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## Parish Lotto Results for 27 / 11 / 2024

**NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK**



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

# Jack Joan Mooney

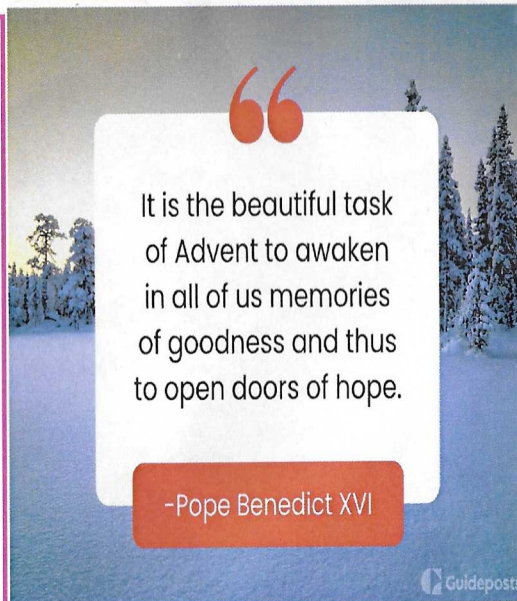
Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,575

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return Parish Office or Sacristy

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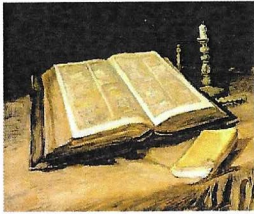


# PARISH NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent -Year C

**Wicklow & Rathnew**  
RCN 20016166

**1st December 2024**



## *Gospel Reflections Slow Waiting Donal Neary SJ*

The four weeks of Advent are a slow wait: one candle this week, the empty crib. With **Mary** and **Joseph** we wait for **Christ**. The candles light the way for them - and for us, one each week of Advent.

Christmas should come quickly - the message of the ads. We could be excused for thinking it is nearly over. The Christmas parties are well under way. Some dinners for the elderly have been held already. The carols have been playing for weeks now.

The best waiting, like waiting for birth, is slow. Parents wonder about their child - who will he/she be like? The mother needs support and love; the children look forward to another baby; grandparents wait in pride. Even when the family situation is limited, we wait in joy and hope for the child - like **Mary** and **Joseph**, **Elizabeth** and **Zechariah** and all the bible parents who waited, often for many years.

How is my faith this year from last year? And what would I be asking for?

Would I promise anything to help me wait actively for **Jesus**

~Mass more often than Sunday,~ the Angelus every day,

~to read the gospel each day,~to be kinder and more just,

~ to care for the poor and needy at home or away in war torn or climate challenged countries.

Let my Advent bring me closer to **God** and effect for the best the lives of those close to me. If we wait in faith and in hope, then everything, even the carols being sung and the celebrations begun too early, can remind us of the **God** who is coming soon in **Jesus Christ**, to be born of **Mary**.

*Mary, may I wait with you in joy, reflection, patience and hope.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of  
Ann Marah, Wicklow  
Eamon Doyle, Wicklow*



## Mass Intention List

### This Weekend ~ 30th Nov. & 1st Dec. 2024

- 6.00pm** Helen Russell (A), Rory Attley, John O'Brien (A),  
Rosaleen Earls, Joe Dickenson (A), Kathleen Bunn (A),  
Elizabeth Clarke, her husband John & son William,  
James & Biddy O'Toole
- 9.00am** Marie Mates (RD)
- 10.30am** Bridie & Tommy Moody, Henry & Mai Smith, Tom &  
Mary Cummins, Helen, Jack, Jean & Thomas Murphy,  
Marie Kenny (A), Jack Nolan (1st A)
- 12.00pm** William Dunne (1st A), Joseph (Joe) Parle (A),  
Michael & Betty Mooney (A), Merci Ryan,  
Joseph & Margaret Harte, Eleanor Vize (MM), Thomas &  
Bridget Whyte, Annette & Tom Delahunt & their daughters  
Ashling, Catherine & Mary, Syl Delahunt.

### 2nd ~ 6th December 2024

- Monday** Eamon Doyle's Funeral
- 7.00pm** Margaret Quinn (RD)
- Tuesday** Kitty & Johnny Condley, John Johnston
- 7.00pm** Joseph Doyle (RD)
- Wednesday** Betty & Peter Kenny, Bill & Alice Stephens,  
Iris Stephens, Joseph Doran (A)
- Thursday** Anne & Michael Hanlon, Michael Hanlon Jnr.,  
William Stephens, Harry Johnston
- Friday** First Friday, November Altar List of the Dead

### Next Weekend ~ 7th & 8th December 2024

- 6.00pm** Jenny Earls (A), John Casey (A)
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Jack & Eileen Kinsella, Annie Byrne & Siobhán Doyle (A)
- 12.00pm** Dick Kavanagh (Birthday Remembrance, The McWalter  
Family, Jacqueline Blood (A), Joe Hennessy (A),  
Jackie Byrne

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

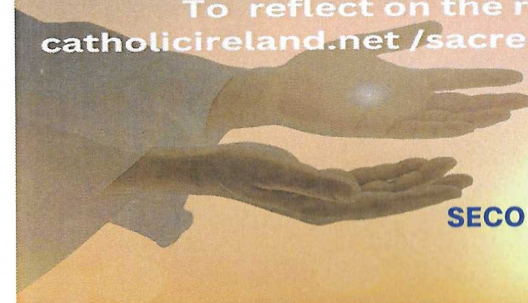
24th November 2024

- ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1625  
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1090  
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 895

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)



**FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1-9**

**PSALM: 125**

**SECOND READING: 1Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**

**GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6**

## NATIVITY REHEARSALS 3:15PM EVERY WEDNESDAY STARTING 4TH OF DECEMBER 2024 FOR CHRISTMAS EVE 5PM SERVICE



**CONTACT KATIE FOR  
MORE INFO 086 4094013**

## Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The death of a loved one is very devastating. Most of us are not prepared for the long journey of grief. At first we don't really believe it. Often by the time the reality hits us our friends and relatives think that we are OK. We should be okay and they go back to their busy lives.

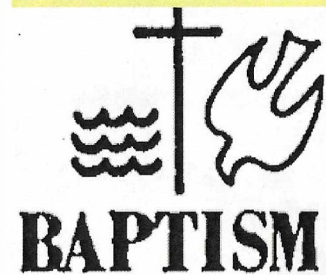
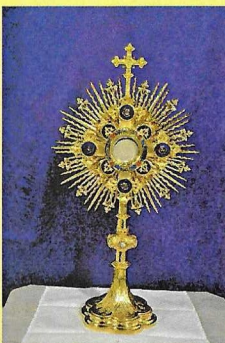
The Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary parish based ministry which aims to help the bereaved and grieving. Although grieving is a natural process which can be helped by the sympathy and understanding of our friends there are times when one needs support to work through it in a positive way. Feelings need to be expressed rather than repressed. It helps the healing process to talk with a trained listener and confront the very strong feelings associated with grief.

Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group meet on the last Tuesday of the month in the De La Salle Centre at 8pm and if you are struggling with your grief and think you might like to talk with a trained listener you are very welcome to attend this meeting. More information from 087 946 8971

This group is also looking for people to join the group as listeners - full training will be given and more information from the above

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- Ashford:** 1st Friday after Mass  
**Wicklow:** Mondays and Thursdays after Mass  
**Kilbride:** 1st Thursday at 7pm (Divine Mercy)  
**Brittas Bay:** Tuesdays at 9am



### Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow	First Saturday	2pm
	Third Sunday	1pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2pm
Ashford	First Sunday	12 noon
Glenealy	Third Saturday	12 noon



*Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday, 12th December, At 8pm in the de la Salle Pastoral Centre*

### St. Mantan Pastoral Area Funeral Team Ministry

A meeting for all the individual parish funeral team and funeral team leader members will be held on Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Wicklow to refresh what we do as a funeral team member at a funeral Mass and to develop a parish strategy for the years 2025-2027 as the next step of our Building Hope in terms of what service our funeral team leaders can offer by means of prayers in the funeral home, home, at the graveside etc. in the absence of a priest. We hope that as many as possible will attend.

**ICA Ashford Christmas Sale of Work**  
 in Aid of  
**GAVIN GLYNN FOUNDATION**  
 SUPPORTING FAMILIES FIGHTING CHILDHOOD CANCER

*"Helping families fighting childhood cancer who need to travel overseas for specialist cancer treatment that is not available in Ireland. The Gavin Glynn Foundation arrange all logistics and cover all costs associated with: -Transportation (eg. Flights, Car Hire), -Transportation to and from the designated airports. - Accommodation within, or close to the designated medical centre. - Food and living expenses for the duration of the child's treatment while abroad."*

**Saturday 7 December 2024**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm**

**Methodist Hall, Wicklow Town**  
 (opposite Holy Rosary National School)

Christmas Craft Gifts    Cakes & Traybakes  
 Bric-a-Brac    Plants    & Lots more...

## PARISH CONTACTS

**Fr Aquinas Duffy : 0404 67196 //**  
**Fr Gerard Deegan : 0404 67133**

**Parish Office: 0404 61699**

[parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com)

Office opening times  
**Monday - Friday: 10am - 12.30pm**  
 For all enquires and bookings

## Advent Prayer Service



As we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus, the area pastoral parish council invites you to an Advent Prayer Service which will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm in St. Brigid's Church, Kilbride.

It is an opportunity for us to reflect on how well prepared we are, not only to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord at Christmas, but to live the kind of life we are meant to live, loving one another as much as we are loved.

This invitation is extended to all parishioners, but in particular children and young adults in our respective parishes.

## IMPORTANT NOTE

It has come to our attention that there is an organised begging group outside the Church doors before some of the Masses. We would ask parishioners not to give anyone from this group money. All genuine collections will be announced in the Church or in the Newsletter.

If you ever feel under pressure from anyone either inside or outside the Church to give them money please let us know as soon as possible. It is very important to us that all parishioners feel safe and comfortable in the Church and in the Church grounds.

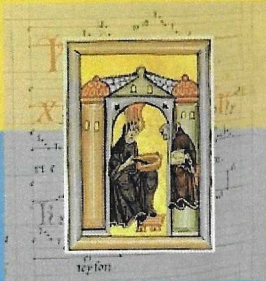
**Bingo!**

**ON MONDAYS in the DE LA SALLE CENTRE & WEDNESDAY EVENINGS in ST BRIDGETS HALL -**

# Wicklow Male Voice Choir

The Annual Concert takes place this year on Sunday 8th December 2024 in St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow at 8pm. Ticket €20 with raffle in aid of Wicklow Cancer Support

## SINGING HILDEGARD



Learn & sing a chant by Hildegard Von Bingen

### Medieval Chant Weekend Workshop

with Eilish Butler

7-8 December 2024

An Tairseach Wicklow, Ireland

cost: €250  
+onsite accommodation

For more info:  
uncoveryourvoice@gmail.com

# Advent Scripture

*Christmas is coming!*

*Join us for the four Advent Reflective evenings to prepare our hearts for the wonderful feast of Christmas.*

*We will reflect on the four advent Gospels and apply them to our lives just as we are.*

When: During the four Wednesdays of Advent, Nov 27th, Dec 4th, 11th & 18th

Where: An Tairseach, Dominican Ecology Centre

Time: from 7.30pm - 8.45pm.

Finishing with a chat & cuppa for those who wish to join us.

Come along to any or all of the four evenings - you would be very welcome.



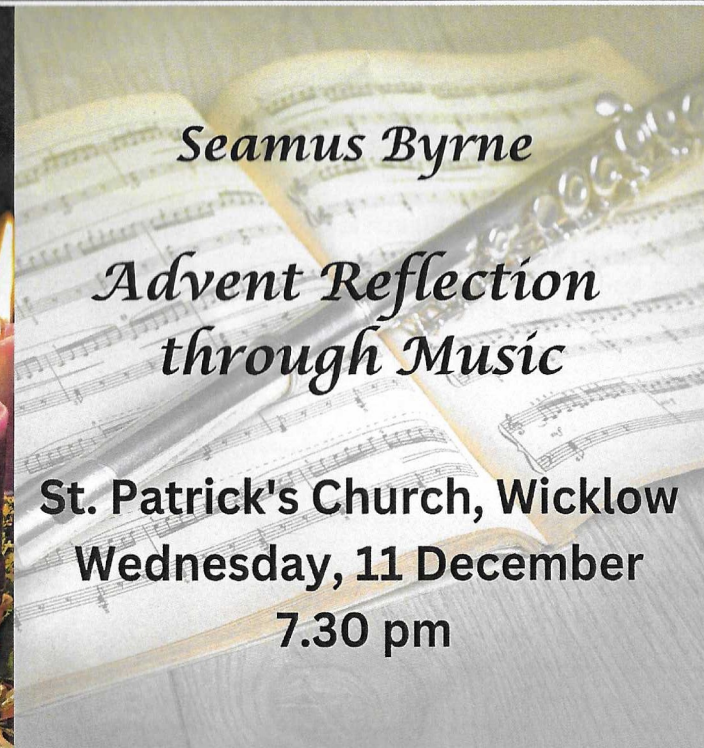
Seamus Byrne

## Advent Reflection through Music

St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow

Wednesday, 11 December

7.30 pm



## Christmas Market

St Brigid's Hall, Rathnew A67X583

FRIDAYS

22nd NOVEMBER & 13th DECEMBER  
5.30-8.30PM

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 12-4PM

INCLUDING PERFORMANCE BY  
FYI DANCE ACADEMY CREW  
& more surprises



ARTS, CRAFTS,  
KNITS, GIFTS,  
TOYS & CAKES



RATHNEW WOMENS SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

## Christmas Market

Sunday, 1st December

12pm—4pm

You are all invited to come and support our women from across many districts of County Wicklow.

We come together as a community each week and meet in St. Brigid's Hall in Rathnew for skill sharing, craft and a chat.