

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C

**2nd March 2025**



### *Gospel Reflection She must have a lovely heart! Donal Neary SJ*

Someone said to me of a friend - She must have a lovely heart! The Gospel today is about goodness inside and that we draw much from the store of goodness inside ourselves. A way of looking at this is to wonder what makes us feel positive in ourselves about others and about the world. We have days when we feel truly grateful for much in life and in the world, and the store of goodness fills up. There are days when the opposite happens, and Jesus speaks of the 'store of badness'.

The store of goodness is filled up in many

- ~ a good conversation with a loved one,
- ~ time spent with an infant in wonder of how and what this child is and will be,
- ~ listening to some good music and admiring good art,
- ~ taking time to pray and listening to the word of Jesus in the Gospel,
- ~ finding time to pray with others at the Mass or in prayer groups.

God in many ways increases our store of goodness and we allow this happen. You can find your favourite ways of bringing out the best in yourself. We know of people we meet whom we always feel the better for meeting. Prayer and faith should always bring the best out of us: give time each day to allow the total love of God for us to reach us.

Another store of goodness is the goodness of self.

We can be too critical of ourselves and if so, we will probably find we are critical of others. Look this day into the mirror and give thanks to God for the man or woman you see there. If you look on ourselves with love, we will look on others the same.



*Lord, teach me your goodness.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of  
Mary Malone (née Jameson), St. Patrick's Valley  
Stan O'Reilly, The Bank, Rathnew and formerly  
Main St., Wicklow  
Florence (Flor) McCarthy, St. Mantans Close  
Brendan Stone, Barndarrig*

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

23rd February 2025

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	€1480
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	€ 860
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€1150

*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: Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

**PSALM: 90**

**SECOND READING: Romans 10:8-13**

**GOSPEL : Luke 4:1-13**

## Baptisms 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
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm



*Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday, 13th March 2025, at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre*

## PARISH CONTACTS

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**Office opening time Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**

**For all enquires and bookings**

# Mass Intention List

## This Weekend ~ 1st & 2nd March 2025

- 6.00pm** Joe Conroy (1st A), Mary & Edward Canavan (A),  
June Kenny (A), Mylie, Ned & Maureen Byrne,  
Teresa Copeland, Annie Corkish
- 9.00am** **Paddy Ronan (MM)**
- 10.30am** Una Ryan (1st A)
- 12.00pm** Philomena O'Dowd (MM), Leo Byrne; John McAulay —  
in thanksgiving for all cards & wishes at the time of  
John's passing, Tom & Monina Nagle (As),  
Sham & Eily Furlong (As), Kay Mullarkey,  
Vincent & Philomena Byrne (A)

## 3rd~ 7th March 2025

- Monday** **Stan O'Reilly's Funeral**
- 7.00pm**
- Tuesday** **Flor McCarthy's Funeral**
- 7.00pm** **Kathleen, Seamus & Eleanor Caulfield (A)**
- Wednesday** **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- 8am** John Wilson (A)
- 10am** Special Intention
- Thursday** Maura O'Brien (A)
- Friday** **FIRST FRIDAY**

## Next Weekend ~ 8th & 9th March 2025

- 6.00pm** Cathy Flynn (MM), Margaret Conway (MM),  
Teresa Aherne (A),  
Charlotte Evans (RD; Fr. Ian Evans' Mam)
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am**
- 12.00pm** Mary Wolohan (A), Philomena Kavanagh (A),  
Joe Earls, Teresa Grace, Kathleen Doyle

# 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



Journeying with Jesus through the lenten Sunday Gospels join us on any or every Wednesday evening to reflect and pray the Lenten Sunday Gospels

Where? 'An Tairseach', Dominican Ecology Centre

What time? 7.30pm - 8.40pm

When? Wednesday evenings

- Wednesday - March 5th (Ash Wednesday)
- Wednesday - March 12th
- Wednesday - March 19th
- Wednesday - March 26th
- Wednesday - April 2nd
- Wednesday - April 9th

Join us for a cuppa afterwards - if you would like!

## 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 or 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 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, information from above no.

**GROW** run peer support groups in Wicklow on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 to 4.30 in De La Salle Parish Centre.

They are self referral and no charge for anyone struggling with depression, anxiety, low mood or just the stresses of life. They offer a tried and tested method of self help and personal growth. Experience new hope and meaning through working on issues together in a peer support setting

MEETINGS ARE CONFIDENTIAL. Ring Trish for further info on 086 0129 082

And see Grow.ie to listen to stories of Hope and Recovery.

## Congratulations to all couples planning their marriage.

Don't forget to give 3 months notice to the parish where you live.

Your local parish is responsible for organising the paperwork necessary for the Sacrament of Marriage irrespective of where the wedding will take place.

Be sure to get in touch with the Parish Office to make arrangements to complete wedding papers at least 3 months before the date of the proposed wedding.



**Volunteers required to bring Holy Communion to Knockrobin Nursing Home on a Wednesday afternoon on a roster basis.**

**If interested, please contact the parish office for more information on this special ministry.**



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Rear of Boots Pharmacy  
Abbey Street, Wicklow**

*Have you, or a family member,  
been diagnosed with Cancer?*

*We're here to help -  
All our services are free of charge  
0404 32696 or 086 821 6694*

Email [info@wicklowcancersupport.ie](mailto:info@wicklowcancersupport.ie)

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.  
Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.

### WICKLOW COPD GROUP

**COPD Exercise class to help improve your breathing every Monday in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre.**

**Fully qualified Instructors  
Further information from  
Denis Teevan on 086 8174 703**

# WHAT ARE THE MASS COLLECTIONS FOR?

## **THE FIRST COLLECTION/COMMUN FUND**

The First Collection is also known as the Common Fund. This was set up years ago in order that all priests got a fair share of the collection regardless of the size or wealth of the parish that they are working in. It also supports the priests of the Diocese, who are sick and retired. Christmas/Easter & Summer Dues are lodged directly into this fund. This fund has been declining over the past few years which means that priests incomes have also been declining.

## **THE SECOND COLLECTION/ SHARE**

The Share Collection is for the Diocesan building fund which helps to subsidise projects in some very poor parishes. It gives financial assistance to parishes who wouldn't have the necessary income to maintain their buildings. It also funds the central services of the diocese which looks after 199 parishes. The money for this collection is also lodged directly to the Diocese.

## **THE WEEKLY ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDER / PLANNED GIVING COLLECTION**

This collection funds the parish. It pays for the day to day expenses of running the Parish as well as maintaining the Churches, our Parish Centre and the Priests houses. You may contribute to the Parish by weekly envelope, Direct Debit/Standing order or annual donation. If you have thought about contributing to the Parish regularly - please arrange for a box of envelopes or a Direct Debit form to be sent to you by ringing the parish office on 61699.

## **TAX RELIEF SCHEME**

The Tax Relief Scheme for donations to Eligible Charities is of immense benefit to the Parish. It is a very simple but effective way of increasing revenue, whereby the parish can claim back the tax paid on any **recorded contributions** of €250 or more per annum. Many people have already signed up for this and it has made a big difference to parish income. If you have not already done so, perhaps you would consider signing up for it now. Full details are available on the parish website or from the office.

As the church is registered as a charity, any contribution of €250 or more (which is €5 a week), allows the parish to claim back up to 40% of that, which is approx. €100, where applicable. However, we do have to be able to link the donations to a donor which is where the envelopes/ Direct Debit/Standing Orders becomes important. The only information that is required from the contributor is - name, address, PPS number and a signature. Please be assured that any information received will be treated with the of confidence and that there is **NO** involvement at all from any tax officials. If you pay income tax and if you have contributed €250 or more to the **Dues and Family Offering**, the Parish can claim back the tax on your donation at no cost whatsoever to the contributor. Please be assured that the parish staff do not have any access to any personal details of any parishioner signing up to this scheme. It is totally confidential.

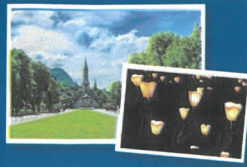
**Please note that cash placed in the collection baskets does not qualify for Tax Relief as it cannot be traced back to a donor and is therefore added to the Diocesan 1st & 2nd collections**

*A sincere thanks to all parishioners who continuously support the parish through their contributions and to those who have signed up to the CHY3 scheme and we look forward to your continued support in the future.*

**The new rosters for Ministers of the Eucharist are now available for collection in the sacristies.**



**LOURDES**



**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**  
**Wicklow Rathnew**

**26 August 2025**

**7 Nights**

**€1,095 per person sharing**

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » 20kg bags included
- » Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- » 7 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

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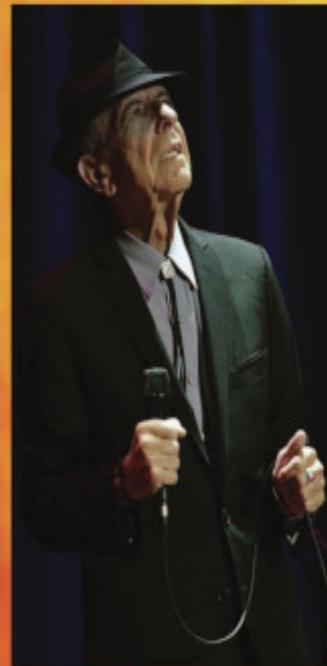
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**THE LEONARD COHEN STORY**

featuring **Cohen Unlimited**

**WICKLOW GOLF CLUB, WICKLOW**



**SATURDAY**

**8 MARCH**

Doors open 7<sup>pm</sup> Show 7.30<sup>pm</sup>

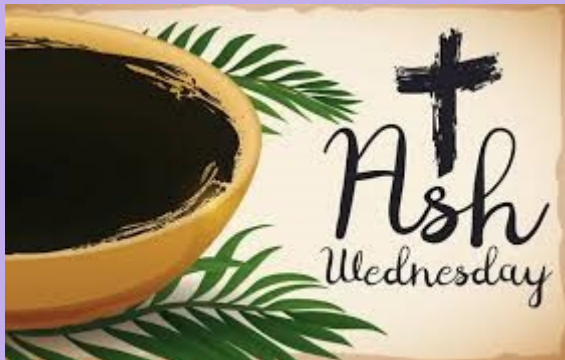
Raffle for limited edition framed print of Leonard Cohen on the night

Charity event in aid of

**RNLI Wicklow**

**TICKETS €25 (+ booking fee)**

Book tickets at [gr8events.ie](http://gr8events.ie)



**Mass Times - March 5**

<b>Wicklow</b>	<b>8am and 10am</b>
<b>Barndarrig</b>	<b>10am</b>
<b>Ashford</b>	<b>10am</b>
<b>Rathnew</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Glenealy</b>	<b>8pm</b>

Please note that the **DONATE** button on the pastoral website is not working correctly.

We are working on this and hope that it will be back working soon.



Many thanks to the sponsor of our newsletter  
**McCrea's Funeral Home, Dublin Road,**  
Phone 0404 69000, 24 hours  
www.mccrea.ie - info@niallmccrea.com

## Parish Lotto Results for 27/ 02 / 2025

**NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK**



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

**Patricia O'Neill**

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,625

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

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

*Faith*

is seeing  
*light* with your  
*heart* when  
all your eyes see is  
*darkness*