

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

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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.



Sincere 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), Jim & 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, Lil Kenny & Paddy Byrne,
Jim & Kathleen Conway
- 12.00pm** Audrey Roberts (MM), Bridget Costello (A)
Kathleen Coogan (1st A) & Martin Coogan (A),
Pat O'Rourke (A), Jim Cox (A), Jim Costello (A),
Jim Kelleher, Gerry Nolan

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

9th February 2025

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish	€1660
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	€1105
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration	€ 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: 1 Samuel 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 Thursday, 13th March 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



**TRAINING FOR
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION
7.00pm - Tuesday, February 18th**



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/](https://forms.gle/Vza4uqB6V7dkrMDy5)

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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.**

Tales from a Wicklow Tea Room

A talk by **Michael Fewer**

Wicklow Town Library

Thursday, February 27th from 7pm

LIONS Club



O'Shea's Corner
supporting

WCS + Holy Rosary + Regatta
Thursday Feb 20 at 8.30



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



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Sylvia Marah

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,625

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.....

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.