PARISH NEWSLETTER Wicklow & Rathnew RCN 20016166

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C

16th February 2025



Feeling Peace—at the centre of the Beatitudes Donal Neary SJ

On one of my first visits to a Jesuit house, I felt a huge peace - maybe the beginning of a vocation. In bereavement there can be a moment of peace, which seems to come from nowhere: peace of being totally loved by a good friend or spouse, peace, just peace with the children.

There is a peace that comes from faith and love and that is prayer: peace that comes from knowing I am heard, understood and loved. There is a huge need for listening now, for knowing that people care in our world of suicides, addictions to alcohol. We can feel we live in an impersonal world of anxiety and isolation. We need the peace of honest conversation and openness, and the peace of being forgiven.

Peace is not evading difficulty. You are mad worried about a child - somewhere in the middle, like gold in the mud, you find the peace of knowing God's love for you and for him or her. That needs time and a bit of prayer.

It is good to sit each day in silence. Allow this peace to get into you. Breathe in and out, just saying the word 'peace'. That is God's gift to you.

There is also a peace from God in doing good and doing the right thing. Jesus knew it was the best gift he could give. It comes from love.

Back to my first visit that day - what caused the peace? I don't know fully. We can be surprised when we will be graced with the peace of Jesus Christ which the world cannot give.

Give each of us O Lord, that peace beyond all understanding.



Síncere sympathies to the families of

Mary Byrne, Glenview Rd.

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 15th & 16th February 2025

6.00pm Harry & Mena Leonard (A), Maura (Molly) Kelly (A)

John Gannon (A), Jím & Nancy Doyle (A)

9.00am James Heffernan, Deceased members of the

Hollingsworth family of the Rock - James, Brigid &

Derek, Edward Marah

10.30am Tom Murphy (MM)

12.00pm John McAulay (MM), Edward Hanlon (A),

Seamus McCarthy (A), Frank McGovern (A)

17th ~ 21st February 2025

Monday Jim Hollingsworth

7.00pm Ann Ronan (A), Jim Hollingsworth

Tuesday Jane McCoy

7.00pm Yvonne Snell (MM)

Wednesday William & Betty Conway (A)

Thursday Mary & Paul Rice & their daughter Valerie Byrne,

Annie & Mai Phillips & deceased members of the

Phillips family, Dick Fitzpatrick

Friday Joy Riordan

Next Weekend ~ 22nd & 23rd February 2025

6.00pm Joey Doyle & George Byrne, Myles Kavanagh,

Albert, Elizabeth, Peter, Patrick, Noel & Rita White (Anniversaries) & deceased members of the White &

O'Brien families

9.00am John Paul Redmond

10.30am Sean Gregory, Líl Kenny & Paddy Byrne,

Jim & Kathleen Conway

12.00pm Audrey Roberts (MM), Bridget Costello (A)

Kathleen Coogan (1st A) & Martín Coogan (A),

Pat O'Rourke (A), Jim Cox (A), Jim Costello (A),

Jím Kelleher, Gerry Nolan

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

9th February 2025

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

€1660 €1105

€ 930

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: 1Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

PSALM: 102

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

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 <u>Thursday, 13th</u> <u>March 2025, at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre</u>

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





Presented by: Peter Siney-Office for Mission & Ministry, Dublin Diocese Venue: St. Anne's Parish, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18 AW68
Tea & Coffee - 7.00pm (Resource Centre)
Training Session 7.30pm - 9.30pm (Church)
This training is for all current and new Extraordinary Ministers
To register please call (01) 282 2277 or use this link https://forms.gle/

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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

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.

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.



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

St Patrick's Savings Club

Re-opened on
Monday 13th January
1:30pm—3pm

de la Salle Pastoral Centre





Accord will hold its annual collection this weekend,
15th and 16th February, at all masses.
It will replace the Share Collection.

Please support.

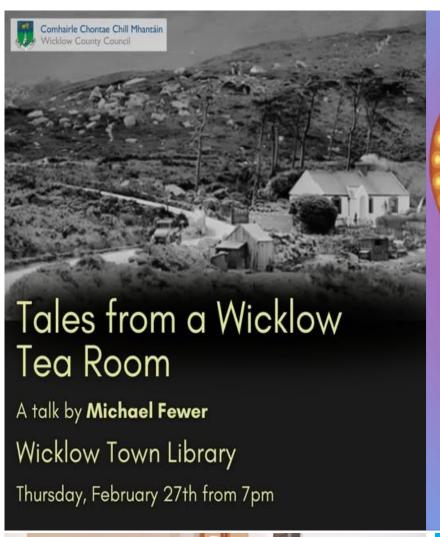


Volunteers required to bring Holy Communion to Knockrobin Nursing Home on a roster basis.

If interested, please contact the parish office for more information on this very special ministry.

PLEASE

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

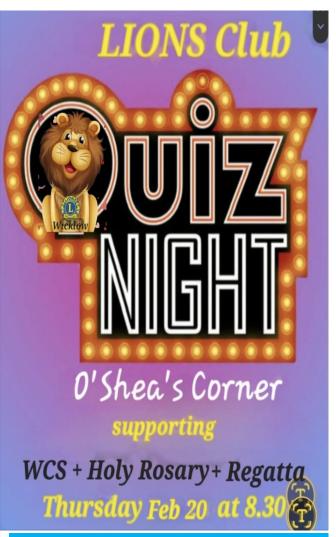




Learning to live & love the Sunday Gospels

Where? An Tairseach,

. Dominican Ecology Centre
When? each Wednesday morning
What time? 10:45am-11.45am
(including a cuppa)



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 13/02/2025 NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK

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The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Sylvia Marah

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,625

Peter 5:7
Cast all your
Cast and on him anxiety on he cares
anxiety on he cares because he cares
because you.