

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Wicklow & Rathnew

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Second Sunday of Lent -Year C

**16th March 2025**



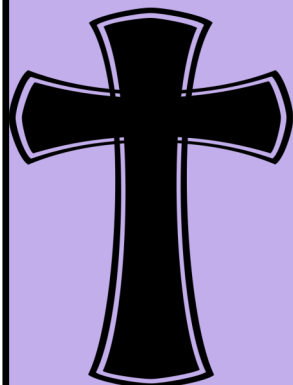
### *Gospel Reflection The real Jesus Donal Neary SJ*

Things are not always as they seem. Underneath a church that I worked in, are a series of underground passages that go on for about a mile! People are the same - when you are talking to someone and they tell you they are very ill, or recovered from addiction, you see more to them. Or you may find out that someone you thought little of visits an elderly person every week. People are not always as they seem. The mountain visit was the same: the apostles saw **J**esus - **s**on of **G**od, radiant in prayer, and in the middle of it all the **P**assion was announced. They saw the person behind the face.

( *There is more to Jesus than you might think.* )

The big truth of **J**esus is that he is intimately united to **G**od the **F**ather. So following him is not just action, but prayer that leads to action. We say someone is a great Christian - he or she helps the poor. Christianity is more - it is also prayer and the **E**ucharist. While we are thankful for the good lives of many people, we also can say that the full Christian life includes more, e.g. prayer, reflection, scripture reading, faith and Mass. It also involves community - the three were called to witness and help each other remember the **L**ord **J**esus. Community brings the word of God alive in a real way. The community of the **C**hurch brings us to fuller faith. **P**rayer leads to action for others, and action leads back to prayer. We can be so close to heavenly things that we are no earthly good! Lent brings us into this mystery of the death and resurrection of the **L**ord - we are part of this, and we try to make life a grace for others. We can either transfigure the lives of others, or disfigure them. Let us be people of the transfiguration.

*Lord show me your face - in myself and in others. Amen.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of*

*Catherine Carey late of Friars Hill*

*Teddy Dunne late of Mount Carmel Ave*

# Mass Intention List

## This Weekend ~ 15th & 16th March 2025

**6.00pm** Jimmy Fitzpatrick (A), Gerry Walsh (A), Thomas Duffy (A), Eileen & John O'Brien, James & Patricia O'Brien, Matthew & Myra O'Brien & deceased members of O'Brien family, Jim Browne (A), Anne Cullen (A), Emily Doyle (A) & her daughter Serena Dunne, Brendan, Katie & Thomas Jacob & baby Florence Jameson. Jim, Nancy, Anthony & Joe Doyle, Ken Beddows & Lilly Beddows, Joseph & Kate Doyle, Gerry, Mary & Audrey Kearns, Paddy Cullen (A), Myles & Ellen Cullen (A)

**9.00am** Kitty Jameson (A), Mae Jacob

**10.30am** Ann Richardson (1st A.) Jack Burke & deceased members of the Burke & Kerrane families

**12.00pm** Bob Jackson (A), Elizabeth (Betty) Vickers (A), Peter O'Halloran (A), Jimmy Doyle, Jim Zeilan (son of Chris née O'Reilly formerly of Lr. Mall), Stella Kavanagh

## 17th~ 21st March 2025

**Monday** St Patrick's Day

**9.00** Maureen Collard (MM), Leo Devlin (A)

**10.30am** Ned Lynch (A), Deceased members of O'Reilly, Monaghan & Hodgkinson families, Frank Kavanagh

**12.00pm** Myles Rowan (A)

**Tuesday** Funeral Mass of Catherine Carey RIP

**7.00pm** Special Intention

**Wednesday** Funeral Mass of Teddy Dunne RIP

**Thursday** Olive Synott (RD)

**Friday** Rod O'Neill (RD)

## Next Weekend ~ 22nd & 23rd March 2025

**6.00pm** Everett Kavanagh (RD), Helen Hennessy (RD), Mary Finlay (A), Deirdre O'Reilly (Birthday Remembrance), Timmy & Lily Kelly (A), Leonard & Anne Kelly (A), Sid, Cis, Anne & Helen Dunne

**9.00am**

**10.30am** John Timmons (A), Jack Hagan (A)

**12.00pm** Mary Malone (MM), Yvonne Cummins (A), Arthur Delahunt (A), Special Intention

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

9th March 2025

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| <b>ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION</b> - goes towards maintaining our parish  | €1410 |
| <b>1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND</b> - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese | €1295 |
| <b>2ND COLLECTION/SHARE</b> - goes towards Diocesan Administration       | € 995 |

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

**FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15**

**PSALM: 102**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12**

**GOSPEL : Luke 13:1-9**

## 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, 10th April 2025, at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre*

## St. Patrick's Day Masses

|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| Rathnew    | 9am               |
| Ashford    | 10am              |
| Wicklow    | 10.30am & 12 noon |
| Barndarrig | 10.30am           |
| Glenealy   | 11.30am           |



# 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



Journeying with Jesus through the lenten Sunday Gospels join us on any or every Wednesday evening to reflect and pray the Lenten Sunday Gospels

Where? 'An Tairseach', Dominican Ecology Centre

What time? 7.30pm - 8.40pm

When? Wednesday evenings

- Wednesday - March 5th (Ash Wednesday)
- Wednesday - March 12th
- Wednesday - March 19th
- Wednesday - March 26th
- Wednesday - April 2nd
- Wednesday - April 9th

Join us for a cuppa afterwards - if you would like!

## 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, information from above no.

**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.

## 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.



## Launch of Ministry Booklet

Sincere thanks to the parish office staff and all who were involved in the launch of the Ministry Booklet last weekend. The booklet was favourably received throughout our pastoral area. We have provided extra booklets, located at the back of each church for those of you who didn't receive one last weekend. The volunteer sheets are also available.

We look forward to welcoming additional volunteers to the pastoral area.



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](mailto: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**

# WHAT ARE THE MASS COLLECTIONS FOR?

## **THE FIRST COLLECTION/COMMUN FUND**

The First Collection is also known as the Common Fund. This was set up years ago in order that all priests got a fair share of the collection regardless of the size or wealth of the parish that they are working in. It also supports the priests of the Diocese, who are sick and retired. Christmas/Easter & Summer Dues are lodged directly into this fund. This fund has been declining over the past few years which means that priests incomes have also been declining.

## **THE SECOND COLLECTION/ SHARE**

The Share Collection is for the Diocesan building fund which helps to subsidise projects in some very poor parishes. It gives financial assistance to parishes who wouldn't have the necessary income to maintain their buildings. It also funds the central services of the diocese which looks after 199 parishes. The money for this collection is also lodged directly to the Diocese.

## **THE WEEKLY ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDER / PLANNED GIVING COLLECTION**

This collection funds the parish. It pays for the day to day expenses of running the Parish as well as maintaining the Churches, our Parish Centre and the Priests houses. You may contribute to the Parish by weekly envelope, Direct Debit/Standing order or annual donation. If you have thought about contributing to the Parish regularly - please arrange for a box of envelopes or a Direct Debit form to be sent to you by ringing the parish office on 61699.

## **TAX RELIEF SCHEME**

The Tax Relief Scheme for donations to Eligible Charities is of immense benefit to the Parish. It is a very simple but effective way of increasing revenue, whereby the parish can claim back the tax paid on any **recorded contributions** of €250 or more per annum. Many people have already signed up for this and it has made a big difference to parish income. If you have not already done so, perhaps you would consider signing up for it now. Full details are available on the parish website or from the office.

As the church is registered as a charity, any contribution of €250 or more (which is €5 a week), allows the parish to claim back up to 40% of that, which is approx. €100, where applicable. However, we do have to be able to link the donations to a donor which is where the envelopes/ Direct Debit/Standing Orders becomes important. The only information that is required from the contributor is - name, address, PPS number and a signature. Please be assured that any information received will be treated with the of confidence and that there is **NO** involvement at all from any tax officials. If you pay income tax and if you have contributed €250 or more to the **Dues and Family Offering**, the Parish can claim back the tax on your donation at no cost whatsoever to the contributor. Please be assured that the parish staff do not have any access to any personal details of any parishioner signing up to this scheme. It is totally confidential.

**Please note that cash placed in the collection baskets does not qualify for Tax Relief as it cannot be traced back to a donor and is therefore added to the Diocesan 1st & 2nd collections**

*A sincere thanks to all parishioners who continuously support the parish through their contributions and to those who have signed up to the CHY3 scheme and we look forward to your continued support in the future.*

# LOURDES



## LOURDES PILGRIMAGE Wicklow Rathnew

26 August 2025

7 Nights

€1,095 per person sharing

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » 20kg bags included
- » Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- » 7 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

For information please contact:

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# You're not alone

Drink problem? We get it...



### AA Open Meeting

Last Friday of Every Month

20:30-21:30  
Kilcoole Community Centre  
A63 X862

All Welcome!  
[www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie)  
01 842 0700

## Alcoholics Anonymous

> [www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie)

> 01 842 0700 (ROI) / 028 90 351 222 (NI)

> [gso@alcoholicsanonymous.ie](mailto:gso@alcoholicsanonymous.ie)



Scan for more information

All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence



Wicklow Town Library

'Grangegorman - The Transportation Story'  
with Joan Kavanagh

The first all-female prison in the British Isles opened in 1836 at Grangegorman in Dublin. A section was set aside to hold female convicts sentenced to transportation. Who were these women? What crimes did they commit? What sentences did they receive?



Booking essential:

0404 67025

Thurs, March 20th @ 7 pm

[wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie)

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 06/ 03 / 2025**

**NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK**



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

**Mary Dunne**

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,650

## PARISH CONTACTS

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

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**Office opening time Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**

**For all enquires and bookings**

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If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return Parish Office or Sacristy

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