

WICKLOW PARISH

Monthly Newsletter

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Thoughts for September



6 September – Matthew 18:15-20

Today's Gospel sets out a structure on how to work through a disagreement between church members, and gives a strategy on how we can remove ourselves from a toxic situation. It seems

13 September – Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus uses a parable to teach about the depth of God's forgiveness and mercy, and urges his followers to demonstrate in their lives the same qualities of grace and love.

20 September – Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus presents a challenging parable, confronting the human inclination towards resentment and feelings of entitlement. In this parable about a generous landowner, we learn that God's grace cannot be earned, but is given freely for all.

27 September – Matthew 21:23-32

In today's Gospel, as Jesus' authority is questioned, he uses a parable to teach that the kingdom of God does not have rules about who is / isn't eligible to join. To enter the kingdom of God simply involves turning for sin (anything that separates us from God) and following Christ as he leads by example.

Services

Sep 2nd - 7.30pm
Service on Zoom

Sep 6th - 10am
Service of the Word

Sep 9th - 7.30pm
Service on Zoom

Sep 13th - 10am
Service of the Word

Sep 16th - 7.30pm
Service on Zoom

Sep 20th - 10am
Service of the Word

Sep 23rd - 7.30pm
Service on Zoom

Sep 27th - 10am
Service of the Word

Sep 30th - 7.30pm
Service on Zoom



Back to church!

We were delighted to welcome everyone back to Church. The safety guidelines which have been put in place which are following guidelines issued from the House of Bishops & in accordance with state safety guidelines are below:

What safety measures have been implemented?

The entrance to the church has been marked out in 2m gaps, for parishioners queuing to enter.

A non-touch hand sanitizer dispenser has been installed at the entrance to the church.

Churchwardens will be present to help guide people in.

A notebook will be used to keep a record of those present, in the unlikely event that the HSE needs to do any contact tracing.

Every second pew has been closed, to maintain adequate distancing.

A one-way system has been implemented.

The congregation will be directed to specific pews.

A basket for the collection will be at the back of the church.

Will the service be different?

Yes, certainly initially, in a few key ways:

No singing by the congregation, as this can spread the virus beyond 2m.

Shorter service.

Most services will be non-Eucharistic. When we do celebrate Holy Communion, the congregation will receive bread only, which will be distributed by Jack (wearing a mask) standing at the front of church. Please do not feel under obligation to receive Communion if you are present.

Only one service in church per week, at 10am on Sunday.



Back to church continued!

Do I need to bring anything?

- Please bring a pen, to sign the book.
- Please arrive 10 minutes before 10am, as it will take longer to bring people into the building.
- Wearing of masks / face covering is advised.
- Please take your service sheet home & dispose in your recycling bin.

Anything else?

- Please pray!
- For the Select Vestry & their responsibility in safeguarding the safety of our parishioners.
- For Jack & Klaas, as they prepare to facilitate worship of and connection with God in changing circumstances.
- For parishioners who won't be able to be in church.
- For God's guidance for the future.
- For people's openness to connection with God.

The recorded services for YouTube will continue, for those who aren't able to attend church, or who don't yet feel comfortable being in a public space. The online services on Zoom will continue on Wednesday evenings.

If you have any other questions about coming back to church, or any other issues, please call Jack: 0861727654.

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The youth group will be meeting on Zoom again during this term. All new first years in secondary school are invited to an introduction meeting on **Sunday 6 September at 6.30pm**. The meeting will be over by 7.30pm. The Zoom details are: Jack Kinkead is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Youth Group First Years meeting

Time: Sep 6, 2020 06:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85242111858>

Meeting ID: 852 4211 1858

The full group (1st - 6th year secondary school age) will meet on 20 September, at 6.30pm



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Parish Endurance

Parish Endurance Finishing September 13th

The Parish endurance will be finishing on September 13th, if you can not enter, please feel free to sponsor! We are looking for individuals / teams / families / school classes to swim 4km, or cycle 180km, or walk / run 42km in aid of our Parish and the Glebe school. Exercising, having fun and fundraising at the same time!

What do you need to do!:

- Register by sending your details to wicklowparishendurance@gmail.com
- Ask your friends & family for sponsorship - there is a GoFundMe page set up - www.gofundme.com/wicklowparishendurance2020
- Share information about the Endurance on social media
- If you cannot take part in the activities, please sponsor our GoFundMe page to support the Parish and the Glebe!
- All activities would need to be completed by the end of August

This financial support will help us keep the church open for private prayer and worship, while safeguarding the safety of all who enter. We will also be able to support the children of the Glebe as they return to school. All help will make a big difference and we really appreciate your support!

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Sunday Club Online

While we can't meet for Sunday Club at the moment, we're going to continue with an online version! Please let Jack know if you have children of primary school age & would like Sunday Club resources. We'll send out a video & some resources each week, and we may arrange occasional 'live' meetings online too.

Parish Finances

The Parish Treasurer is in the process of preparing a report on parish finances, and we will include this in the October newsletter. A huge thanks to those parishioners who have set up direct payment to the parish bank account, and to those who have sent contributions to



Parish Finances Continued

the treasurer. As you can imagine, the parish finances are not in good shape at the moment. Not only have we missed out on regular collections in church services, but the major fundraising ventures have been cancelled for this year. If you are in a position to help out with the finances, please send a cheque to:

The Parish Treasurer, c/o The
Rectory, Brickfield Lane, Wicklow.

Alternatively, the parish bank details are:

BIC: AIBKIE2D
IBAN: IE23AIBK93361909248084

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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AIB Wicklow branch.

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

It's not time to be silent
Don't you dare hide your light
There's a world outside your window
So don't let it pass you by
Lift your hands to the heavens
Lift your voice to the sky
Praise the Lord of all creation
Let His Name be lifted high,
singing.

**Chorus from a Hillsong song
'World outside your window'**

