

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Advent -Year C

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166

8th December 2024



Gospel Reflections Advent Reminds Us God is Near Donal Neary SJ

A poet wrote: *"when I am an old woman I shall wear purple"*, to remind her that life can be different day by day or that she might be personally noticed and change her life. This time of the year the Church wears purple and we remind ourselves that **J**esus is near, that life can be different and that we can change our lives.

The gospel from **J**ohn the Baptist encourages a change in our lives. We would look on ourselves and regret what we should regret - our sins, our meanness, our minor faults and failings, our injustices and hurt of others. In his time the people would immerse themselves in the river and be forgiven. We can immerse ourselves in the healing and forgiving love of God in many ways, including the sacrament of reconciliation (penance, confession). We can immerse ourselves in the mood of waiting for Christmas, and take this on the spiritual level and well as the ordinary. **A**ll of the weeks of **A**dvent can be a preparation for the way of the Lord, which we will hear of during the readings of the coming year. This is a time of joyful waiting, knowing we cannot be let down. The purple of **A**dvent is not the purple of mourning but of joyful anticipation - like when we dress in the football team's colours early in the morning to look forward to a match.

If we take time for the spiritual preparation with soe prayer, sacraments (maybe go to Mass once or twice a week, or daily for Advent), and if we help our neighbour a bit more than usual, then nothing of all the preparations can be just secular. Everything of this month can remind us of God... trees, lights, carols, parties, Santa hats, cards, gift-buying - all reminders that God is near.

Give us this day our daily bread and daily truth, Lord God.



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For all enquires and bookings

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 7th & 8th December 2024

- 6.00pm** Jenny Earls (A), John Casey (A) Jim & Nancy Doyle (A),
Alice O'Rourke (A)
- 9.00am** Elizabeth & Michael O'Brien (A),
Patricia & Richard McCarthy
- 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, Frances O'Byrne (A)

9th ~ 13th December 2024

- Monday** John Doyle (RD)
- 7.00pm** Christy Maloney (RD)
- Tuesday** Bridget Turner, May & Bill Phillips
- 7.00pm** Joe Hennessey (RD)
- Wednesday** Una Fenlon (RD)
- Thursday** Kevin Martin (1st A) & deceased member of the
Martin Family, Steven Deegan (A)
- Friday** Pat Madden

Next Weekend ~ 14th & 15th December 2024

- 6.00pm** Pat Byrne (A), Eileen Byrne, Valerie Quinn,
Mary & Gerard Reynolds (A)
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Bernadette Waldron (A), Ned, Rose, John & Eddie Hanson,
Bridie Moody
- 12.00pm** Frank Duignan (1st A), Anna May Phillips (1st A),
Rose Barlow (1st A), May Kavanagh (1st A),
Pat Kavanagh (A), Jim & Gay Brennan (A),
Mary Heaney (A)

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

1st December 2024

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1745**
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€1420**
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€1010**

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: Zephaniah 3:14-18

PSALM: Isaiah 12

SECOND READING: 1Philippians 4:4-7

GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The feast day will be celebrated on
**Monday, 9th December. The Masses
for the Holy Day are as follows:**

Wicklow	10.00am
Ashford	10.00am
Rathnew	7.00pm
Barndarrig	7.30pm



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 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*



Now till 3rd December

to help those who need some extra help this year.

In conjunction with the Wicklow Guide, Brigini & Cygnet group & the local Lions club.

All donations of non-perishable goods and toiletries welcome.

Donations can be left in the Parish Office or Sacristy

OLD PAPERS
ON DISPLAY

CHRISTMAS 1963 IN WICKLOW WITH JIM SCANNELL

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 11.30 AM
WICKLOW BRANCH LIBRARY

WICKLOW TRADERS' ASSOCIATION

DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTING—CHRISTMAS 1963.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Abbey Street:

DE LA SALLE PAST PUPILS' UNION—WICKLOW BRANCH.

GRAND "WELCOME HOME" SOCIAL

WILL BE HELD IN
St. Patrick's Hall, Wicklow,
On Friday, 6th December,
After a Most Successful English Term, the Music will be by the
TEENBEATS' SHOWBAND
Dancing Commencing Nine p.m. SPOTS GALORE. ADM. 3/-

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WICKLOWLOCALSTUDIES@WICKLOWCOCOEIE



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Annual Christmas Vincent de Paul Collection will take place at all Masses this weekend – 7th and 8th December. Donations may also be left in the Parish Office.

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 10th 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



Christmas Joy With...

**WICKLOW
SINGERS**

Musical Directors: Frank Kelly and Rebecca Kelly

Bumper raffle
of hampers

Proceeds go to
"Meals on Wheels
Wicklow"

Tickets available at the door, from choir members or at:
Haughton Legal, SuperValu Shopping Centre

FRIDAY | 13 | DECEMBER
AT 07:30 PM | TICKETS: €10
St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow



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

EUROPEAN UNION
Investing in your future
European Social Fund

Riádas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

LCDC

Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co-funded by the Irish Government, through the Department of Social and Community Development, and the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training (EIST) Programme 2021-2027.

Christmas Market

Friday, 13th December

5.30-8.30pm

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.

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

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 5 / 12 / 2024

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Eibhlín Kinsella

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,600

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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Contact Number.....

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APPROACH
CHRISTMAS
WITH AN
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HUSH,
RATHER THAN
A LAST-
MINUTE
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