

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C

19th January 2025



Gospel Reflections Cana: New wine for life Donal Neary SJ

The human side of the gospel today is the huge need of a young couple on the best day of their lives. Jesus hears of their need and the result is the wine for the wedding, but more so, it is the promise of the fullness of God.

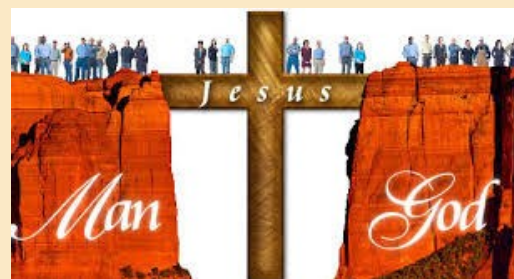
We look for the fullness of life in money, food, sex, travel, security, reputation-none last. Only the simplest joys of life really satisfy in the end, like the joy of love, the thrill of friendship,, the caring in family and the ways we enjoy the goodness of creation.

A man asked once in the hospice at the end of his life -'what is happiness?' 'Find happiness now' was his answer -'be satisfied, be grateful, for what you have, for what you have received, for what God has given you.' There is a fullness of life in being happy with who I am, what I have... and asking God for what he knows I need.

No matter what our age, we can do good for others, we can share the graces of life and the soul can grow. That's what I hope can happen for me as life goes on. In any group of people, some look happy and some look miserable. The happiest are not always the ones who had or are having the easiest life. They are the ones who have found peace with themselves, others and God.

Because of the gift of the fullness of God in 'new wine', we always have a home, here and after - in the heart of our God in Jesus Christ now and for eternity.

*Jesus of the wedding feast of Cana,
give us the faith and hope to know that you can always
make a change for the better,
and the love to live by what we receive.*



Sincere sympathies to the family of

Alice Fox, Wicklow



Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 18th & 19th January 2025

- 6.00pm** Bride Coffey (A), Kathleen Dunne (A), Ena Doyle (A)
9.00am Kathleen Flynn (RD)
10.30am Sarah (Sadie) O'Sullivan (1st A),
John & Eileen Nolan (A), Joan Hastings (A) also Tom
& Michael Long
12.00pm Damien Doyle, Catherine Doyle, Pat Sherlock (A),
Cathy & Eileen Connolly, Molly Power, Ann Redmond,
Mary Bradley

20th~ 24th January 2025

- Monday** Special Intention
7.00pm **NO MASS**
Tuesday Jack & Lily Plunkett (A)
7.00pm Adrian Healy (A)
Wednesday Billy Winters—100th Birthday Remembrance
Thursday Jack, Rose, Jim & Tom Coffey
Friday Special Intention

Next Weekend ~ 25th & 26th January 2025

- 6.00pm**
9.00am **NO MASS**
10.30am Alice Quinn (1st A), Noel Quinn (A),
George Cardiff (A)
12.00pm Marie Smullen, Norman Mason (A),
Kevin Duffy (A)

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
12th January 2025**

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish	€1760
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	€1145
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration	€1025
CHRISTMAS DUES -	€7280

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: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

PSALM: 18

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

GOSPEL : Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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 February 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



Congratulations to the following who were baptised in July and August:

Bháilidh Parker Dunne, Isla Navy Brady Jordan, Rosie Mae Brady, Daisy Kate McIntyre, Oscar Michael Cronin, Nia Andrea Hosey-Newsome, Gia Iris Doyle, Louie Christopher Flood, Tilly Sarah Dutton, Thomas Rory Brophy, Caroline Jane Brophy, Sarah Shane, Sophia Lily Hobbs, Lucy Anna Roberts, Layla Rose Brennan Doyle, Myla Rose Healy, Jack Foley Elias Morais, Lucy Louise Ryan, Bonnie Owens, Aifric Joan Healy.

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.

Mass Schedule B and C.

Mass Schedule B

Weekend 25/26 January // Weekend 8/9 February

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)	NO MASS in Glenealy
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)	
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)	NO MASS in Barndarrig
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)	
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)	NO MASS in Rathnew
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)	

Mass Schedule C

Weekend 18/19 January // Weekend 1/2 February // Weekend 1/2 March

Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)	NO MASS in Ashford
Barndarrig Vigil Mass	7.30pm	(Saturday)	
Rathnew	9.00am	(Sunday)	NO MASS in Kilbride
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)	
Glenealy	10.30am	(Sunday)	NO MASS in Brittas Bay
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)	

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.



Unit 2, First Floor,
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Abbey Street, Wicklow

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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

Will re-open on
Monday 13th January
1:30pm—3pm

de la Salle Pastoral Centre



'The Ascendancy in Wicklow'
Local History Talk with historian
Pat Power at Wicklow Town Library –
Thursday January 23rd @7pm
In his talk titled '*The Ascendancy in Wick-
low*,' historian Pat Power delves into the
rise and social dynamics of the ascendancy
in the county, tracing its development
from the early 1600s through to 1829. The
talk will be richly complemented by a va-
riety of rare illustrations and drawings.
Key topics include the impact of the Big
House, the workings of Wicklow's Grand
Jury System, cultural life and social
themes within the community, as well as
the roles of the Established and Roman
Catholic Churches.
All are welcome. This event is free, how-
ever spaces are limited.
To book call 0404 67025 or email Wick-
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Separated, Divorced, Widowed Are you coping?

Few people are able to cope alone with the pain and loneliness following the loss of a life partner. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Beginning Experience is a peer support group dedicated to helping those who are navigating life alone whether through death, separation or divorce. A team of trained facilitators, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share with you how they coped with their loss. A Three Day Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place on: Saturday 25th, January, 8th and 15th February 2025 (Advance Booking Essential) Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2. For further information contact Beginning Experience 086 0877379, or email: bedublin@gmail.com

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

Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara, Brittas Bay

Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara (Brittas Bay Mxd N.S.), Brittas Bay is enrolling for Junior Infants from January 6th - January 27th 2025 inclusive.

Enrolment Forms for Admission for September 2025 are available on our website:

www.brittasbayns.com.

Application Forms are also available by emailing

brittasbaynationalschool@gmail.com or

phoning Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara on 0404 47488.



***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 there will be no Mass in Rathnew on Mondays at 7pm for the next few weeks.

The next Monday evening Mass will be on Monday, 17 February.

If you have a Mass intention booked for any of the cancelled Masses please ring the Parish Office on 61699 to rearrange.

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 16/ 01 / 2025

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Marie Dunne

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

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The discovery that it is in our power to change our lives by the thoughts we think is the first step toward spiritual mastery.

Alice Hegan Rice

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