 2706616) or Lesley Hopkins (087 6091945).



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 16th September**, 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!

September Events



Wicklow Parish BBQ

The Wicklow Parish BBQ in aid of Wicklow Parish & Friends of St Luke's Hospital, Rathgar will be held on **September 15th at Killmullen House** Moneystown, near Roundwood, Co. Wicklow starting at 1 pm. Steak, hog roast and a vegetarian option will be served, accompanied by homemade salads and desserts. Kids of all sizes will be entertained by a selection of carnival style games, activities and a treasure hunt through the grounds. Adults can enjoy refreshments including wine. **Tickets are available from Brian O Rourke and any of the committee members.** If you can not attend please try and support by buying a raffle ticket. Prizes include a laptop, several hampers and other goodies!



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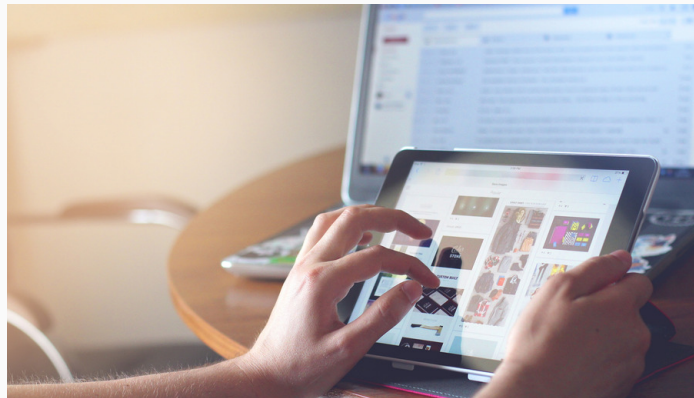


Urgent - Creche Leaders

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.

Back to Church

There will be a Back to Church family service on **Sunday 8th September, at the 10am service**. Please make a special effort to attend church on that day, as we kick off another new term!



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!

September Events



Sunday Club

What is it? A club for primary age children, featuring games, drama, stories, group work and fun! Where is it? The Glebe National School When is it? The first and third Sunday of each month, from September to June. Sunday Club is beginning again for a new term. We meet on the first and third Sunday of each month, in the Glebe School, during the 10am service. The aims of Sunday Club are:

- To guide children in their own discipleship and relationship with Jesus
- To encourage conversation and questions about faith
- To facilitate children in discovering their own place in our community
- To further equip children to live out their faith daily
- To have fun

The first meeting of Sunday Club is on Sunday, 1st September, at 9.55am. Please go straight to the Glebe School! Junior Infants to Second Class will meet in the Fifth Class classroom. Third Class to Sixth Class will meet in the Sixth Class classroom. Look forward to seeing you then!

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Parish Fete 2020 Meeting

There is a Parish Fete meeting scheduled for September 30th in EGS at 8pm. This is an opportunity for new ideas for the 2020 Parish Fete. Everyone is welcome and please spread the word about the meeting!

Got questions, or want to talk in confidence?

If you face any difficulty, or would like to avail of pastoral care, please feel free to contact Jack & arrange to meet.



Harvest thanksgiving - Messy Church!

The joint parishes Harvest Thanksgiving will be a Messy Church Harvest, in Wicklow church, on 29 September, at 10am. Worshippers are invited to go straight to the hall for 10am, for coffee & interactive worship, before we proceed to the church for a shortened service. All welcome - especially children!

Help needed for Church Teas

We need Parishioners to help out with coffee/ teas after the 10am service each Sunday? Contact either Jack or Sandra Dunne (primefitnessireland@gmail.com) if you can help out every few weeks!

September Events



EGS Golf Classic

On Friday 13 September, there will be a fundraising golf classic, to raise much needed finance for the new Sports Hall at East Glendalough School. The cost is €400 per team of 4, including a meal, and the format will be a shotgun start.

This hall has been longed for, for a long time, and will be available for parish use too, so we encourage Wicklow parishioners to contribute to its construction costs, whether or not they take part in the golf day.



Youth

United Youth will recommence on Saturday 6th 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 recommence on Sunday 29th September. 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.

September Events



Mothers' Union

Monday 9th September

We plan to go to Kilmacurragh Arboretum on Monday 9th September, meeting at the Hub at 11.15 am to be there at Kilmacurragh in time for a tour at 12 noon and then lunch. Let Sally Smith or Jessica Clarke know if you would like a lift. Everyone welcome.

Thursday 12th September

Diocesan Festival Service in Rathfarnham Church at 8 pm. Let Jessica know if you would like a lift.

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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Wicklow Active Retirement Association

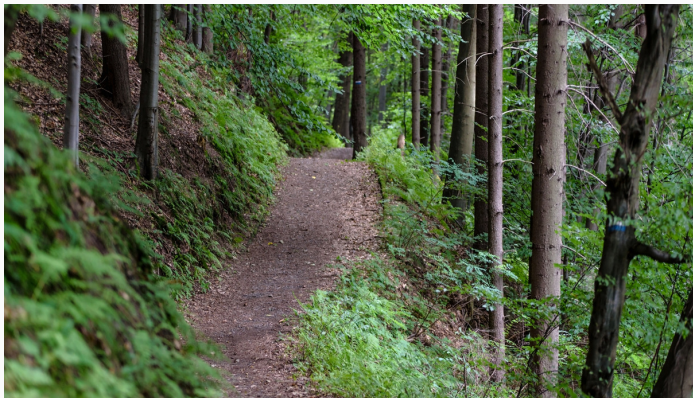
Wicklow Active Retirement Association meets every Tuesday morning in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, St. Patrick's Church at 10.45 am. We start with a welcome cup of tea or coffee and biscuits, regularly have a guest speaker, usually with local or health interests. Most Tuesdays we start earlier with a Go For Life exercise class at 10 a.m. And at 12 noon there is Line Dancing for those active and interested. There is an annual membership fee of €25.00 which covers insurance and we charge €2.00 each Tuesday to cover hire of the premises. There is a Walking Group and Indoor Bowling and Social Dancing, we also have a choir which regularly sings in local Nursing Homes. Every month we go on outings to places of interest and there are 2 holidays a year, Spring and Autumn. We are always pleased to welcome new members and reopen after the summer break on Tuesday 3rd September.



Bridge Lessons for Beginners

A course of 10 lessons with a fully qualified CBAI registered bridge teacher starting September 2019. Venue: St. Patrick's Church Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town. Times: choice of morning class 10 am to 12 or evening class 8 pm to 10 pm. For further details contact Bernie at 0861045848 or email brountre28@gmail.com

September Events



Glendalough Camino

The annual diocesan pilgrimage, the Glendalough Camino, will take place on Saturday September 14. The Camino has been growing from strength to strength and over 100 people joined the full pilgrimage from Hollywood to Glendalough along St Kevin's Way last year.

The pilgrimage has traditionally taken place on a Sunday but has been moved to a Saturday this year following feedback from clergy of the dioceses. The new day will facilitate clergy taking part in this diocesan event with their parishioners. As usual pilgrims have two options. They can either undertake the full Camino route from Hollywood to Glendalough, a distance of 30 kilometres, or they can join shorter routes from the Wicklow Gap down to Glendalough, or around the monastic city itself.

All participants on all the routes are invited to attend the short closing service which takes place at the stone ring fort on the shores of the Upper Lake in Glendalough at 5pm. Those undertaking the full pilgrimage should allow six hours to complete the route. A pilgrim's blessing will be given in the ancient St Kevin's Church in Hollywood at 9am on Saturday morning after which they will set out. A bus will be provided to bring people back to Hollywood. Those wishing to avail of this bus service must register and provide contact details before departing.

Pilgrims planning to walk from the Wicklow Gap or around Glendalough may depart from St John's Church in Laragh which acts as a hub for the Camino throughout the day. Parking will be available locally and there will be a bus to bring people to the Wicklow Gap or the Monastic City at regular intervals throughout the day. A full timetable will be available on the diocesan website

at www.dublin.anglican.org/about-us/camino-de-glendalough nearer the time. Updates will also be available on Facebook

at www.facebook.com/DublinandGlendalough



September Events



Surrounding Parish - Nun's Cross

Coffee Morning

The Hub will be a venue for "Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning" in aid of Wicklow Hospice on Thursday 19th September from 9.30am to 1.30pm. Any donations of cakes, scones or similar would be gratefully received. Please come along and support if at all possible!

Culture Night

Alchemy is staging a free family-friendly concert in Nun's Cross church on Friday 20th September.

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.

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

For new beginnings and
for 'back to normal';
we give thanks, God.
Over excitement and over
anxiety;
we pray Your calming
peace.
Guide us in taking care
of our environment,
of the people we meet,
and of ourselves -
as for You we are all
precious
and we are dearly loved.

Amen

