

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166

10th November 2024



Gospel Reflections A Series of Contrasts Donal Neary SJ

The gospel is a series of contrasts – rich and poor, greedy and generous, arrogant and humble and it is not difficult to guess which of them Jesus is praising. The lady in question, a poor widow, may not even have heard the praise of Jesus but the disciples were left in no doubt where Jesus' sympathies lay.

He praises true religion in the widow who gave all she had in the cause of God. He berates the co-existence of long prayers and the greed which took away the property of people like this widow. The religious people of the day were meant to look after the widow and the orphan who had nobody else to fight their cause.

From the gospel we take the invitation of Jesus to give all; the amount given is not the big question, it is the giving of the heart. Jesus knows the listeners would cop on that what he was talking about was more than money – it was to give the first place in life to God and the things of God. That is the call to all of us.

The things of God we can glibly refer to are the love we are called to receive and to give, it is to care for other things of God too like creation, justice, peace and reconciliation. It is to give time to worship God in common and in private – to ensure a space and time for prayer in each day.

The widow of the gospel had a generous heart, as did the widow in the first reading. They looked outward to the needs of other and the things of God, and gave what they could in this direction. Can we not do the same?

*Lord teach me to know you more,
love you more and serve you
more faithfully in my life
– St Ignatius of Loyola*



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Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 9th & 10th November 2024

- 6.00pm** Victoria Leonard (née Egan) (MM), Sarah Magee, Nora Fitzpatrick & Kathleen Marah. Dorothy Dickenson (A), Tony O'Brien (A), Sam & Emily Doyle & their children Nicholas, Serena, Paul, James & John also Angela Doyle & John Gannon, George & Kieran Nichols, Ann O'Neill Joe Houlihan (Birthday Remembrance and Anniversary)
- 9.00am** Kathleen Caffrey (A), her father & mother, William & Ann Ronan & her sister Peggy Ronan
- 10.30am** Josephine McGinn
- 12.00pm** Mike & Beth Malone

11th ~ 15th November 2024

- Monday** Charlie Byrne (A)
- 7.00pm** Jim Kinsella (RD)
- Tuesday** Justin Ryan (RD)
- 7.00pm** Patrick Mitchell (A)
- Wednesday** Josephine (Jo) Clarke (1st A) also Eileen O'Rourke & Kathleen Fitzpatrick. Agnes Malone (A), Lisy Kiviakose (A)
- Thursday** Maura Connolly (RD)
- Friday** Billy Kane (RD)

Next Weekend ~ 16th & 17th November 2024

- 6.00pm** Anthony Walker (MM), Ben & Joan Kavanagh, Eddie & Kate Kavanagh, Ann & Jim O'Neill, John O'Brien, Pat Marah (A)
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Colm Ffrench (MM), Seán McSherry (A),
- 12.00pm** Theresa Haughton (MM), Mick & Martin Vickers (A), Christine Dianne Fowler (A), Tom Reynolds (Birthday Remembrance) Raymond & Marjorie Maguire

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

3rd November 2024

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1675**
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€1390**
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€ 995**

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

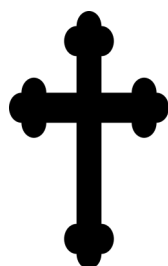
To reflect on the readings please check
catholicireland.net / sacredspace.ie / universalis.com

FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

PSALM: 15:5,8-11

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14,18

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-32



The Annual Masses for Deceased in Wicklow will take place this year in:

St. Patrick's, Wicklow on Friday, 22nd November 2024 at 7:30PM

All families, who have lost a loved one in the last year, will receive a letter. If anyone would like to attend to remember a relative, friend or someone with strong association with parish, who died in the last twelve months please contact the Parish Office in Wicklow 0404-61699 or email parishofficewicklow@gmail.com as soon as possible.

All are welcome to attend.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



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



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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, 14th November,
At 8pm in the de la Salle Pastoral Centre*



Altar List of the Dead

November Altar List of the
Dead envelopes are available
now at all Church doors.

Please take one home and take
one for anyone you think would
like one.



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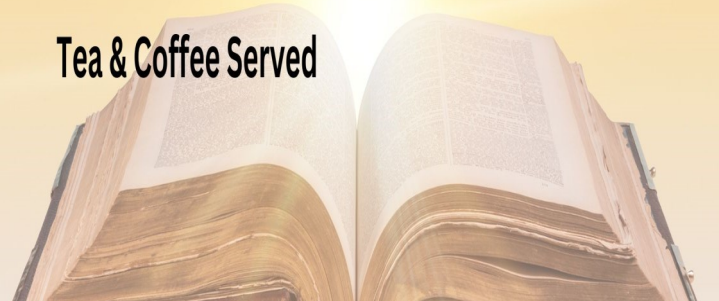
Learning to Live & Love the Sunday Gospels

When? Wednesdays starting 11th September

Where? An Tairseach Ecology Centre

Time? 10:45am-12 noon

Tea & Coffee Served



Christmas Care for Ukrainian Orphans:

BRING JOY AFTER LOSS ...

Hello everyone I am reaching out to you for help, specifically with «Bring Joy after Loss.» This concerns children who, as a result of the full-scale war that has been ongoing for almost three years in Ukraine, have lost their parents, childhood, sense of safety, and joy. Due to the ongoing war, 13,000 children have lost parental care, with 1,759 of these children officially recognized as orphans in Ukraine. Since the onset of the war, I have been dedicated to supporting orphans in Ukraine. In the early weeks of the conflict, with the support of my family and the generous contributions of kind-hearted individuals, I raised €40,000. These funds were used to renovate the basement of a Ukrainian orphanage providing a safer space for the children. Two years ago, thanks to the incredible generosity of the residents of Wicklow Town and your parish in particular, I was able to raise around €8,000. This allowed us to purchase 1,000 new toys, bringing moments of joy to 1,000 Ukrainian children living in shelters and orphanages across the country. As a mother of three, I understand just how special Christmas is for children. And for us, as adults, it's important to make this time magical for them no matter what! It's incredibly difficult for me to accept that while my children may have more than they need, there are others who won't even receive a hug on Christmas morning, let alone a gift. That's why I believe in your understanding, compassion, love, and kindness—your ability to help me make a difference and bring joy after loss. «There is no such thing as someone else's child. All donations received will be directed toward purchasing Christmas toys for Ukrainian children who have lost their parents due to the war. Many thanks from the bottom of my heart.

Church door collection next weekend
16th & 17th November

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Rathnew

Saturday 7th December

3-6pm

St Brigid's Hall

Join us for catch up, food, dance,
raffles, singing

ALL FREE

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

To book, ring:

Doreen - 0877814472

Elaine - 0860783024

A vibrant graphic for a bingo event. It features several colorful bingo cards (blue, green, pink) fanned out against a background of radiating blue and yellow lines. The word "Bingo!" is written in a large, bold, yellow font with a black outline. Below the graphic, the text "ON MONDAYS in the DE LA SALLE CENTRE & WEDNESDAY EVENINGS in ST BRIDGETS HALL -" is written in red, bold, capital letters.

**ON MONDAYS in the
DE LA SALLE CENTRE &
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
in ST BRIDGETS HALL -**

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Special Guests: Local Children's School Choir

Unwanted Gift Sale

in aid of
St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow
and
Wicklow Cancer Support



Date: 17th November, 2024

Time: 10am to 3pm

Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre
Wicklow Town



Special Room

*Full of Bags,
Purses, Hats, Scarfs*



**Pick up a Great Christmas Present and support
Wicklow Parish Church and Wicklow Cancer Support Services**

There will also be a cake sale and coffee morning on the day so come along and support a great cause.

Many thanks to the sponsor of our newsletter
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Parish Lotto Results for 7 / 11 / 2024

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

John Ruddy

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,575

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.....

Life's so ironic. It takes sadness to know what happiness is,
noise to appreciate silence and absence to value presence.

