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NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Fionnuala O'Reilly

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

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We are indeed
 the light
 of the
 world-but
 only if our
 switch is
 turned on.

John Hager

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166



The Presentation of the Lord -Year C
 2nd February 2025

Gospel Reflections *Faith beyond words* Fr. John Littleton

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which occurs forty days after our celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. The feast is also known as Candlemas Day because the blessing and procession of candles is included in the Mass. Jesus Christ is the light of the nations, 'the light to enlighten the pagans' (Lk 2:32). That is why we have the blessing and procession of candles on this day.

The Presentation of the Lord brings to an end the celebration of the Nativity – although Christmas officially ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In obedience to the Law, as was customary with first-born male children, Jesus was presented in the Temple in Jerusalem by his mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph.

Through the prophecies of Simeon and Anna, Jesus was revealed and acknowledged as the Messiah. A similar acknowledgement had occurred when the wise men knelt in adoration during their visit to the newborn infant Jesus (see Mt 2). Over the preceding centuries, many prophets had longed to see the Messiah. But they had died without realising their greatest desire. Simeon and Anna were truly blessed to meet the Saviour of the world, even if the meeting was tinged with sadness because of their predictions about the future events in his life. We too are blessed because we are privileged to know that we have been saved from the consequences of our sins.

Simeon and Anna used their time well because they spent most of it in the Temple praising God. There is an important lesson here for us. It is relatively easy to spend time in God's presence – simply because God is always with us. We are not required to be in the Temple or in a church or in another designated sacred space. We can be in God's presence wherever and whenever we choose and, enlivened and encouraged by God's presence, we can be witnesses to Jesus Christ who is the light of the world.

The tradition of lighting candles in our homes as a sign that Christ is the light of the world is one practical custom that we could easily initiate to focus our attention on him being at the centre of this wonderful feast and at the centre of our lives. Finally, on today's feast, all families can learn the value of giving thanks to God for the gift of children and can seek his blessing on their lives and work. Enlightened by the brightness of Christ, let us re-dedicate ourselves to God, confident that he never abandons us.

My eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel. (Lk 2:30-32)



Sincere sympathies to the families of
 Patrick (Paddy) Ronan, Seafield, Wicklow,
 formerly The Bank, Rathnew
 Catherine Doyle late of St Laurence's Park
 Philomena O'Dowd late of Wicklow

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 1st & 2nd February 2025

- 6.00pm** Colette Molloy, Patrick & Brigit Mahon, Joe & Vera Kavanagh, Margaret Hodgkinson (A), Rodney Hodgkinson (B/day Rem), Billy Earls (A), Michael Fitzgerald (A), Mary Fitzgerald, Bridget & William Kilbride, Jackie Sillery, Mary Merrigan Fitzgerald
- 9.00am** Christopher Murphy & his sister Margaret & their mother & father, Thomas & Margaret & brother James
- 10.30am** Mary Quinn— Months Mind, Ted Hanrahan (A),
- 12.00pm** Tom Reynolds - 1st Anniversary.
Baby Matthew Eugene O'Leary

3rd~ 7th February 2025

- Monday** Funeral Mass of Philomena O'Dowd RIP
- 7.00pm** **NO MASS**
- Tuesday** Special Intention
- 7.00pm** Special Intention
- Wednesday** Funeral Mass of Noeleen Nolan RIP formerly Doyle née Flynn late of New Street
- Thursday** Gillian Byrne Stanley (A)
- Friday** Altar List of the Dead
- 7.00pm** Altar List of the Dead

Next Weekend ~ 8th & 9th February 2025

- 6.00pm** Leo Cullen (A), Patrick (Paddy) Cullen (A)
Nora & Pat Clarke
- 9.00am** **NO MASS**
- 10.30am**
- 12.00pm** Michael Murphy (A),
Noel Murphy & his daughter Carmel Wyatt,
Colin, Patrick & Valerie Quinn, John & Mary Dunne,
Peter & Annie Vickers

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

19th January 2025

- ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish €1590
- 1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1160
- 2ND COLLECTION/SHARE FUND** - goes towards Diocesan Administration €1065

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: Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8
PSALM: 137
SECOND READING: Corinthians 15:1-11
GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

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 February 2025, at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre

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Parish Office: 0404 61699

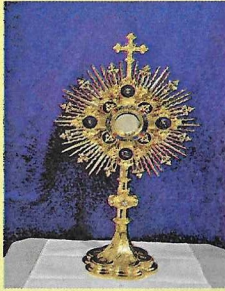
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Office opening time Monday - Friday: 10am - 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings

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



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. Often by the time the reality hits us our friends and relatives think that we are should be okay and they go back to their lives.

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group is voluntary parish based ministry which aim 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 each 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

Separated, Divorced, Widowed Are you coping?

Few people are able to cope alone with the pain and loneliness following the loss of a life partner.

Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide?

Beginning Experience is a peer support group dedicated to helping those who are navigating life alone whether through death, separation or divorce. A team of trained facilitators, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share with you how they coped with their loss.

A Three Day Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place on: Saturday 25th, January, 8th and 15th February 2025 (Advance Booking Essential) Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2.

For further information contact Beginning Experience 086 0877379, or email: bedublin@gmail.com

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.

Mass Schedule B and C.

Mass Schedule B

Weekend 25/26 January // Weekend 8/9 February

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)	NO MASS in Glenealy
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)	
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)	NO MASS in Barndarrig
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)	
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)	NO MASS in Rathnew
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)	

Mass Schedule C

Weekend 18/19 January // Weekend 1/2 February // Weekend 1/2 March

Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)	NO MASS in Ashford
Barndarrig Vigil Mass	7.30pm	(Saturday)	
Rathnew	9.00am	(Sunday)	NO MASS in Kilbride
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)	
Glenealy	10.30am	(Sunday)	NO MASS in Brittas Bay
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)	

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

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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

St Patrick's Savings Club

Re-opened on
Monday 13th January
1:30pm—3pm

de la Salle Pastoral Centre



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PARISH SHOP


The Parish shop is situated in the lobby of the parish office. It has been restocked with new candles, cards and some new general stock. Drop in and have a browse, baptism candles small baby gifts, angel gifts, rosary beads, car medals, visor medals, cards and much more. There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards and ordinary cards available.

Shop open same time as office from 10am till 12.30pm.

Please note that there will be no Mass in Rathnew on Mondays at 7pm for the next few weeks.

The next Monday evening Mass will be on Monday, 17 February.

If you have a Mass intention booked for any of the cancelled Masses please ring the Parish Office on 61699 to rearrange.



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

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

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE CHURCH.



***Learning to live & love
the Sunday Gospels***

Where? An Tairseach,
Dominican Ecology Centre
When? each Wednesday morning
What time? 10:45am-11.45am
(including a cuppa)

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.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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