

WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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Thoughts For May

BY REV JACK KINKEAD



6th May - No one likes the idea of being told what to do. Yet, we all need limits within which to live, for everyone's benefit. The readings today talk of God's commandments. Yet, these commandments are not austere lists of rules, but positive attitudes of being, as we work together to live in God's love. Through the Holy

Spirit, extraordinary power is released into the world, through ordinary people, like us.

13 May - This is the Sunday after Ascension, so is a celebration of the conclusion of Jesus' earthly life post resurrection. The readings suggest a shift in the mindset of the early church, focusing on long term vision, and the discernment of God's call.

20 May - The birth of the church is found in Jesus' disciples. However, the Day of Pentecost is like the launch of something new and exciting, as the dramatic power of the Holy Spirit is experienced by the wider public for the first time. We are called to be people who live in hope, and strive for the kingdom of God to be made real in this world.

27 May - Today, we are reminded that we follow Jesus in our own generation, in our own context, with our own sense of joy and doubt; victory and failure. We are also reminded of the difference between knowledge and wisdom.

Services

WEDNESDAY 2ND MAY *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 6TH MAY

9am Holy Communion
10am Service of the Word

WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 13TH MAY

9am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 20TH MAY

9am Holy Communion
10am Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY *

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 27TH MAY

9am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 30TH MAY *

10.30am Holy Communion

* Prayers for the sick

May Events

Have a read of May's 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!



Christian Aid Week

There will be a retiring Collection in aid of Christian Aid on 20th of May at the 10am service



Car Boot Sales

There will be a car boot sale in East Glendalough School on Sat 5th May, 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). For more information, call Peter Earls (087 2706616) or Lesley Hopkins (087 6091945).

May Events



Fete 2018

The Fête will take place on Saturday 2nd June, in East Glendalough School. Please consider how you can help make this day a great success. We always need volunteers before, during and after the event so please let me know where you can help. Please also hold onto items which might be suitable for stalls such as clothes, bric-a-brac, or toys etc. Please contact Allyson Minion if you wish to help with the event. 086 8597423. Please like and share our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/WicklowParishSummerFete/



Youth Groups

United Youth

We will meet in East Glendalough School on Saturday 5th May, from 5.30 - 7pm. There is a nominal charge of €5, to cover costs. If anyone is interested in helping with the youth club, please contact Jack by phone or email: 0861727654 / kinkeadj@gmail.com.

May Events



Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. You are joining with thousands around the world, praying that our friends, neighbours, colleagues and workmates will come to know Jesus Christ. Jesus reminds us that "with people, this is impossible, but with God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an

international and ecumenical call to prayer.

The hope is that:

- people will commit to pray with God's world-wide family - as a church, individually or as a family;
- churches will hold prayer events, such as 24-7 prayer, prayer stations and prayer walks, across the world;
- people will be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

As we pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' we should expect that God will use us to help answer our prayer.

He will give us opportunities to witness to Him with the people we have been praying for. For more details please refer to www.thykingdomcome.global or via Facebook.



Scripture Union Bible Reading Notes

These are really useful for devotions at home. Please contact Shelagh Norton if you are interested in receiving bible notes. 085 1766576

May Events

Surrounding Parish News

Killiskey Parish

Ashford Country Fair

The 5th annual Ashford Country Fair will take place in the grounds of the Bel-Air Hotel on Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May from 11am to 4pm. If you can help in this or any other way with this important fund-raiser, please contact Bernadette Glover, Amanda Mooney or Lesley Rue.

Like and share our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Ashfordcountryfair/



Ashford Country Fair

The Bel-Air Hotel
Monday 7th May 11am - 4pm

Dog Show, Artisan Stalls, Farm Skills, Teas, Coffees and Cakes, Crafts, Tractors, BBQ, Gun Dog Demo, Clothes, Plant Stalls, Raffle, Children's Fairground, Duck Herding, Falconry and Much Much More!

"SEW it, GR@W it, SH@W it."

The poster features a stylized illustration of a red tractor, a black and white cow, a dog, and a person in a hat, set against a background of a sun and clouds.

Arklow Parish

What If Service - Teen Youth Group

There will be a "What If" Youth Group in St. Savior's Hall Arklow. Please contact dgyc.office@gmail.com if you want to join.



YOUTH

WHAT IF?

WE LOOKED AT PRAYER AND WORSHIP IN A DIFFERENT WAY!

WHEN: SUNDAY 13TH MAY
WHERE: ST. SAVIOR'S HALL, ARKLOW
TIME: 6:30PM - 8:00PM
FOR ANYONE IN SECONDARY SCHOOL
RSVP: [DGYC.OFFICE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:dgyc.office@gmail.com)

DGYC

The poster features a large yellow lightbulb with rays emanating from it, set against a dark blue background. The text is in white and yellow.

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

The Prayer for Thy Kingdom
come 10th May - 20th May
2018.

Almighty God,
your ascended Son has sent us
into the world to preach the
good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts
with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word
may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

