

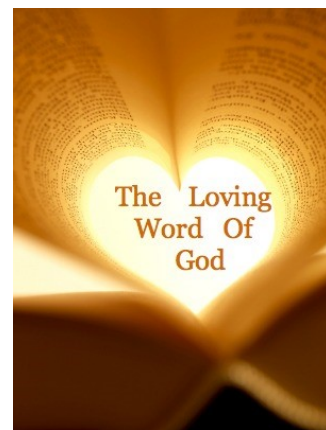
PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

18th August 2024



Gospel Reflections **The Best and the Worst** *Donal Neary SJ*

We can recall the homely smell of freshly baked bread, a good beginning to the day. But bread has to be baked with huge heat for the flour. The wheat is crushed. A way of saying that in life there is the joy and the pain; and things can go wrong. Life's joys and sorrows are a mixture, and much of the best has some of the worst. The bitterest pain can be when the loved one dies, but you would never cancel out the love for the pain. Death is like that – the worst of life leads to the best of eternity. We often find something great in the worst of times. We get a good result in exams and you forget the pain of getting them.

The best and the worst in Jesus' life are in the bread and wine of the Mass. The Eucharist recalls the love of God and the cruelty of the human race, all at the one time. Love given and received, but also torture and death at the hands of cruel people.

At the Eucharist, we hold up the world's goodness and joys, along with its depressions and failures, and ask God to be with us in both. Bread symbolises what is good, wine the pain – this is a way of looking on the Eucharist.

Come and eat – come and offer. The best and the worst. The host we will be host we receive, and is the full and real Jesus, pain and all. It is truly the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

*Imagine Jesus offering you some bread:
this ordinary food is the bread of life.
When we eat the bread and drink of the cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.*



Sincere sympathies to the families of

John O'Brien, Wicklow

Terry Murphy, Merrymeeting

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 17th & 18th August 2024

- 6.00pm** Bridget, Anna & Mark Earls; Molly & Jimmy Tracey,
William Sweeney
- 9.00am** *Maura Brady (RD)*
- 10.30am** Pat Fortune (MM)
- 12.00pm** May Mason (A.), Teresa Dunne (A.)

Please note that Masses in green are in St. Joseph's, Rathnew.

19th - 23rd August 2024

- Monday** Patrick & Dorothy Murphy (A.)
- 7.00pm** *Mark Reilly (RD)*
- Tuesday** Dolores & Ken McLean—Wedding Anniversary
- 7.00pm** *Jean Doyle (RD)*
- Wednesday** Special Intention
- Thursday** Vincent Byrne
- Friday** Ray Billington (A.), Special Intention

Next Weekend ~ 24th & 25th August 2024

- 6.00pm** Charles & Catherine Cullen, Charles, Sr. Paschal
& Sr. Dympna Cullen
Ken McLean (A.), Clodagh McElligott (A.),
Rita Byrne (A.), Margaret Healy (A.)
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Christina Doran (A.), Georgina O'Donovan (A.),
Raymond Howes
- 12.00pm** Marie Crossan (MM), Connie Sallinger (RD),
John Byrne, Mary & Noel Gallagher (A.),

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

11th August 2024

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1945
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1585
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration €1045

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 : Joshua 2-4:1-2,15-18

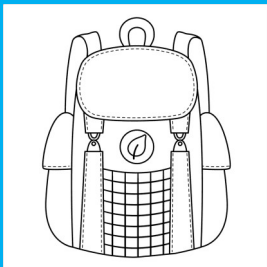
Psalm : 33:2-3, 16-23

Second Reading : Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69



The Family Mass will resume on Sunday, 1st September at 10:30am with the Children's Choir.
New members are always welcome.



Bring your Schoolbag to Mass Day!

The Blessing of the Schoolbags will take place at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, 15th September.

An  Tairseach Autumn 2024 Programme
Booking essential, please contact: info@antairseach.ie / 0404 61833
www.antairseach.ie/events

"THE THIRD DAY OF CREATION"
FRIDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER
WITH OUR EVER-GROWING HUMAN ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE IN WHICH GOD'S OWN OLD DIARIES ARE WRITTEN, THE STORY OF THE GREENING OF EARTH HAS EXPANDED INTO ONE OF THE MOST WONDEROUS IN THE WHOLE OF CREATION. JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND COURSE OF TALKS, EXPEDITIONS, AND INDOOR ENCOUNTER SESSIONS TO DISCERN WHAT THIS ALL MEANS FOR OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S PLAN FOR CREATION AND HOW WE LIVE OUR OWN LIVES.
FACILITATOR: JOHN FEEHAN HOSTED BY: AN TAIRSEACH & THE COLUMBAN ECOLOGICAL INSTITUTE
COST: €350 RESIDENTIAL €250 NON-RESIDENTIAL

LOVING THE LAND
- CONNECTING WITH NATURE WORKSHOPS -
SATURDAYS: 14, 21, 28, SEPTEMBER, AND 5 OCTOBER*, 10.30AM-2PM
THROUGHOUT THESE SEPTEMBER SESSIONS, THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE FOREST BATHING, NATURE AS MEDICINE, AND NATURE-MEDITATION. THE OCTOBER WORKSHOP WILL FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY AS A LENS FOR CONNECTING WITH THE NATURAL WORLD
FACILITATORS:
ANGIE KINSELLA (SEPTEMBER SESSIONS, 20 PARTICIPANTS MAX)
COST PER SESSION: €25 PER ADULT, €10 PER CHILD. ALL AGES WELCOME.
*PETER LOUGHLIN (OCTOBER SESSION)
COST: €40 PER PERSON (AGES 12+)

EXPLORING MYSTERY AT THE HEART OF CREATION
MONDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER
THIS 5-DAY COURSE WILL EXPLORE THE UNIVERSE STORY AS REVEALED BY CONTEMPORARY SCIENCE, AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY.
FACILITATOR:
COLETTE KANE, OP, AN TAIRSEACH PROGRAMME DIRECTOR
COST: €550 RESIDENTIAL €260 NON-RESIDENTIAL

ENTER THE CENTRE - A FOUR-WEEK SABBATICAL
SUNDAY, 6TH OCTOBER TO FRIDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER
JOIN US FOR A 4-WEEK IMMERSION INTO THE JOURNEY OF THE UNIVERSE, EVOLUTION, AND THE IMPLICATIONS THAT MODERN SCIENCE HOLDS FOR A CONTEMPORARY FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING. THIS COURSE WILL EXPLORE THE MYSTICAL DIMENSIONS OF THE CONTEMPORARY COSMOLOGY, THE WISDOM OF CELTIC SPIRITUALITY, AND THE IRISH LANDSCAPE AS A SPIRITUAL STORY.
FACILITATORS:
COLETTE KANE, OP, SHARON ZAYAC, OP, NIAMH BRENNAN, DOLORES WHELAN, ANGIE KINSELLA
COST: €3200 RESIDENTIAL €1500 NON-RESIDENTIAL



**Bishop Donal Roche
will celebrate the 12 noon Mass
in St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow
on Sunday 8th September.**

**A church door collection will take place after all Masses in
Barndarrig, Brittas Bay and Kilbride next weekend,
24th/25th August to present him with a gift to commemorate his
Episcopal Ordination.**

**Refreshments will be served
after Bishop Donal's Mass in the
de la Salle Pastoral Centre.**



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
will now take place on Fridays
directly after Mass.**

*Please note that there will be no
Baptism Meeting
in Wicklow in August. The next
meeting will be on Thursday,
12 September.*

 *Baptism*

**Congratulations to all couples
planning their marriage.**

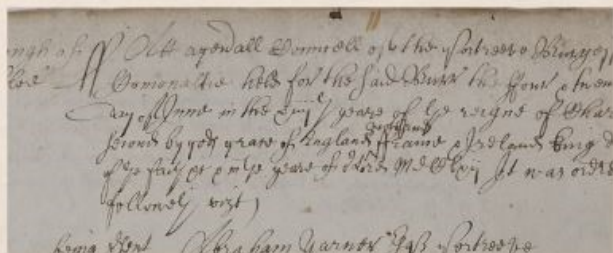
**Don't forget to give 3 months notice
to the parish where you live.
Your local parish is responsible for
organising the paperwork necessary
for the Sacrament of Marriage
irrespective of where the wedding
will take place. Be sure to get in
touch with the Parish Office to make
arrangements to
complete wedding
papers at least 3
months before the
date of the proposed
wedding.**



**Would you like to join our
Wicklow Baptism Team?
Baptisms take place
on the First Saturday and
Third Sunday of each month.
For further information please
contact the Parish Office.**

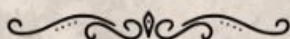
A Wicklow County Council Archives Project

A BOOK LOST IN TIME - REDISCOVERED!



**A Talk About Life in Wicklow Town
in the Late 1600's**

by Local Historian Therese Hicks



**Tuesday 20th August 7:00 - 8:15pm
Wicklow Town Library**

**In the Belly of the Beast: Tales
from Wicklow's Historic Jail**

with Frank Hopkins

Wicklow Town Library



**National
Heritage Week**
A Heritage Council programme



Booking essential:
(0404) 67025
wicklib@wicklowcoco.ie

Thurs, Aug 22nd
@ 7pm

**Baptisms in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area
take place each month:**

in Wicklow - First Saturday at 2pm

- Third Sunday at 1pm

in Rathnew - Fourth Saturday at 2pm

in Barndarrig/Brittass Bay/Kilbride

- Second Saturday at 2pm

Three Mile Water Cemetery

Wicklow County Council will be carrying out the following works in Three Mile ;Water Cemetery over the coming months:-

- ◆ **Refurbishment of the Cross**
- ◆ **Refurbishment of the gate**

The Cross and the gates will be removed from the cemetery for a time.



Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin
Wicklow County Council



**National
Heritage Week**

A Heritage Council programme 2024



CELEBRATING THE TREASURES OF NUN'S CROSS CHURCH,

KILLISKEY PARISH, ASHFORD, CO. WICKLOW. A67 WP83

**This 19th century, Grade II listed Church will be open
by kind permission of Killiskey Select Vestry on**

**Saturday 17th August • Sunday 18th August
Saturday 24th August • Sunday 25th August
from 2.30pm to 5pm each day**

**Talk to be given each Sunday at 3pm on the above dates
by author, art historian and lecturer, Patricia Butler entitled:
NUN'S CROSS CHURCH, CO. WICKLOW
AND IT'S TREASURES, 1817 - 2017**

**Venue: Nun's Cross Church, Killiskey, Ashford, Co. Wicklow. A67 WP83.
Admission Free - No booking required.**

Built Heritage • Suitable for Families • Free Car Parking available • Fully Wheelchair accessible

**Don't forget that Masses in
Wicklow can be viewed live
on the pastoral area website,
www.stmantan.ie**



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Abbey Street,
Wicklow

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from 10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

WICKLOW & RATHNEW BINGOS



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

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 Margaret Geary on 086 0700 758

WICKLOW TOWN

Heritage Trail

JOIN OUR FREE GUIDED WALK EACH SATURDAY MORNING AT 11am commencing from outside the Tourist Office in Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow Town.

Walk will take approximately 2 hours, spending some time at each key location.

These guided walks will take place each Saturday until Saturday 30th September 2024.

For information on the Wicklow Town Heritage Trail, visit www.wicklowtown.ie

The Heritage Trail is an initiative of The Wicklow Town Team and Wicklow Municipal Council and was funded by Wicklow County Partnership.

Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.

Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00am

Choir will resume in September

Autumn Holiday to Sligo—9th-13th September

**** We will be closed for the month of August and resume our Tuesday morning meeting on 3rd September.**

Follow us on our facebook page: **Wicklow Active Retirement**

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring Pauline on 087 227 6760

Summer Dues envelopes available at the Church doors - your support of this collection would be very much appreciated.



Bethany
Bereavement Support

We offer you a safe, free, supportive place to journey through your grief

If you are struggling with your grief and would like to speak with a trained listener then why not come along to our meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow. You will be most welcome.

Or

If you are interested in helping bereaved people yourself, you would be most welcome to join as a volunteer.

A training course will be commencing in the autumn.

For more information phone 087 946 8971

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

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations
Marian Byrne

15th August 2024: €50 raffle winner

Weekly winning numbers: 4, 12, 28, 30

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

Next week's JACKPOT is €3,750

Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!
Join by texting the word WICKLOW to 51444

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.....

The world may drag
you down
a hundred times,
but **GOD** will
always be there to
lift you up
a thousand times.