

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

6th October 2024



Gospel Reflections Reaching Out to Family Donal Neary

The followers of **C**hrist can be caught between valuing the commitment of life's promises in marriage, and compassion for people whose marriages have broken up. **J**esus values the commitment too: adultery is condemned as a sin against justice – of tampering in some way with the commitment made of one person to another.

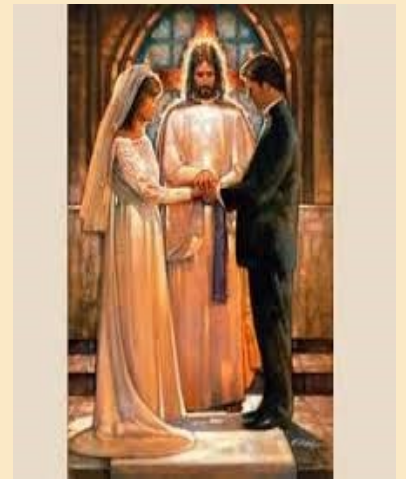
Why is this followed by a comment about children that they should come to him? Obviously from love for children, and also for love of the child inside each of us, the child of **G**od that we all are. So for the child of **G**od who is suffering through the breakdown of commitment, **J**esus is saying to come to him, be welcomed into his arms and be blessed.

While trying to value commitment in marriage and also in religious life, he is also reaching out to people who are in difficult, personal situations. We follow him in this, letting go of judgements about people's relationships. We never know people unless we have walked in their shoes and at their pace.

The church has tried in many ways to reach out to people who need care, protection and healing in Pope Francis' Letter on the Family, *The Joy of Love*.

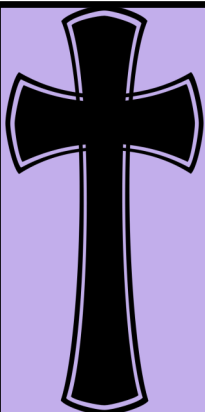
In situations where there are differences in people's attitudes, especially in the family, it is good to keep doors of communication open. This is the way towards greater love and healing, and allowing **J**esus be part of every aspect of life. Many parents have been happy in later years that they kept lines of communication open with children whose lifestyles may have been different from theirs.

*Think of a family relationship for which you are grateful.
Lord, may your love be upon us, especially in our commitments.*



Sincere sympathies to the family of

Bill Dickenson late of Castle Street Wicklow



Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 5th & 6th October 2024

6.00pm John Goodman - MM, Joan & Mick Cullen,
Archbishop James Dunne, Tom & Helen Fitzgerald,
Frank Kavanagh 25th anniversary & deceased members of
the Kavanagh family, Miriam O'Brien, Melissa Butler,
Michael & Mary Kavanagh, Melissa Butler

9.00am **NO MASS**

10.30am Majella Turner RD

12.00pm Pat & Sarah Byrne, Seamus McCarthy

Please note that Masses in green are in St. Joseph's, Rathnew.

7th - 11th October 2024

Monday Fred Glass

7.00pm *Parishioners Intentions*

Tuesday Special Intention

7.00pm *Special Intention*

Wednesday Special Intention

Thursday Teresa Dunne, Cathal & Leslie Martin

Friday

Next Weekend ~ 12th & 13th October 2024

6.00pm Fr William Doyle, Fr Patrick Doyle,
Martin & Catherine Doyle

9.00am *Cathal & Leslie Martin*

10.30am Roisín Bunn - 1st Anniversary,
Baby Anthony Lacek -O Rourke, Anna May Gill

12.00pm Valerie Carroll, Andrew Phillips,
Joy Riordan—Months mind—Sister of Susie Byrne

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

29th September 2024

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1600
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese € 870
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 630

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 Wisdom :7. 7 -11

PSALM : 89

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4. 12-13

GOSPEL : Mark 10 :17-30

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

It is proposed to have Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays as well as Fridays. Both 10.30am to 11.30am. Therefore we intend to reorganise the Adoration Team.

Depending on member's availability, members are asked /rostered to be there about once every month on six weeks.

We consider it an honour to guard the Lord in His Eucharistic presence. Indeed, many prayers have been answered, many blessings bestowed and confirmed, through and because of this form of prayer.



If you would like to join the team please tick your choice of day.

MONDAY () FRIDAY () OR BOTH DAYS ()

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Please return the form to the Parish Office - 61699 or Sacristy 69031

For those already on the team, please inform Joan McCann of your choice of day

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



will now take place on
Mondays and Fridays
directly after Mass.



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

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All our services are free of charge*

0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Email info@wicklowcancersupport.ie

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.

Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.



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
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm

*Please note :
The next meeting will be on
Thursday, 10th October.*



PARISH CONTACTS

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0404 61699

parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

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

LECTIO DIVINA

Learning to Live & Love the Sunday Gospels

When? Wednesdays starting 11th September

Where? An Tairseach Ecology Centre

Time? 10:45am-12 noon

Tea & Coffee Served



World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, and like the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land and Peter's Pence, it is one of three yearly universal Church collections.

World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and Europe, but also in poorer parishes in developing countries. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, play their part in supporting each other. This is what makes it such a special celebration.

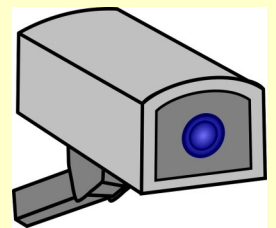
Mass Schedule B and C.

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

Weekend 5/6 October

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)

Don't forget that Masses in Wicklow can be viewed live on the pastoral area website, during the weekdays and weekends.



www.stmantan.ie

Mass leaflets are available in all the churches even if there is no Mass in a church on a particular weekend.

Please note that we have been advised that the €2 candle that the parish sells in the Church and shop has increased in price and will now be €3 from the 1st October.



VILLAGE PLAYERS
RATHNEW
Present

THE HILARIOUS COMEDY

The Mating Season

by Sam Cree

October, 2024
Thursday 10th,
Friday 11th & Saturday 12th
St. Bridget's Hall, Rathnew, A67 X583,
At 8pm nightly

Tickets €12
Available from GR8events.ie

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Collection:

The Church door quarterly collection for the local conferences was held last weekend. The total collected in the Wicklow Church was €2403.

A sincere thanks to one and all for your generosity to this collection.

WICKLOW & RATHNEW BINGOS CONTINUE



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

FOUND

A small sum of money has been left into the Parish Office that was found in the Church. Please drop into the office to collect it if you own it.

Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.

Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00am

Choir will resume in September

Follow us on our facebook page: **Wicklow Active Retirement**

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring Pauline on 087 227 6760

You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte

St. Mantan Pastoral Area Education Programme

The St. Mantan Pastoral Area offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children attending non-Catholic schools. The programme provides a two-year preparation course for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Classes began on Tuesday 17th September. More information is available from the Parish Office or on www.stmantan.ie under the headings General Information – Sacraments – Parish religious education programme.

Registration for the Sacraments in 2025

Registration for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for parents of children in Catholic Schools who wish their children to receive those sacraments in the academic year 2024-2025 is now live on the pastoral area website, www.stmantan.ie under General Information – Sacraments.



Have you a little free time to help out in the Parish?

We are putting together a Sacristy Support Team which would involve supporting the sacristans when they have time off.

This role would involve occasionally opening and closing the church and the main gates. Preparing for Mass and other services.

Full training will be provided.

If you are interested please contact the Sacristan on duty or the Parish Office.

St. Patrick's National School

APPLICATIONS 2025-2026

OPENS 9TH OF OCTOBER

Applications Close at 12pm on 6th November 2024

● Apply Online @ www.stpatsnswicklow.ie
Enquiries: 040467415 or office@stpatsnswicklow.ie

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Phone 0404 69000, 24 hours
www.mccrea.ie - info@niallmccrea.com

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations

Ellen Cullen

Who won the weekly €50 raffle prize

3rd October 2024: Jackpot Winner

Weekly winning numbers: 6, 19, 21, 22

CURRENT LOTTO €1550

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!

Join by texting the word WICKLOW to 51444

or go to the website : www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow

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.....

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In family life, love is the oil that eases friction, the cement that binds closer together, and the music that brings harmony.

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE

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