

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

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First Sunday of Lent -Year C

9th March 2025



Gospel Reflection Jesus tempted off course Donal Neary SJ

Jesus was brought out of the ordinary into a place where he was tempted off course with three temptations - to comfort, power, and wealth - three things that can take us over.

Money, power and comfort can lead us astray....when we want wealth, to be no. 1 and prioritise comfort in various ways.

He goes back to the word of God to find strength and insight to fight off evil - to the words he learned at home, and at school.

A big source of energy for us is the word of God. On Ash Wednesday the invitation was to believe the good news. That is where we may find life and strength.

We remain in the Church because of Jesus Christ. The word of God in his gospel remains life-giving and strong. Today's scripture shows us that temptations happen often to take us off the path. So too does the unexpected, and scandals have happened in many of the national institutions. Church life may leave us down and weak, but the spirit who kept Jesus strong in the desert will do the same for us.

A Lenten thing to do could be to

- *read a bit of the gospel every day.
- *Look up Sacred Space.ie. on the web and pray from that.
- *Or Pray-as-you-go. Pray your own favourite gospels.
- *Read the gospel to the children.
- *Hear the word at weekday Mass or check it on: www.catholicireland.net/readings/saints
- *We look to the word of God to build us up as God's children and community and find strength to use all in the service of God and others in love.



Speak your word O Lord, and we shall be the better for it.



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Michael Knowles, Wicklow
Eithne Wright (née Gannon), Wicklow
Thomas (Tommy, Bam), Corcoran, Carrig Court,
Rathnew*

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
2nd March 2025**

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish	€2295
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	€1510
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration	€1190

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 15:5-12,17-18

PSALM: 26

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1

GOSPEL : Luke 9:28-36

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 ~ 8th & 9th March 2025

- 6.00pm** Cathy Flynn (MM), Margaret Conway (MM),
Teresa Aherne (A), Adele Doran (A)
Charlotte Evans (RD; Fr. Ian Evans' Mam),
Betty Dickenson (A)
- 9.00am** *Joseph Mangan (RD)*
- 10.30am** Betty Kavanagh (1st A), Michael Breen (A),
Jack Mernagh (A), Jaqueline Blood (Birthday Rem.)
- 12.00pm** Mary Wolohan (A), Philomena Kavanagh (A),
Joe Earls, Teresa Grace & her daughter Teresa,
Kathleen Doyle, George & Kathleen Newsome (A),
Mary Delahunt (A)

10th~ 14th March 2025

- Monday** Maura McManus (RD)
- 7.00pm** *William Clarke (MM)*
- Tuesday** Kit & Billy Hill
- 7.00pm** *Annette McKenna (RD)*
- Wednesday** Special Intention
- Thursday** Denis, John & Margaret Clarke (A)
Willie Clarke (RD) & Petula Clarke
- Friday** Special Intention

Next Weekend ~ 15th & 16th March 2025

- 6.00pm** Jimmy Fitzpatrick (A), Maurice Dunne (A),
Gerry Walsh (A), Thomas Duffy (A), Eileen & John
O'Brien, James & Patricia O'Brien, Matthew & Myra
O'Brien & the deceased members of the O'Brien family,
Jim Browne (A)
- 9.00am** *Kitty Jameson (A)*
- 10.30am** Jack Burke & deceased members of the Burke &
Kerrane families
- 12.00pm** Bob Jackson (A), Elizabeth (Betty) Vickers (A),
Peter O'Halloran (A), Jimmy Doyle, Jim Zeilan
(son of Chris née O'Reilly formerly of Lr. Mall)

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.



**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 -
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.

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.

St. Patrick's Day Masses

Rathnew	9am	Ashford	10am
Wicklow	10.30am & 12 noon	Glenealy	11.30am
Barndarrig	10.30am		

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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You're not alone

Drink problem? We get it...



AA Open Meeting

Last Friday of Every Month

20:30-21:30
Kilcoole Community Centre
A63 X862

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01 842 0700

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> 01 842 0700 (ROI) / 028 90 351 222 (NI)

> gso@alcoholicsanonymous.ie



Scan for more information

All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence



Wicklow Town Library

'Grangegorman - The Transportation Story'
with Joan Kavanagh

The first all-female prison in the British Isles opened in 1836 at Grangegorman in Dublin. A section was set aside to hold female convicts sentenced to transportation. Who were these women? What crimes did they commit? What sentences did they receive?



Booking essential:

0404 67025

Thurs, March 20th @ 7 pm

wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie

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.



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 06/ 03 / 2025

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Philomena Lalor

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,650

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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TO TEMPTATION
GOD'S LOVE AND
GRACE ARE
ALWAYS THERE
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