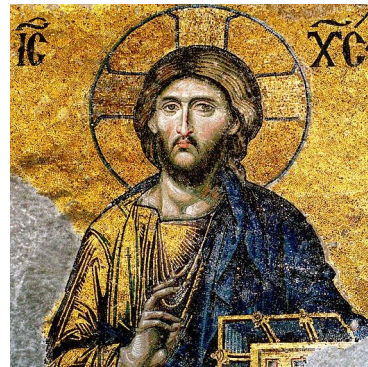


# PARISH NEWSLETTER

Christ the King -Year B

**Wicklow & Rathnew**  
RCN 20016166

**24th November 2024**



## *Gospel Reflections What type of King? Donal Neary SJ*

**A** big thing in life is 'where are you from'? We say 'your accent betrays you'. Sometimes we judge totally on where people are from, as Pilate with Jesus. With all he knew of him and heard, the miracles and the speeches, he asks

*Where are you from?*

*Are you a king really?*

*What sort is your kingdom?*

**P**ilate was intrigued with Jesus and so are we. Our Christian life is getting to know Jesus more, and taking part in his mission. The type of person he was. That he came from God and from humanity. He speaks of the best of God and the best of us, the best of heaven and the best of earth. He is worth our following.

**O**ur role in life, our vocation and our mission is a calling to live like him in love and service. There is the 'from above' in Jesus and much of John's gospel stresses the divinity of Christ. He doesn't look very divine but he does look very human. In the human is the divine. So we could be like him. We become like him by reading about his life and living like he did. He is a king in his truth, justice, compassion and love. The king-defender of the poor.

**A** good ending of one church year leads us to the beginning of another. King and/or Servant. We'll see more of what it's all like in the weeks of December. Meantime we want to live in this reign of God and at the same time pray and live – *Your kingdom come.*

*Picture Jesus with Pilate, mocked and belittled.  
Or on the cross, and recall, 'this man is a king'.  
Jesus, remember me,  
when you come into your kingdom.*



## PARISH CONTACTS

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**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**

# Mass Intention List

## This Weekend ~ 23rd & 24th November 2024

- 6.00pm** Jack Mooney (1st A), Patrick & Elizabeth O'Brien (A), Ben & Maureen Mahon, Kathleen Reburn (A), Ken Wilson (A)
- 9.00am** Terry Vickers (RD)
- 10.30am** Jack, Nellie, John & James Flynn, Rosaleen Earls & Evelyn Kelly
- 12.00pm** Breda Heraty (MM), Peggy O'Sullivan (MM), Philip O'Sullivan (A), Peter Moloney (A) also Maeve & Vivienne, Sean Flood (A), Margaret McGrath (A), Helen Gorman (A)

## 25th ~ 29th November 2024

- Monday** Pat (Sting) Kavanagh (RD)
- 7.00pm** Martha Doyle (A), Tom Crean (Birthday Remembrance)
- Tuesday** Charlotte Saville (RD)
- 7.00pm** Mary Dowling (MM)
- Wednesday** Margaret (Maggie) Redmond & her husband John
- Thursday** Kay Randles (RD)
- Friday** Anna-May Phillips (1st A), Andrew Phillips (A), A.I. Zachariah

## Next Weekend ~ 30th Nov. & 1st Dec. 2024

- 6.00pm** Helen Russell (A), Rory Attley, John O'Brien (A), Rosaleen Earls, Joe Dickenson (A), Kathleen Bunn (A)
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Bridie & Tommy Moody, Henry & Mai Smith, Tom & Mary Cummins, Helen, Jack, Jean & Thomas Murphy, Marie Kenny (A)
- 12.00pm** William Dunne (1st A), Joseph (Joe) Parle (A), Michael & Betty Mooney (A), Merci Ryan, Joseph & Margaret Harte, Eleanor Vize (MM)

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

17th November 2024

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €2065  
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1200  
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration €1030

*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: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**PSALM: 24**

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-14.2**

**GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

**NATIVITY REHEARSALS  
3:15PM EVERY WEDNESDAY  
STARTING 4TH OF  
DECEMBER 2024  
FOR CHRISTMAS EVE 5PM  
SERVICE**



**CONTACT KATIE FOR  
MORE INFO 086 4094013**

### 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



## 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



### Baptism 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

*Please note : The next meeting will be on  
Thursday, 12th December,  
At 8pm in the de la Salle Pastoral Centre*



### *St. Mantan Pastoral Area Funeral Team Ministry*

A meeting for all the individual parish funeral team and funeral team leader members will be held on Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Wicklow to refresh what we do as a funeral team member at a funeral Mass and to develop a parish strategy for the years 2025-2027 as the next step of our Building Hope in terms of what service our funeral team leaders can offer by means of prayers in the funeral home, home, at the graveside etc. in the absence of a priest. We hope that as many as possible will attend.

### LECTIO DIVINO

Learning to Live & Love the Sunday Gospels

When? Wednesdays starting 11th September

Where? An Tairseach Ecology Centre

Time? 10:45am-12 noon

Tea & Coffee Served





# KILMANTIN ART GALLERY CHRISTMAS ART EXHIBITION

30 NOV - 01 DEC 2024



DE LA SALLE PASTORAL  
CENTRE, CHURCH  
GROUNDS, ST PATRICKS  
RD, WICKLOW, A67 FX65

GREAT COLLECTION OF  
AFFORDABLE ART BY  
LOCAL ARTISTS

11.00 TO 4.00 PM

TEA & COFFEE

## 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.

Wicklow Historical Society

presents

Rough Justice  
Law and Order in 19th Century

Wicklow

by

Jim Scannell



Tuesday 26th November

@8pm

in the

de la Salle Pastoral Centre



Thank you so much to everyone who helped out at the unwanted gift sale and who donated and bought gifts. The sale raised €6,000.



ON MONDAYS in the  
DE LA SALLE CENTRE &  
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS  
in ST BRIDGETS HALL -



Christmas O Holy Night LIVE

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The Parting Glass/ Nessun Dorma

The Sunday Independent called them 'FABULOUS...  
The entire audience was moved by their soulful performance'  
All The Songs You Love! Absolute Joy!  
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Special Guests: Local Children's School Choir

**Christmas Market**  
St Brigid's Hall, Rathnew A67X583

FRIDAYS  
22nd NOVEMBER & 13th DECEMBER  
5.30-8.30PM

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 12-4PM  
INCLUDING PERFORMANCE BY  
FYI DANCE ACADEMY CREW  
& more surprises

ARTS, CRAFTS,  
KNITS, GIFTS,  
TOYS & CAKES

RATHNEW WOMENS SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co-funded by the Irish Government, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training (EIST) Programme 2021-2027.

SINGING HILDEGARD

Learn & sing a chant by Hildegard Von Bingen

Medieval Chant  
Weekend Workshop  
with  
Eilish Butler

7-8 December 2024  
An Tairseach  
Wicklow, Ireland

cost: €250  
+onsite accommodation

For more info:  
uncoveryourvoice@gmail.com

Christmas Market

Sunday, 1st December

12pm—4pm

You are all invited to come and support our women from across many districts of County Wicklow.

We come together as a community each week and meet in St. Brigid's Hall in Rathnew for skill sharing, craft and a chat.



# Advent Scripture

*Christmas is coming!*

*Join us for the four Advent Reflective evenings to prepare our hearts for the wonderful feast of Christmas.*

*We will reflect on the four advent Gospels and apply them to our lives just as we are.*

**When:** During the four Wednesdays of Advent, Nov 27th, Dec 4th, 11th & 18th

**Where:** An Tairseach, Dominican Ecology Centre

**Time:** from 7.30pm - 8.45pm.

Finishing with a chat & cuppa for those who wish to join us.

Come along to any or all of the four evenings - you would be very welcome.

Ashford Historical Society will hold its next meeting on Tuesday 26th November 2024 at 7.30 in the Ashford Community and Heritage Centre. Jim Rees, the well known and renowned Arklow Historian & Author will be our guest speaker for the evening on the subject - "Surplus People and the Fitzwilliam Estate Clearances 1847-1854" - reflecting mostly on post famine times on the Wicklow estate". AHS still seek photographs (which will be returned) of people, places and items of historical interest relating to the Ashford-Glenealy area along with stories re-



Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the Christmas Gift Collection for Ukrainian Orphans on Sunday. We raised €2,500.

**The Boathouse Set Dancers  
Christmas Party**

**on**

**Sunday, November 24th,  
2.30pm—5.15pm.**

**St. Patrick's GAA Hall,  
Wicklow**

**Music by  
Cathriona and Pat**

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 / 11 / 2024

**NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK**



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

**Susan Rice**

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,575

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.....

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

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