

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C

23rd February 2025



Gospel Reflection Walk in the shoes of the Other Donal Neary SJ

A compassionate heart reaches out to many; the Gospel today reaches beyond our own circle to reach many others. This will be the constant call of Jesus. When he wants to say what His father is like he says 'Be compassionate like him.'

Compassion is when we can walk in another's shoes, and try to see, hear and feel the world of another, particularly in bad times. It flows from mercy, which is the biggest quality in **J**esus.

We like when another can enter into our world without judgement and can accept us in love - **J**esus tells us to note this and then practice the same.

The call is to be compassionate to each other and the earth! The letter of Pope Francis, *Lauditio Si* calls for a compassionate care of the earth, as we hear the cry of the poor: that we treat the earth with the love it deserves.

Compassion for others and the earth includes our gratitude. We can look deeply into the people we are close to and thank **G**od (for them!) and for what we like in them and value. We can look long at creation's beauty in the highest Himalayan mountain and the smallest plant and recognise that all is the gift of **G**od. We are to care for the earth and till it, and accept the care of the earth for us, giving us food, drink and refreshment. We are to care for each other to bring out the best in each other. This is one of the Pope Francis's central themes about care of creation.



Lord, thank you for the beauty of the earth and of humanity; may we reverence that beauty for it is from you.

Sincere sympathies to the families of



*Maureen Collard (née Snell), The Bank, Rathnew;
Bridie Turner (née Kearney) formerly The Bank*

Mass Intention List

This 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, George Duffy (A)
- 9.00am** *John Paul Redmond*
- 10.30am** Sean Gregory, Líl Kenny & Paddy Byrne, Jim & Kathleen Conway
- 12.00pm** Audrey Roberts (MM), Kathleen Coogan (1st A) & Martin Coogan (A), Bridget Costello (A), Pat O'Rourke (A), Jim Cox (A), Jim Costello (A), Jim Kelleher, Gerry Nolan

24th ~ 28th February 2025

- Monday** Billy Treacy (A)
- 7.00pm** *Mark Clare (A)*
- Tuesday** Nancy Ryan (A), Elizabeth Whelan (A)
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- Wednesday** Billy Conway (A)
- Thursday** **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE**
- Friday** Jim, Kate & Liz Coffey

Next Weekend ~ 1st & 2nd March 2025

- 6.00pm** Joe Conroy (1st A), Mary & Edward Canavan (A), June Kenny (A)
- 9.00am** *Paddy Ronan (MM)*
- 10.30am** Una Ryan (1st A)
- 12.00pm** Leo Byrne; John McAulay — in thanksgiving for all cards & wishes at the time of John's passing.

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
16th February 2025**

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €2150
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1340
2ND COLLECTION/ACCORD - goes towards Diocesan Administration
€1805

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: Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8

PSALM: 91

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

GOSPEL : Luke 6:39-45

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



LIONS Club
Wicklow



support
for

* **St Patrick's Church Choir**

* **Glebe School**

* **Rugby Under 12's**

Wicklow Golf Club Thurs Feb 27 8.30

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

Our Lady of Fatima's peace plan for children...

Please join us in song and prayer in honour of Our Lady

Saturday 1st of March 2025

We meet at Our Lady's altar at 11.30 until noon.

St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow

*** children must be supervised at all times ***



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.



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

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



**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.



A new roster for Eucharistic Ministers is being prepared at the moment.

Please let Debbie know if you will not be available for two weeks or more.

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.



**RNLI – Charity Concert -
“Thanks for the dance – the Leonard Cohen Story”
featuring Cohen Unlimited.
Saturday 8th March
Wicklow Golf Club 7.30pm.
Tickets €25+booking from gr8events.ie**

Tales from a Wicklow Tea Room

A talk by **Michael Fewer**

Wicklow Town Library

Thursday, February 27th from 7pm

Wicklow Historical Society

presents

Wicklow Men and Women who served in World War II

by
John Goodman

Tuesday 25th February

@8pm

in the

de la Salle Pastoral Centre



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 20/ 02 / 2025

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Lucy Sammon

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.....

Until you walk in my shoes
you probably can't fit, you
may never understand my
journey. Don't judge me. One
day you may have to walk
in my shoes and travel the
same journey.