

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklów & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

The Baptism of Our Lord -Year C

12th January 2025



Gospel Reflections Spirit Energy Donal Neary SJ

Today, Jesus' baptism by John, was a special moment - the real coming of God's spirit upon him. It was the same Spirit who had come upon Mary at the moment of Jesus' conception, and would come to Jesus at his last moment on the Cross.

The spirit brings him new energy. The feast marks that something new is happening, and that Jesus is the beloved and son; from eternity and into time. The Spirit came upon him - but not just for himself. He would send the Spirit later to us - of forgiveness and of perseverance in doing good.

Today is about energy. Jesus found a new spirit in himself after his prayer and he heard words he would never forget. Maybe you have heard words of love from someone you will never forget. They give energy to the heart and soul, making us people always on the go, ready for new life within us.

The Spirit pours the energy of God into bread and wine and they are changed forever. He sends himself forever. It is sending the love and presence and energy of God.

We know that we can get stuck.

We need new infusions of the Spirit to give new energy.

Can we be the type of people who others think it's good to meet? Open to the Spirit of God,

open to new life, new love,

being really fully the person I can be?

*May the waters of baptism, O Lord,
bring us the new life of your love.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Bíd Doyle, Cuckoo Corner, Everett Kavanagh,
Dunbur Road, Líl Esmonde, Rathnew,
Roger Kavanagh, Wicklów, John McAulay,
Church Hill, Monica Dickenson, Glenview Rd.*



Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 11th & 12th January 2025

- 6.00pm** John Porter, Mary & Richard Bell and deceased Members of the Porter & Bell families, Andy O'Brien (A), Anthony Walker (Birthday Remembrance), Richard Gill (A), Beth Gill (A), Anne Dunne (A)
- 9.00am** Tom Quinn and deceased members of the Quinn family
- 10.30am** Mary Quinn
- 12.00pm** Dick Kavanagh (A), Ann Vickers & Rita Vickers, Maureen Byrne (A), May Rice (A), Bridget & Nevin Thornton, Sheila deCourcey

13th~ 17th January 2025

- Monday** Michael Miley (RD)
- 7.00pm** Veronica Smyth (A)
- Tuesday** Eoghan Brangan (RD)
- 7.00pm** John Fitzgerald (RD)
- Wednesday** Monica Phelan (RD)
- Thursday** Ameena Gaffor (RD)
- Friday** John Goodman (RD)

Next Weekend ~ 18th & 19th January 2025

- 6.00pm** Bríde Coffey (A), Kathleen Dunne (A)
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Sarah (Sadie) O'Sullivan (1st A)
- 12.00pm** Damien Doyle, Catherine Doyle

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
5th January 2025**

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1385**
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€ 830**
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€ 800**

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 62:1-5

PSALM: 95

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

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

PARISH CONTACTS

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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



Congratulations to the following who were baptised in May and June:

**Rory Comerford, Blair Dickenson,
Alessandra Norton, Michael Bermingham,
Lauren Corkish-Moore, Finn Corkish,
Evie McLoughlin, Croía McNabb,
Oliver Carpini Kiely, Nevaeh Nolan Goucher,
Beau Ryan, Fiadh Duggan,
Brody Hollinsworth,
Christopher Moorehouse.**

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

MEETINGS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.



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COPD Exercise class to help improve your breathing every Monday in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre.

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St Patrick's Savings Club

Will re-open on
Monday 13th January
1:30pm—3pm

de la Salle Pastoral Centre



'The Ascendancy in Wicklow'
Local History Talk with historian
Pat Power at Wicklow Town Library –
Thursday January 23rd @7pm
In his talk titled '*The Ascendancy in Wick-
low*,' historian Pat Power delves into the
rise and social dynamics of the ascendancy
in the county, tracing its development
from the early 1600s through to 1829. The
talk will be richly complemented by a va-
riety of rare illustrations and drawings.
Key topics include the impact of the Big
House, the workings of Wicklow's Grand
Jury System, cultural life and social
themes within the community, as well as
the roles of the Established and Roman
Catholic Churches.
All are welcome. This event is free, how-
ever spaces are limited.
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Escorted Tour to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo Parishes within Archdiocese of Dublin

TRAIN TRANSPORT TO WESTPORT

Monday 10th February 2025

Early Afternoon Train Transport to Westport.
Check In to 4* Castlecourt Hotel.
Dinner followed by entertainment.

Tuesday 11th February 2025

Mass in Galway Cathedral. Free time in Galway City.
Onwards to Cong for Quiet Man Tour.
Tour of Ballintubber Abbey.
Return to Hotel for Dinner and entertainment..

Wednesday 12th February 2025

Day in Knock. Tour of Museum and Grounds. Mass. Lunch.
Private Time. Return to Hotel.
Dinner followed by entertainment.

Thursday 13th February 2025

Morning Mass in Westport.
Visit Glenkeen Farm and take part in some sheepherding.
Lunch. Visit the holy mountain Croagh Patrick.
Self-guided tour of Kylemore Abbey.
Dinner and entertainment.

Friday 14th February 2025

Morning Mass in Fr. Peyton Centre.
Tour and light lunch.
Return train home.

Package includes:

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Parish Lotto Results for 9/ 01 / 2025

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Marian Byrne

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,600

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*be like the ocean.
steadfast yet unpredictable.
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-macey kurtz