

WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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Thoughts For September

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2 September - The readings today challenge the notion that religious practice is an outward one. In church life, we need to safeguard against teaching human precepts as God's word. Today, we will think a little about how to tell the difference...

9 September - Today we have our Back to Church service, as we gather as community in the fullest possible sense at the start of a new academic year. In the healing ministry of Jesus, the key message he wanted to get across was: the love of God is for everyone. In a time when people passed judgement against anyone with particular needs, Jesus reached out and healed them. We look forward to hearing what Greg Fromholz has to say to us today.

16 September - The readings today remind us that life lived in faith is not necessarily an easy option. However, once we, like Peter, fully recognise Jesus for who he really is, we find that we can be strengthened for the service of God, no matter what challenges or cruelty we might encounter.

23 September - Today, we think about wisdom. There is a great difference between intelligence and wisdom, and God calls us to use our intellect along with our powers of discernment.

30 September - Today we have the very moving Service of Light, as the families of confirmation candidates gather, and symbolically pass the light of the Gospel from one generation to the next. We might all consider our own understanding of what it is to identify as a Christian.

Services

SUNDAY 2ND SEPT

9am Holy Communion
10am Service of the Word.
PARISH BBQ at 1pm!

WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPT *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 9TH SEPT

9am Holy Communion
10am Family Communion.
Speaker: Greg Fromholz

WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPT *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 16TH SEPT

9am Holy Communion
10am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 19TH SEPT *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 2RD SEPT

9am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPT *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 30TH SEPT

9am Holy Communion
10am Service of Light for
Confirmation candidates
7pm Harvest Thanksgiving, in
Nuns Cross, Killiskey

* prayers for the sick

September Events

Have a read of the September Newsletter. The Wicklow Parish is looking forward to some great events during 2018. Keep reading our monthly newsletters to stay in touch with what's going on!

The Wicklow Parish BBQ



The poster is for the 'Friends of St. Luke's Hospital Harvest BBQ'. It features a blue background with a yellow banner at the top that says 'Friend's of St. Luke's Hospital HARVEST'. Below this, the word 'BBQ' is written in large, white, stylized letters. A fork and knife are positioned horizontally below the 'BBQ' text. The location 'KILMULLIN HOUSE MONEYSTOWN' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, in smaller yellow text, is 'near Roundwood, Co. Wicklow. A98W602.' The date 'SUNDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the date, 'AT 1PM' is written in yellow, flanked by a fork and a knife. The food options 'STEAK, VEGETARIAN & HOGROAST' are written in bold, yellow letters. The admission details 'ADMISSION €25 Adult, €8 Child, €55 Family (2&2) Kids under 5 FREE' are written in white. Below this, it says 'Tickets available on Eventbrite' with the Eventbrite logo. At the bottom, 'Super Raffle' is written in bold, yellow letters. The footer includes a Facebook logo, the text 'IN AID OF WICKLOW PARISH (Church Hill) & FRIENDS OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, RATHGAR', and a small logo for 'THE LUKES HOSPITAL'.

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The Wicklow Parish BBQ in aid of Wicklow Parish & Friends of St Luke's Hospital, Rathgar will be held on September 2nd 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. Feel free to BYOB. Family friendly dogs are welcome but must be on a lead.

Admission - 25 euro per adult are available at www.eventbrite.ie - search for Friends of St. Luke's Hospital Harvest BBQ or use the link <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/friends-of-st-lukes-hospital-harvest-bbq-tickets-47123380299?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Children and family tickets (€8/€55) will be available on the day at the gate or in advance through Brian O'Rorke 086 342 8226 Linda Walsh, Frances Shearer, Rev Jack Kinhead, Alyson Minnion to name but a few! All those who buy their tickets in advance will be entered into a special draw. We're going need help before, during and after the event so PLEASE volunteer for an hour or two, to any of the above. Keep on eye on Facebook for more details during the summer!

September Events



Car Boot Sales

There will be a car boot sale in East Glendalough School on Sat 2nd Sep, 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. For more information, call Peter Earls (087 2706616) or Lesley Hopkins (087 6091945).

Visit

If anyone would like Jack to call and visit you at home, please just call! 0861727654 / kinkeadj@gmail.com. Particularly if you are struggling with anything, or finding life difficult in any way, please reach out – a big part of church is being a community that supports. Or, if you just want a chat, a cup of tea is always welcome!



Churchwardens/Church Greeters

Churchwardens are appointed to help oversee the good running of the parish. The most visible job they do, is to greet worshippers on a Sunday morning, as they arrive at church. This is a responsibility we try and share among a few people, so it is a manageable commitment for everyone. We are looking for parishioners to volunteer to be a 'church greeter' on a semi-regular basis – roughly once every 8 weeks. Please let Jack know (086 1727654) if you can help.



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 this Sunday, 2nd 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!



Back to Church

There will be a Back to Church family service on Sunday 9th September, at the 10am service. Please make a special effort to attend church on that day, as we kick off another new term!

Sunday Service Crèche

The Sunday Service Crèche is available for preschool children. Feel free to drop off your children every Sunday Morning at 9.50 am to the Junior Infant room in the Glebe School. The children will be well looked after and they will enjoy story time, games and playtime!

We are looking for Crèche Leaders! If you can help out every 4-6 weeks in the Crèche please contact Jack!

September Events



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 (3-4yr olds) 1.30pm to 2.30pm and
Explorers (5-8yr olds) 1pm to 2.30pm.

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



United Youth

The United Youth is a youth group for anyone in 4th-6th class. We meet on one Saturday per month, from 6-7.30pm, in East Glendalough School. There is a €5 charge, to cover costs. There are 2 outings per year - at Christmas and the end of term. Most time is spent playing games or sports, doing craft, and learning important moral lessons for life. United Youth starts back on Saturday 1st September, at 6pm, in East Glendalough. For more information, contact Jack.

Teen Youth Group

The teen youth group is for anyone in Secondary School. We meet on 2 Sundays per month (1st and 3rd Sunday), from 6.30-8pm. There are also occasional outings. Most time is spent learning more about how we can relate to God, and bring that relationship to enhance our daily life. The main focus is to build community, and encourage young people in faith, and confidence in themselves. The first meeting will be confirmed later this month. For more information, contact Jack.

September Events



Glendalough Camino

The 2018 Diocesan Camino de Glendalough will take place on Sunday September 9. The Camino follows the 30 km route along St Kevin's Way from Hollywood in West Wicklow to Glendalough and participants are welcome to undertake the full walk, which takes around six hours, or join the route along the way for shorter pilgrimages.

The Camino de Glendalough is one of Celtic Camino routes which can be counted towards the completion of the Camino de Santiago. Those intending to walk the Camino de Santiago who have Camino passports can get them stamped in St Kevin's Church in Hollywood and at the end of the walk in Glendalough.

The day will start with a pilgrims's blessing in St Kevin's, Hollywood, at 9am and pilgrims undertaking the full route will be sent out from the ancient pilgrim church. There will also be a service of Holy Communion in St John's, Laragh.

Pilgrims planning to walk from the Wicklow Gap or around Glendalough may depart from St John's Church in Laragh. 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.

The day will conclude with a short service of thanksgiving and prayer at the Upper Lake in Glendalough at 5pm. After this the bus will bring pilgrims back to Hollywood or Laragh.

The full time table for the day will be available nearer the time on the Dublin & Glendalough website at: dublin.anglican.org/about-us/camino-de-glendalough or the Dublin & Glendalough Facebook page.

September Events



Animal Service

The ever popular Animal Blessing Service takes place in Nun's Cross church at 11am on Sunday 23rd September. All reasonably well-behaved animals and their owners are welcome!

Surrounding Parish Events - Nun's Cross Church

Culture Night 2018

For Culture Night 2018, Alchemy will stage a free multi layered evening event incorporating a wide range of music in Nun's Cross church on Friday 21st September. This evening will feature community and child centred activities, traditional music from James Mahon, Eamon Sweeney and internal Wicklow native singer/song writer Luan Parle.

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 have been fortunate in receiving council grants to help in some of the maintenance work required for our church building. However, in order to avail of these grants, we must match the funding offered by the county council. 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

To promote events, post online information or update your details please contact Sinead by email on: wicklowandkilliskeycoi@outlook.com

Dear Lord and Father
We pray for your blessing in this season of new beginnings, for those starting school or college; for the younger parent who now has an empty house in the morning; for the older parent who faces an empty nest. Surround each one with the soft mantle of your love, And open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that these new beginnings can bring, knowing that You are with us and will never leave us.
In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen

