

PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd June 2024

CORPUS CHRISTI - Year B

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166



Gospel Reflections **Gift for all Time** *Donal Neary SJ*

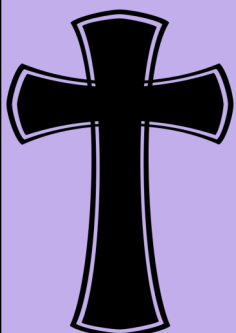
The main feast of the Eucharist is Holy Thursday. The **C**orpus **C**hristi feast was originated partly to stress the joy of the Eucharist which might be somewhat lost in the more sombre Holy week. While **H**oly **T**hursday also includes the washing of the feet, this feast is simply to commemorate the gift of **J**esus in the **E**ucharist.

The body and blood of **J**esus is the life of the Lord, 'given to us'. This gift is for all times. At scenes where **J**esus feeds the people in the gospel, much is always left over. This is a sign of wanting to give his love for the life of the world for all time. This live, to death and resurrection, is commemorated in a real way at every Mass.

When a priest or minister gives communion, we are aware of the special moment this is for so many people. It is a moment of asking for help in life, for peace of mind, for the presence of the **L**ord. At a time of illness or bereavement we may recall the lift of grace when communion was brought to us. On our side it is our promise also to share the **L**ord in different ways of love in our own lives.

Remember a time when receiving Communion bright you peace, joy or comfort.

It is right and just O Lord to give you thanks for the gift of yourself in the Eucharist.



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Mark Reilly late of Blainroe
Peter Doherty late of Seaview Heights*

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 1st & 2nd June

- 6.00pm** Fr Martin O'Farrell - 1st anniversary, Martin Carr, Peter & Peggy Finnegan, John & Elizabeth Clarke & their son William
- 9.00am** *Patrick McNabb - 1st Anniversary*
- 10.30am** James Benjamin O'Sullivan
Mary Bridget Keady nee McDonagh
- 12noon** Matt Whyte - Months Mind,
Elizabeth O'Toole - 1st Anniversary, Monica O'Rourke
Una Neiland, Jim Rowan

3rd - 7th June 2024

- Monday** Evelyn Goodman - 1st Anniversary
Bridie Malone nee Scanlon RD
- 7.00pm** *Des Nolan RD*
- Tuesday** Jane Herschell - 1st Anniversary
- 7.00pm** *Dorothy Laverty RD*
- Wednesday** Statia Hagan - Months Mind
- Thursday** Service of the Word
- Friday** Altar List of the Dead

Next Weekend ~ 8th & 9th June

- 6.00pm** Daniel McDaniel, Catherine & Joseph O'Brien,
Maria McDaniel, Ger Gilbert, Andrew O'Brien,
Eddie Coffey
- 9.00am** *James Gill*
- 10.30am**
- 12noon** Bridie O'Reilly, Maureen Doyle

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

26th May 2024

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1590
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1225
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 440

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check
catholicireland.net / sacredspace.ie / universalis.com

First Reading : Genesis 3: 9-15

Psalm : 129

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians: 4:13, 5:1

Gospel: Mark 3: 20-35

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to attend an introductory meeting before booking a date for the baptism. At this meeting you will be given all the necessary information about the Sacrament of Baptism and the commitment required of the parents who request it for their child. The next meeting will be on

THURSDAY 13TH JUNE

AT 8PM IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE

Popes intention for June ~

For migrants fleeing their homes.

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.



LECTIO DIVINA

Scripture Readings are now finished for the Summer. Thank you to all who have committed and supported these sessions every week. We will resume again in September. Wishing everyone a very enjoyable Summer break.

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES 7th JUNE 2023

WICKLOW AT 10AM
BARNDARRIG AT 10.00AM
RATHNEW AT 7PM

PLANNED GIVING COLLECTION

The new packs of envelopes for the next year are now available for distribution. If you don't receive your box of envelopes, please inform the parish office.

We would like to thank the team of volunteers who very kindly give up their time to distribute these boxes every year.

THE WEEKLY ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDER

This collection funds the parish. It pays for the day to day expenses of running the Parish such as electricity, heating, insurance as well as maintaining the Churches, the Parish Centre and houses.

The Parish depends on the Envelope and Standing Orders contributions, in order to continue to maintain and improve the parish.

We are appealing to parishioners who don't use the box of envelopes or the standing order option to consider these options for donating to the parish because unless your donation is in an envelope or paid through the bank, it doesn't stay in the parish.

All loose monies go into the other collections for Share and the Common Fund.

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 is treated with the strictest 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.



CONGRATULATIONS!

There will be a cup of tea/coffee after the 6pm Mass next Saturday the 8th June in the De La Salle Parish Centre to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Fr Aquinas's ordination. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join us in the celebration.

An Tairseach Organic Farm & Ecology Centre

Teachers' Summer School

An Tairseach presents the annual Summer School "Education for Sustainable Development, Knowing our Place: From Stardust to Sand." This course is approved by the Dept. of Education


When: Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July 2024; 10:00 am – 2:30pm (includes lunch, teas/coffee)

Venue: An Tairseach Organic Farm & Ecology Centre, Wicklow Town

Cost: €100 - Sponsored by the Cabra Dominican Sisters.

For more information contact Sr Colette Kane OP email director@antairseach.ie

also see the website events: <https://antairseach.ie/events/>



NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY WEEK
May 17th - 26th 2024

Free Events Every Day

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Biodiversity Photographer of the Year
Backyard Bioblitz
Biodiversity Scavenger Hunt

www.BiodiversityWeek.ie

Photo: Brenda Sheridan

NPWS

As we approach the end of our season for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion - we would like to congratulate all the children and young adults who received the Sacraments during the 2024 season, and we hope that it was a positive experience for all involved and that families enjoyed their day.

But like most events - they don't just happen. There is a lot of work put into the preparation from a Parish point of view. From the registration of the Sacraments in September to the actual day of the event - there are continuous meetings, plans, school visits, paperwork, fitting & supplying albs, printing booklets, preparation/cleaning of church and liaising with all the other sections to ensure everything goes off smoothly. The parish have a fantastic team of people who help out with all of this - including our extremely hard working Hospitality team who never fail to impress and literally can feed hundreds of people during these events, and they do it all with a welcoming warm smile.

Thankfully the parish has an excellent relationship with all our schools and we are very grateful for all the help received from the teachers, principles, office staff & caretakers who all put in a fantastic effort to ensure the day goes off well for their pupils. Your support to the parish is very much appreciated and we look forward to working with you all again in the new academic year.

A sincere and grateful 'THANK YOU' to every single person who helped make a special day for over two hundred and fifty children in the St Mantan's Area.

BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES 2024

Barndarrig Cemetery: Tuesday, 2nd July @ 7.30pm

Three Mile Water Cemetery: Monday, July 8th at 7.30pm

Castletimon Cemetery: Monday, July 15th at 7.30pm

Rathnew Cemetery: Wednesday 17th July at 7.30pm

Glenealy Cemetery: Saturday 20th July at 3.00pm

Killoughter Cemetery: Tuesday 23rd July at 7.30pm





Unit 2, First Floor,
Rear of Boots Pharmacy,
Abbey Street,
Wicklow

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

We're here to help!

Phone 0404 32696 or
086 821 6694

Our office is open Mon-Fri
from 10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

WICKLOW & RATHNEW BINGOS



**ON MONDAYS in the
DE LA SALLE CENTRE &
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS in
ST BRIDGETS HALL - BOTH AT
8PM. STRICTLY OVER 18s.**

FOUND

A sum of money was found in the vicinity of the church a couple of weeks ago. Please contact the office for more information.



Wicklow Cancer Support needs your
vote

in the AIB €1 Million Community Fund.

- Login to www.aib.ie/community,
- Click on Nominate now,
- Insert your name and email address;
- Wicklow Cancer Support,
- Reg Charity No. 20075750;
- Location: Rest of Leinster,
- Social Theme: Other, followed by a sentence on why WCS.

*The Charities with the most votes receive
funding.*

Please ask family and friends to share.

Closing date for nominations 12th June 2024



Exam Encouragement

Your exam day is almost here
The countdown has begun
I know you might be nervous
But relax, what's done is done

You've studied hard for many years
Be proud of where you are
Take a moment to appreciate
The fact you've come this far

The exam day will come and go
And life will carry on
Morning will follow evening
And sunset will follow dawn

So prepare to do the best you can
A great wise man once said
A test can measure where you are
But not what lies ahead

This test will not define you
Trust in God and recognise
That whatever the results are
You're still precious in His eyes



RATHNEW BINGO

INVITES YOU TO A SPECIAL
FUNDRAISER BINGO

IN AID OF

**ST CATHERINE'S
SPECIAL SCHOOL**

ON WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE
AT 8PM IN
ST BRIGIDS HALL RATHNEW
A67 X583

VOLUNTEERS WANTED....



To arrange flowers for the Main Altar in St Patrick's Wicklow and also for the Altar area in St Joseph's Church Rathnew.

The requirements would be to get the flowers, and to arrange and maintain them for a month.

The Parish will re-imburse the cost of flowers on receipt.

If you think you would like to try this out please leave your name and number in the parish office.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Will be on Sunday 2nd June 2024, at 4pm starting at St Joseph's Church Rathnew, following the new shorter route.

All are welcome to join us.

Mass Schedule B and C.

Mass Schedule B in the event of one priest not being available.

Weekend 6/7 July // Weekend 27/28 July // Weekend 31 August/1 Sept

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)

Mass Schedule C in the event of one priest not being available

Weekend 20/21 July // Weekend 10/11 August // Weekend 14/15 September

Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Barndarrig Vigil Mass	7.30pm	(Saturday)
Rathnew	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Glenealy	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)

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

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations
MARY FLYNN

30th May, 2024: €50 raffle winner

Weekly winning numbers: 2, 17, 20, 25

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

Next weeks JACKPOT is €3,700

Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!
Join by texting the word WICKLOW to 51444

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 to Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

