

Kiltiernan Klips

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FROM THE RECTOR'S PEN

Building Community, Strengthening Worship, Growing in Service

When the angels appeared to the Shepherds that first Christmas, they said two things. Firstly, they said, 'do not be afraid', and then they said 'I bring you good news of great joy'.

Those sentiments rang true for the shepherds two thousand years ago. They still ring true to us today. Perhaps more so than ever we live in a culture of fear. We are fearful of the systems in which we live, of changes in culture and technology, we are fearful of the disapproval of our peers, and of the intentions of strangers. We are fearful of loneliness and neglect, we are fearful of ourselves and what we are capable and incapable of.

Fear is a type of self-protection. We use fear to protect ourselves from experiencing the unknown. That's why we often refer to fear as paralyzing, as fear leads to passivity.

But the message of Christmas, is that something is coming, something is happening that is greater than fear. This is good news of great joy. Joy in this sense is not a superficial joy that shies away from life's difficulties, a joy induced through John Lewis adverts or needless novelty stocking fillers.



Rather, this is a deep joy that rests within us, and invites us to rest within it. This joy is an antidote to anxiety and fear. This joy enables us to look at one another without suspicion, and it allows us to look forward with expectation. Fear may prevent us from

experiencing joy, but once we experience joy, we have a way to diminish fear.

Clergy are often aware that Christmas can be difficult for many people for a broad range of reasons. I'm sure for most of us, this year has brought some ups and downs. I hope this Christmas season that you all have space to reflect on the good news of great joy.

*God, Source of all joy,
Make us brave in the face of fear,
Joyful in the face of cynicism and
compassionate in the face of indifference,
Amen. (prayer by Helene Egnell)*

Every blessing this Christmas Season
Rev Rob



You might have noted a new drawing of the Church on the top left corner of this month's Klips. This is a sketch by Jenni Kilgallon, the sister of Paul Kilgallon who married Meadhbh Maxwell in September. With her kind permission we are very pleased to use it.

We hope you enjoy this month's edition of Klips. There is much to celebrate: The launch of Pilgrim and Messy Church, another beautiful harvest celebration, and much more to give thanks for!

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Services and Church

Sunday 11th December – Ecumenical Community Carol Service, Kiltiernan at 8:00pm

Sunday 18th December – Carol Service at 10:30am

Christmas Eve - 11:30pm – The First Holy Communion of Christmas with Hymns and Carols

Christmas Day

8:30am Holy Communion with Hymns and Carols

10:30am All Age Holy Communion with Hymns and Carols

Sunday 1st January – Songs of Praise (no Sunday Club)

Pastoral Care

If you know of anyone who might value a visit, or someone who has been unwell or is in hospital, please let the clergy know.

I am also very pleased to have Carol Barry join me on the visiting team. Carol, who was recently commissioned as Parish Reader, has recently taken some formal visiting responsibilities in the parish, so don't be surprised if you see her at your door sometime.

First Sunday:	Morning Prayer with Sunday Club in the school
Second Sunday:	All Age Service followed by tea and coffee
Third Sunday:	Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday:	All age service or All Age Holy Communion followed by tea and coffee
Fifth Sunday:	Experimental service

SERVICE FOR THE BLESSING OF PETS & ANIMALS

The church was full of all creatures great and small on the 25th September for our service of thanksgiving for our pets and animals. There were dogs, hamsters, and several gold fish, as we reflected a little on the life and work of St Francis.

The animals were perfectly behaved, much to the Church Wardens relief. We hope to continue to make this a part of our liturgical offering, adding more animals every year!



Services and Church

HARVEST 2016

Harvest seems like a long time ago, but we want to celebrate as we present some of the displays. Big thanks go to Fern Jolly and her team who worked so hard to make the church look beautiful.

This harvest season we went both local and global. On Friday at our Community Harvest over 100 people from across Kiltarnan came to hear the Revd Ása Björk Ólafsdóttir O'Hanlon the Vicar of Christ Church, Dun Laoghaire speak about the Dining Room. Readings were by Grainne Prior, Sandyford Pastoral Parish Worker, and Gay Wright, Editorial Board Panorama. The evening was well received with musical accompaniment from a joint Kiltarnan and Glencullen choir.

On Sunday the service focused on the work of Christian Aid with input from Deborah Doherty, Head of Church and Community, Christian Aid. Music was shared between the junior and senior choir as we reflected on seeds of transformation.

In total, €850 was raised for the Dining Room and €414 for Christian Aid. Food was also delivered to the Women's Refuge, Bray as the Dining Room was being refurbished. Well done to everyone who contributed.

Have a look in the centre pages for more photographs



SERVICE OF REMEMBERING & THANKSGIVING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



On the evening of the 30th October there was a short reflective service to remember those who have died.

Over 40 people took the opportunity to give thanks and remember a loved one. Participants were invited to light a candle. All were invited back to the rectory afterwards for tea and coffee.

This proved to be a meaningful time, made even more so by Ann Walsh who played the harp. We hope that this service may become a regular part of our Autumn reflections.

HOME COMMUNIONS AT HOME

If you would like to receive communion, but are unable to get to church, please let us know. It would be our privilege to offer you communion at your home. We can do this at Christmas and Easter, or more frequently if you would like.

PROTESTANT AID HEATING SCHEME

Protestant Aid offers a heating allowance primarily to those over 65 who are living at home. The grant may apply to Utilities such as electricity or Gas as well as coal and other fuels. If this is something you might benefit from contact the rector.

Kiltiernan Youth Group

In September, we had a successful Youth Café with our older teens (third year plus) in Costa coffee in Sandyford. A group of 10 teenagers shared their thoughts about what sort of things they would like to do in their parish. Watch this space for things happening.

In November, we had a Pizza evening in the parish. Two teams (boys vs girls) made pizza from scratch, even kneading and proofing their own dough. The rector was the judge. Both pizzas were almost dominos standard, though victory went to the girls team who made an additional desert pizza with chocolate and marshmallow.

Keep a look out in the new year for other youth group activities. See photos in centre pages.

10th Dublin Kiltiernan Scouts

The Kiltiernan Scouts have been in existence for 106 years stating life in Enniskerry. They moved to Kiltiernan sometime later and have been based in the old hall ever since. The only group still meeting in the Parochial hall were the Beavers as all other sections had out grown the size of the hall and moved into the school a few years ago.!

We have had a container for all of our equipment in the church grounds of many years. With the new development of the Hall we were unable to keep our container in its current situ, so the hunt began for an alternative site. We had several offers but none with the same great access and within reach of the school for weekly meetings.!

Then the new rector had a brainwave, he knew of a piece of land behind the school, parish owned which was currently just being used for grazing. Heather Burnett Niland (Venture Leader) had not been shy about introducing herself to him during his first few months so contact was again made!

Together the two of them and Ann Walsh went to and fro looking at all the options. It was decided the field would be suitable and the Rector was very keen to encourage youth groups in the parish to stay nearby!

Heather and her scout leader Deirdre started looking at the logistics, it was going to cost a considerable sum to move the current container and a deal was struck with local transporter Jonathan Kennedy to swap the large 40' container for two smaller 20' ones.!

The land was prepared by Ernest Kennedy and the big move happened in September, with the old container being removed in October.!

We had our first of many clean ups in the field in early October and look forward to using the field for scouting activities and teaching the boys and girls about maintenance and responsibility for their surroundings. We operate a

'Leave no Trace' policy and as such would take care to keep the natural appearance of the field.!

10th Kiltiernan are very grateful for this opportunity given to them by the parish and look forward to the future children of the parish joining us.!

Dublin and Glendalough Kids' Camp

3-7 July 2011

We're already beginning planning for next year's diocesan kids' camp! Started in 1990, the kids camp has



changed location and format over the years but we continue to focus on the heart of the camp: a space for faith and friendship.

Each year the team adopts a theme and Bible club curriculum for the week and then adapts it to make it all our own! In addition to worship each morning, we fill the days and evenings with outdoor games and sport, crafts, games, music, swimming (a favourite!), and small group time. We currently have a team of six young adult leaders with several years of camp experience under their belts, supported by several clergy and diocesan resources. However we are looking ahead to growing the camp next year and would like to recruit an additional 2-3 leaders!

Could this be the camp for you? We're looking for people who:

- are experienced in children's ministry;
- have a love of sharing God's word and helping young people to apply it in their lives;
- like being part of a team and sharing creativity.

Candidates will need to provide references and are subject to Garda vetting.

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If you would like an application form please contact Abigail Sines: email abigail@christchurch.ie or phone 01 677 8099.

Leaders need to be available for the camp from Sunday, 2 July, through to the evening of 7 July. Team meetings begin occurring regularly from April, and we try to find times and locations to facilitate everyone's participation. Leaders are provided room and board for the week and are included in all outings and activities.

Well done Sunday Club

In September, we launched our new Sunday Club. What a surprise we had when 26 children turned up! Since then we have had over 40 children now register.

We plan to build on this over the New Year and tailor the programme to be a more age specific – a group for the little one, and something a bit more mature for the older children.

Two of the Sunday Club leaders attended the Building Blocks children's ministry training this term. They came back with lots of ideas for how we can make Sunday club bigger and better.

A big thanks to the team who do lots of the invisible work in making sure our children are cared for and built up in the faith.

Note one change of date. We had originally scheduled Sunday Club for the 1st of January. We are going to have it on the 15th January instead.

Messy Advent

Messy Advent kicked off the Holiday Season. This was our first Messy Church in Kiltarnan and what an event it was! Including leaders and their families we had 120 attend which exceed all our expectations.

Messy Church started in the Church of England, with a church trying to develop a ministry programme that connected with families in ways that a more traditional Sunday service just couldn't manage. Its built on three principles: creativity, celebration, and hospitality. Messy Church is an expression of church. It's not just a craft club, its purpose is to help people encounter the Christian faith in a very real way. It's all age, with an emphasis on fun and welcome.

Everyone who came into Messy Church completed a registration form. Then families entered the craft room. We had an amazing range of crafts:

1. Advent wreaths to remind us that Christmas is coming,
2. Decorative Christmas ornaments to remind us the God gave us Jesus,
3. Fizzy bath bombs to remind us to slow down and take time to remember the reason for the season,
4. Pine cone Christmas trees to remind us the Christmas is about giving,
5. Family finger print cards to remind us of the Importance of family at Christmas,
6. Ginger bread biscuits to remember those who have less than we do,
7. Wise men crowns to remind us the wise people seek Jesus
8. Nativity junk art
9. There was also a competition to see how many people could get on the donkey (not a real donkey!)

After that we all went across to the church for some songs, and a sketch about Mary and Joseph getting ready for Christmas. We thought about the sorts of things we might do to prepare for Christmas.

We then went back to the school for a delicious meal: chilli, followed by mince pies, chocolate logs, and tea and coffee.

A big thanks to all who helped: the craft leaders, hospitality team, celebration team, and set up /pack up team.

My hope for Messy Church is that we make it a more regular part of our church calendar. Keep a look out for more Messy Church activities in the months ahead.



Parish Life

Pilgrims in the Pub

In October, we started our Pilgrims in the Pub programme. I had the back bar of the Golden Ball provisionally booked for 15 people. We had 30 turn up at the first one. The Golden Ball staff who have been very helpful, brought stools in from all over the bar and restaurant.



Since then we have consistently had 25 people turn up. We have found this to be a lovely time for people to get to know each other, and to explore faith and life in a very open way.

We plan to have two more sessions in January to finish off this course, and then if there is still interest, we might think about doing the second Pilgrim booklet. If you might like to do something like this in the new year, let us know or just come along!

Help us think of a name for the Parish Centre!!

We have had quite a few suggestions for names for the new parish centre. There is plenty of time to add another. Contact the church office with any suggestions.

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Our prayers and best wishes go to Joshua Harry Patrick O'Cuilleanan, Rory John Leslie Thompson, and Leo James Priestman and their families.



Mabel Thomson died on the 25th October, 2016.

Maud van Haaften, died on the 10th November 2016.

We extend our prayers and sympathies to their families and friends

Christian Burial

It is with much sadness that we have recorded several deaths recently. We remember and give thanks for the following people.

Kathleen (Kay) Evans was a resident of the Glebe Care Home. She died on the October 11, 2016 shortly after her 105th birthday. Whilst Kay was a member of Delgany Parish, she was a dear friend of the clergy of Kiltarnan.

Derek Carroll, a resident of Foxrock Nursing Home and a fond regular parishioner and church warden. Derek died on 21st October 2016. A collection of €200 was received at his funeral for the Parish Hall Development.

Weddings

We celebrated two weddings in September. Congratulations to Becky Lee and David Tiernan who married on the 16th September, and to Meadhbh Maxwell and Paul Kilgallon who married on the 30th September.



Parish Life

Congratulations

At a ceremony in the French Ambassador's residence in Dublin, regular parishioner Albert Sutton became a Knight (Chevalier) of the Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur. The citation says the award is to recognize his "significant personal contribution to the defence of the freedom of France during World War Two."

We want to congratulate Albert on this fantastic honour.



Charitable donations

One of our commitments as a parish is to donate a percentage of our income to charities who provide services across a broad range of service, domestically and internationally. This is an important part of the ministry of the church as we seek to share the blessings we receive with others.

Over Christmas we are pleased to be able to give €12,365 share between the following: Kirwan House, Cowper Care, P.A.C.T., Royal British Legion, S.P.C.K., Irish School of Ecumenics, The Church of Ireland Association of Deaf People, Alzheimer's Café, Bray Women's Refuge, Christ Church Cathedral, Clergy Widow and Orphans Society, Father Peter McVerry, Hope Foundation, The Church's Ministry of Healing, The Harding Trust, Country Air Association, Mageough Home, The Samaritans, Trust, Dublin & Glendalough Diocesan Board of Education, Glorney Foundation, Mothers' Union, The Mission to Seafarers, POS Children's Education Fund, Church Missionary Society Ireland, Laura Lynn Childrens Hospice, The Leprosy Mission of Ireland, United Society Partners in the Gospel, Bishop's Appeal, Sunday School Society, Rector's Discretionary Fund, St. John's Home of Rest, Protestant Aid, Dublin & Glendalough - Care & Share, and Diocesan Appeal for Asylum and Refugee Accommodation

Pre-Toy Shoe Christmas Concert

On the 2nd of December we enjoyed a Christmas concert featuring the Kilternan junior and senior choir with music from Ann Walsh on harp and of course the wonderful voice of our organist Kevin O'Sullivan.

The church was full to celebrate what was a lovely evening of music, followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the parish centre.

Thanks to everyone who contributed, and we hope we got you home in time to enjoy the Toy Show on TV!



Photos from round the parish



**Youth Group
Pizza Night**



**Harvest
celebrations**



Photos from round the parish

Messy Advent



Parish Life: News from the School

New PTA:

Following the school's AGM we said goodbye to a few from the PTA committee who have served and worked very hard - Mel, Linda, Sarah, Kerrith and Tara and we welcomed Denis, Elaine, Natalie and Rebecca. I cannot begin to express my gratitude towards the PTA - they are responsible for our wide range of extra curricular activities programme and sponsoring many events in addition to fund raising. Soon after the AGM the new PTA were thrust into our fun filled Hallowe'en Dress Up Day, bake sale and raffle which was a wonderful and very tasty success.

Team Hope Christmas Shoe boxes

As always we were delighted to join with Team Hope and make up Shoe boxes for boys and girls less fortunate than ourselves. We broke our original records and sent 163 shoeboxes off last week. Thank you to everyone who took the time to make boxes and thank you to some of sixth class who production lined the 163 boxes out to the Team Hope van. We hope the boxes bring joy wherever in the world they end up.



The staff on Hallowe'en Dress Up Day!



Upcoming School Carol Services:

Work and rehearsals are underway for our upcoming school Carol Services.

The services will take place in the parish church as follows:

4th, 5th and 6th Class - Wednesday, December 21st @ 7:30pm - the PTA will serve refreshments following the service in the school hall

2nd and 3rd Class - Thursday, December 22nd @ 9:30am

Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st Class - Thursday, December 22nd @ 11:00am

On Thursday, December 22nd, the PTA will serve refreshments between the two Carol Services in the Parish Hall

Crazy Hair and Christmas Jumper Day:

The Student Council have really got into the Christmas spirit. Not only are they thinking of and giving to others at this time but they have arranged a fun day in order to raise important funds for the Syrian Refugees - a drive lead by the Archbishop of Dublin and Glendalough diocese.

Wednesday, December 7th has been named Crazy Hair and Jumper Day where children will have the chance to wear their seasonal jumpers, style their hair and give to a very worthy cause. We will have Carol singing that morning also.

An Apology:

I would like to apologise for a misprint in the last piece of school news - I had listed the members of the Student Council and had listed Harry Goolding as a member - this should, in fact, have read Harry Grainger - apologies to both boys and well done Student Council on all the work that you do.

Parish Life: News from the School

Inter Schools Maths Quiz:

Well done to Sarah, Lara, Max and Diarmuid from 6th Class who represented the school in an Inter Schools Maths Quiz in St. Attracta's Senior School in Meadowbrook.

Wesley College's Production of West Side Story:

6th Class were delighted to accept the invitation from Wesley College to go and watch their final Dress Rehearsal of West Side Story - all thoroughly enjoyed their evening and in a few years we may find some of this year's 6th Class on the stage when we visit.



School Policies:

As per your recent emails, the latest Child Protection policy and our review of our Attendance policy are now available on the school's website www.kcoins.ie.

PTA Christmas Bazaar:

We are really looking forward to our annual Christmas Bazaar run by the PTA which will take place in the school hall on December 9th at 8:30am - the Next Sale has nothing on this where there is a wonderful atmosphere as children and parents peruse the Craft Stalls full of items the children have made in addition to extra stalls of crafts and delicious food and beverages. Please join us.

Christmas Holidays:

All that remains for me, on behalf of all the school staff, to do is wish everyone a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas with your families and those you love. School will close at 12pm on Thursday, December 22nd and reopen at 8:30am on Monday, January 9th 2017. Thank you for all your interest, help and support through 2016 and here's to an exciting 2017.

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Diocesan Appeal to Raise Funds for Asylum and Refugee Accommodation Programme

In the face of the personal impoverishment of enforced emigration, we who are significantly better off can frequently find that we feel powerless in a world picture that is beyond our grasp. It is in response to this need that a group within the Diocesan Councils has come up with a project partnership on behalf of the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough.

A new diocesan fundraising project which seeks to support the provision of accommodation for refugees and those emerging from direct provision is being launched in November. The dioceses plans to raise €300,000 over the next three years to assist in an accommodation programme being put in place by the Irish Refugee Council (IRC).

The seeds for the new fundraising project were sown at Diocesan Synod 2015 when there were passionate speeches calling for 'something more to be done' about the housing crisis, homelessness and the refugee situation. A subcommittee worked on identifying something specific since they felt it was not possible to do everything – 'start small and think big' was their motto.

After extensive research and discussions, the committee recently made a proposal to councils on a project being advanced by the Irish Refugee Council. This proposal was accepted unanimously. The IRC is Ireland's only national non-Governmental organisation specialising in working with refugees and people in the asylum process. In collaboration with the Association of Missionaries and Religious in Ireland, AMRI, the IRC is in the process of acquiring several properties, both in Dublin and nationwide, that are being donated by the various AMRI congregations. These properties will all require very extensive renovation and modernisation and this is where the money raised by the people of Dublin and Glendalough will be utilised. It is hoped that the initial work on some of these properties will commence in June 2017.

AMRI has requested that properties they donate be used for two purposes. Firstly they wish to provide new, first time accommodation for people waiting to come out of the various Direct Provision Centres nationwide. At present, 3,500 people, one third of whom are children, are housed and waiting in this way. When they are granted leave to remain in Ireland, finding accommodation then becomes the next major obstacle. Secondly, AMRI also wishes to contribute to providing accommodation for refugees, for example Syrian people, coming here under the Government's recent emergency response. This whole

initiative is entitled 'A Transitional Housing and Resettlement Programme in Ireland'. The ultimate aim is



to move people on to independent living. Commending the project Archbishop Michael Jackson said: "We in these United Dioceses would wish to be part of this Project's truly Christian response by AMRI. I shall therefore be contacting every parish and school (Primary and Secondary) in the United Dioceses in early November, asking that an appeal for this project be made before Christmas. This can be done by a direct local appeal or through a fundraising event. The sub-committee has proposed a diocesan target of €100,000 for this year's appeal and the same figure to be targeted for the two following years of 2017 and 2018".

There are so many ways in which monies can be raised: by direct individual and parish and institutional giving; by personal fund raising initiatives, by a range of imaginative and safe sponsorship activities and by coffee mornings and other such tried and tested initiatives.

As a church we are committing to giving a donation of €2000. We also will be considering a fund raiser social in the New Year. The school is also actively seeking to fundraise for this worthwhile cause.

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THE SHEEP TRAIL
at
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WE'VE HAD A FLOCK OF MISCHIEVOUS SHEEP LET LOOSE IN CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL! HELP US FIND THEM SO WE CAN GATHER THEM UP IN TIME TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS. TAKE TIME OUT OF THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE SEASON AND MAKE SPACE TO BREATHE IN THE PEACE OF THIS HOLY PLACE. LET THE SHEEP TRAIL BE PART OF YOUR FAMILY'S JOURNEY TOWARDS CHRISTMAS!

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Messy Advent

CSG@RDUBLIN.IGEMAIL.COM

A change of name for Trust—now Alice Leahy Trust

Parishioners will be familiar with the work of Trust, founded in November 1975, which is a non-political, non-denominational voluntary body set up to provide medical and related services for people who are homeless. The Trustees, after a lot of reflection, decided to reconstitute TRUST as a company limited by guarantee without a share capital. This company was incorporated on 31st December 2015 – Company Registration No. 57444. For a number of different reasons, including that of the confusion sometimes caused by the name TRUST, it was also decided to rename TRUST the “Alice Leahy Trust”. The ethos and work remain the same.

Kiltarnan parish contributes to the work of Alice Leahy Trust, through the provision of toiletries (Toiletries Amnesty) and we will continue to supply Alice Leahy Trust with a range of toiletries which can be used by the people using their .

Items which are useful include Shower Gel ® Hair products (shampoo, conditioner and hair gel) ® Perfume/After-shave® Deodorants (only aerosols as roll-on deodorants can only be used once) ® Shaving Cream/Gel ® Disposable Razors ® Sanitary products ® Hair brushes and combs.

Toiletries for men are especially welcome. A box for toiletries is in place at the back of the Church.

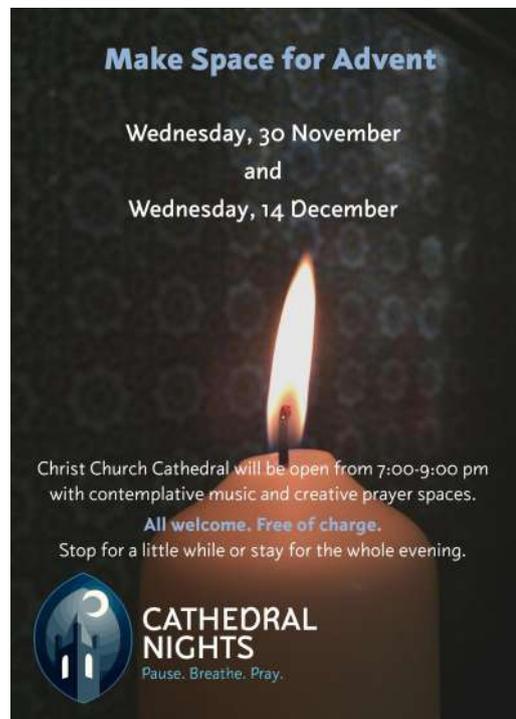
Very many thanks for your ongoing commitment and contributions to the Alice Leahy Trust.

Una MacConville. 086 8175530

Community Christmas Dinner.

The Community Christmas dinner is free of charge and will take place in De La Salle Palmerstown Rugby Club on Christmas Day. Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up to help with this first time event, it will be great fun and full of Christmas Spirit.

We are hoping to begin serving dinner at 1pm and will welcome people from 12.15 for drinks and chat. As a community, let's make sure no one will be alone this Christmas and please let Gerry 086 3457874 or Lettie 086 8186718 know if you or someone you know would like to join us. You can be collected and returned home after the celebration.



CHURCH REVIEW SUBSCRIPTION

Church Review subscription for 2017 is now due. The subscription is unchanged at €40. Can you please forward me your subscriptions in **January** to secure your order. If any Parishioners would like to start subscribing to the Church Review please let me know and I will arrange it.

Reminder: 2016 Review subs are now overdue - If you have **not paid** please place your subscription in an envelope clearly marked with your name (marking 2016 and/or 2017) and give it to me, or alternatively place it in the church plate during Service

Many thanks

Daphne Athey, Phone: 01 295 5614 or 087 955 8829

Unfortunately we will not be able to place your order for 2017 if 2016 is not paid).



KILTERNAN PARISH LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Tennis Club Finals



Members have been enjoying play on the new court surface with ladies' mornings on Mondays and

club nights on Tuesdays. There has also been after-school tennis on Tuesdays and adult and family members play at other times throughout the week. Teams took part in the DLTC Summer and Mixed Leagues in the summer months and the Senior and Floodlight Leagues, as well as the Ladies Charity League, during the autumn. Teams are also entered in the Winter League starting at the end of January. The finals of the club championships were held in October when the winners were : Men's Singles – *Christian Kraeft*. Ladies' Singles – *Irina Ricinschi*. Men's Doubles – *Gordon Pullen and Adrian Tuthill*. Ladies' Doubles – *Irene Clendennen and Noelle Lucy*. Mixed Doubles – *Mark Tuthill and Irina Ricinschi*. There was a good attendance at the AGM on 16th November when members were updated on the year's activities and had the latest update on the parish building project from the Rector. Enquiries about membership are always welcome! Please contact Mary – 087 9877377

TUESDAY CLUB

On the 12th September, a fresh autumn day, a number of cars led by Norman Campion left the church for Enniskerry and from thence to Knockree Hostel along narrow winding roads. Nesting on the lower reaches of Glenree valley it has a lovely panoramic view with Sugarloaf Mountain as a backdrop. At the Hostel Norman arranged tea, coffee and biscuits in the dining area and subsequently led a tour of the property. We saw some of the accommodation upstairs which facilitated different family grouping some with ensembles and all comfortable, warm and pleasantly furnished and providing 70 beds in all. The Maulin room in particular has a spectacular view and was very nicely decorated.

Later in the lounge, Norman showed videos with commentary by Alasdair Jackson depicting the attributes of the Hostel including orienteering and archery which encompassed 65 acres. He outlined the formation of

hostelling in Germany early in the 1900's and spreading out until it became an international experience.

He also told various interesting anecdotes about his early involvement and experiences in the start-up of An Oige in Ireland.

Time dictated the end of the visit and following words of thanks by Lydia to Norman for arranging it we all scampered up to the head of the Glen to the Glenree Heritage Centre. Here Lydia had planned lunch for 1.30 in the Armoury café there. We had hearty meals and a chat and finally rose to disperse to various homes after this very enjoyable outing. N.B. One does not have to be young to use a hostel, it caters for all ages!

In October members met at Powerscourt House around mid-day for a meal and a chat after which some time was spent browsing among the shops there.

No outings took place in November. In December we are joining with Rathmichael for a Christmas lunch at the Old Conna Golf Club on the 15th (Thursday). Meet around 12:30pm. Lunch usually around 1pm. Names please to Lydia 01 2867572.

CONFIRMATION

We will be starting a new confirmation group in the New Year.

Confirmation is the rite at which those who have been baptised seek the blessing of the Holy Spirit for their growth as Christians. The confirmation candidates first confirm the promises of their baptism. Then the bishop lays hands on them, praying that God's Spirit will confirm, strengthen and guide them to live out their faith in their everyday lives.

Confirmation is a big deal, and not just something we enter into because we happen to be the appropriate age. We encourage young people to explore their faith openly and honestly, and to reflect on what it might mean to confirm it publically.

This year confirmation takes part in Christchurch Bray on the 1st April (Saturday) at 3:00.

Kilternan will be joining Rathmichael Church for confirmation preparation. There will be 7 or 8 sessions organised (dates still to be decided).

Confirmation is traditionally for those who have just started secondary school. If you have a child who fits that age group and they would like to be confirmed, please contact the church office if you have not done so already.



Kids Korner



Stable Talk

"Hee haw's been born!

"Hee haw's been born", the shaggy donkey brays.

"Oh, thank you, Lord, for the *tweet* baby boy",
the tiny sparrow prays.

"Come see the wee *baa*mbino", a lamb bleats to the
sheep.

"He's come to save his *peep*le", the chicks begin to
cheep.

The stallion whinnies, "Jesus, the *neigh*m above all
*neigh*ms".

"*Maan* and beast will worship him", the nanny goat
exclaims.

"The *moon* and stars will praise him", uttered the
old milk cow.

The faithful hound just glances and gently barks,
"Let's *bow*".



Unscramble the letters to discover
the names
of some very famous Christmas Car-
ols

NI HET KBELÄ DMI RWNETI

YWAA NI A GAMREN

Make a unique Christmas Bauble

You will need:

A plain coloured Christ-
mas bauble/ball, White
paint, brush, coloured
markers and an egg cup

How to:

Using the white paint and
brush, paint your entire
palm (see pic 2)

Place the bauble/ball in
your painted hand and
close your hand around
the bauble/ball(see pic 3)

Place the ball in an egg
cup to dry
When dry, use your



H	U	S	P	T	F	D	B
T	C	P	K	E	T	M	U
U	B	A	I	C	A	P	W
N	E	R	L	L	I	D	M
O	U	R	V	W	O	H	Z
U	Y	O	H	N	R	C	C
F	H	W	K	O	E	C	F
B	X	E	H	Z	D	B	F
V	Y	C	O	W	T	O	D
M	L	W	B	U	A	P	G
L	M	H	A	N	O	H	X
E	S	R	O	H	G	J	K
N	B	O	D	R	Y	J	O
B	Y	Y	F	W	I	U	V
V	G	U	T	T	X	S	S

Search for
the words
in the grid

Horse
Donkey
Lamb
Chick
Sparrow
Cow
Dog
Goat



Loving Father,

Help us to remember the birth of Jesus,

That we may share in the song of the angels,

The gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over
the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every
greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,

