

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

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Third Sunday of Advent -Year C
Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday
15th December 2024

Gospel Reflections Brings Out Our Best Donal Neary SJ

This mid-point of Advent alerts us to issues of justice and equality. The prophet John has been asked as a sort of trick by people who exploited others with tax bills, and soldiers who often used their brute force on others how they should repent. His words were tough but quite ordinary ~ don't overcharge, ~ share your surplus with the needy ~ and don't exploit people. It's another, but more figurative way, of stating the basic demands of 'Love one another'.

Christmas can bring out the best in us to care for the needy. We are surrounded by charities looking for aid. We know that Jesus hears the cries of the poor, and he joins every carol singing group trying to help.

Christmas also asks us to consider our honesty and integrity, for we know that many are poor, at home and abroad, because of the greed of others.

Christmas is a reminder and a challenge that all can live with the dignity we have come to regard as human rights - education, safety, shelter, food, water, employment, freedom.

The Christ child who was born poor represents all the poor of the world, especially children. As he was born ordinary, he represents that God who meets, greets and helps us in the ordinary aspects of life. The one who is to come is the one who will live and love according to these truths of human dignity and equality.

*Come, Lord Jesus, child of the earth, child of God.
Come into our world of joy and sorrow.
Stay with us always,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*



Sincere sympathies to the families of

*Catherine Vickers late of Seaview Heights
Anselm Fidgeon late of St Patricks Road*



Mass Intention List

This Weekend 14th & 15th December 2024

6.00pm Pat Byrne(A), Eileen Byrne, Valerie Quinn, Liam Kavanagh
Mary & Gerard Reynolds (A) Tim & Carmel O'Donovan, Edward &
James Byrne, Bill & Kathleen Lyons, Mick Kenny

9.00am Maura McCoy

10.30am Bernadette Waldron (A), Ned, Rose, John & Eddie Hanlon,
Bridie Moody

12.00pm Frank Duignan (1st A), Anna May Phillips (1st A),
Rose Barlow (1st A), May Kavanagh (1st A), Tom Maher,
Mary Heaney, Cllr. Pat Kavanagh (A), Jim & Gay Brennan (A),

16th ~ 20th December 2024

Monday Michael & Esther Doyle & remembering Kate & Paul

7.00pm NO MASS

Tuesday Johnny Goodman RD

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Wednesday Jane McCoy RD

Thursday Willie Hosey RD

Friday Pat O'Rourke - 90th Birthday remembrance,
Eddie O'Neill, Jim Vickers, Hannah Carton,
James Murphy & his father Jimmy

Next Weekend ~ 21st & 22nd December 2024

6.00pm Henry Tobin - 1st Anniversary, Deirdre O'Reilly (CR)
Nick Healy (A), Margaret Healy (BR), Baby Mia Ronan,
Edmond & Ciss O'Reilly, Des Doyle & son Adrian

9.00am Mary Jameson nee Vickers (A), Terry Corkish & son Carl
deceased relatives of Michael & Margaret Jameson

10.30am Michael Gleeson - 1st Anniversary, Liam Heffernan

12.00pm John Noctor - 1st Anniversary, Michael (Mick) Merrigan,
Liam & Tess Whyte, Des & Muriel Whyte, Matt Whyte,
Betty & Patsy Byrne, Tommy & Margaret Hogan

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
8th December 2024**

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1645**
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€ 975**
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€0**

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: Micah 5:1-4

PSALM: 79

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-44

Baptisms in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

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| 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, 9th January 2025, at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Aquinas Duffy : 0404 67196 // Fr Gerard Deegan : 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

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



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT

*Our annual Christmas Carol Service will be on
Sunday 15th December at 4pm in St Patrick's Church.*



*This has become a very
popular part of our Christmas
schedule and is a lovely way to
lead into Christmas week.*

*Our Hospitality Group will be on
hand in the De la Salle Pastoral
Centre with the mulled wine and
mince pies after the service.*

*Why not take a little time out and join us?
Everybody is very welcome!*

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.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Annual Christmas St Vincent de Paul Collection which took place last weekend amounted to €5675. There are still some late donations arriving - we will update the total again in a couple of weeks. Donations may still be left in the Parish Office.

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.



**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**

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.

PLEASE

Do not park in the 'Disabled Parking Bays' unless you have a badge permitting this.

We do have Parishioners who need these spaces and unfortunately it makes it difficult for them to attend the Mass/Service when these spaces are not available.

Unfortunately, these parking spaces are regularly used by inconsiderate people with no badges, which is very unfair to those who genuinely need them.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2024

There is a full schedule of all Masses and Services in the St Mantan's area available in all churches. Please take one home with you to reference over the Christmas season.

WEBCAM

Unfortunately storm Darragh damaged the phone line in the Church so there is no live stream or recording facility available at the moment.

We have reported the matter and hopefully it will be dealt with over the next few days.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE CHURCH.



BINGO!

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

OLD PAPERS ON DISPLAY



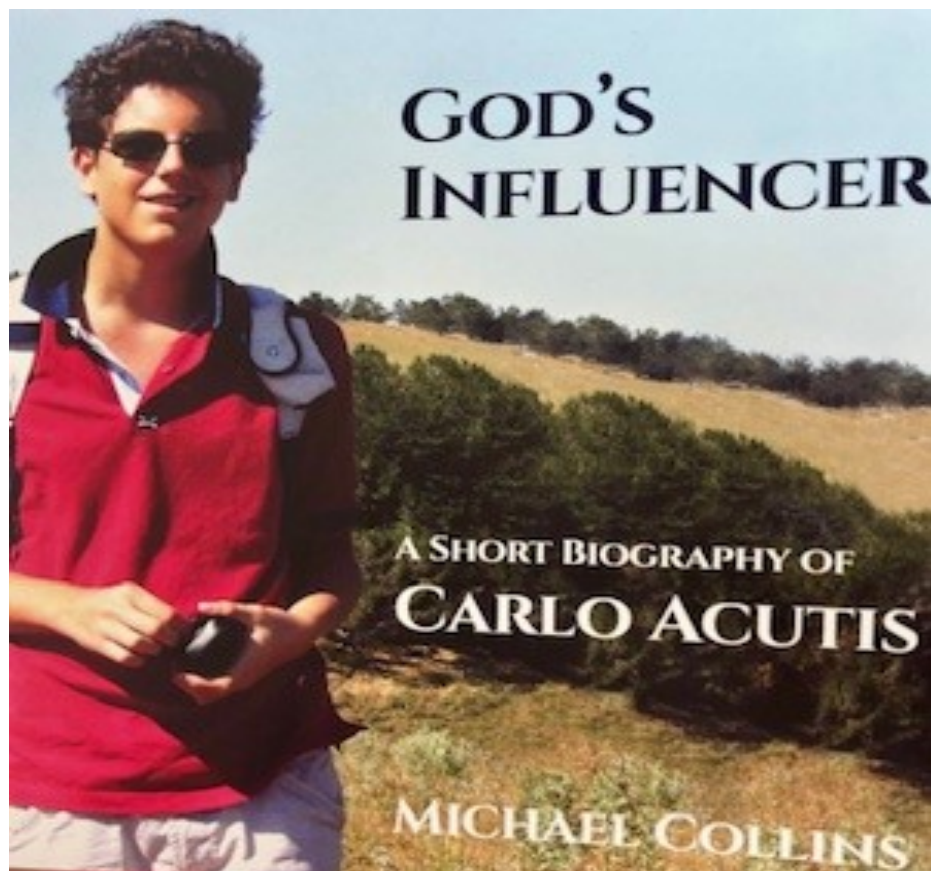
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IN WICKLOW
WITH JIM SCANNELL**

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WICKLOWLOCALSTUDIES@WICKLOWCOCO.IE



Now available to buy in the Parish Office costing €10
 BI Carlo Acutis to be Canonized April 25-27, 2025 at the Jubilee of Teenagers.

Please note.....

There is no Mass in Rathnew on Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th December as priests will be attending Penitential Services in local and surrounding parishes

Popes Intention for December

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter may find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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 12/ 12 / 2024

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Ruth Mackay

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

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves.

– William Arthur Ward