

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklów & Rathnew

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C



26th January 2025

Gospel Reflections Faith beyond words Donal Neary SJ

Jesus' religious beliefs grew on the word of God. Through boyhood and family life, visits to the synagogue and prayer, he heard the word of God. Gradually he knew what it meant. Now was his time to speak that word, and to begin his ministry.

For Mary and Joseph this was a proud moment. They had given their time and love to Jesus' upbringing and now it would bear fruit. Today parents worry about the faith of their children. They see a different attitude to religion, prayer, morality and many other aspects of life. They wonder did they do their job well.

Much of the culture today goes against God and religion. Parents cannot fight the culture. But they can hand on the best of the gospel by their own faith and by the way they live their lives, by their love and by speaking the truth as they see it. What is handed on in faith is beyond words.

Teachers and Chaplains play a big role in handing on our faith. The Church owes a huge gratitude to teachers, chaplains, priest and lay, who have held that role in very difficult times over the last forty years.

We are all part of the 'faith ministry' of Jesus. By our own prayer we can help a new generation find their way to faith. We hand over worries to the Lord. Prayer gives us the encouragement to support a younger generation in their ways of faith - meditation groups, prayer groups, folk and gospel music Masses, work for and among the poor. God loves our younger generation more than we do!

*Lord may my own faith grow deeper by my relationship with you.
Help those who search for you, especially the young.
Help us all to find your love in our lives, Amen.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Tom Murphy, Dunbur
Yvonne Snell (née Quinn), Rathnew*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 25th & 26th January 2025

6.00pm Special Intention

9.00am **NO MASS**

10.30am Alice Quinn (1st A), Noel Quinn (A),
George Cardiff (A), Yvonne Walsh, Kathleen Cosgrave,
Kara O'Mahoney (RD in UK granddaughter of Rosa &
Liam O'Mahoney, former principals, Rathnew)

12.00pm Marie Smullen, Norman Mason (A),
Kevin Duffy (A), Cathy O'Connell

27th~ 31st January 2025

Monday Charlie & Josephine Kavanagh

7.00pm **NO MASS**

Tuesday Margaret Murray (née Kavanagh), Kathleen Flynn
7.00pm Bridget Doyle (MM) also Paddy Doyle, Jim Ellis &
John O'Connor, Margaret Murphy and her brother
Christopher, Josie Marah & Joan O'Brien (A)

Wednesday Rosaleen Phillips & deceased members of the
Phillips family

Thursday Joseph Mangan (RD)

Friday Patty Byrne (A), Prudence Bonus (A)

Next Weekend ~ 1st & 2nd February 2025

6.00pm Colette Molloy, Patrick & Brigit Mahon, Joe & Vera
Kavanagh, Margaret Hodgkinson (A), Rodney
Hodgkinson (B/day Rem), Billy Earls (A), Michael
Fitzgerald (A), Mary Fitzgerald, Bridget & William
Kilbride, Jackie Sillery, Mary Merrigan Fitzgerald

9.00am Christopher Murphy & his sister Margaret Murphy &
their mother & father, Thomas & Margaret Murphy &
brother James Murphy

10.30am

12.00pm

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
19th January 2025**

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish	€1590
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	€1160
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration	€1065

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: Malachi 3:1-4

PSALM: 23

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

GOSPEL : Luke 2:22-32

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



**Wicklow Historical Society
presents:**

**Wicklow Through the Ages -
Well-known personalities in
Wicklow Town in the late 19th
and early 20th centuries.**

by

Brian White

**de la Salle Pastoral Centre
Tuesday, 28th January
@ 8pm**

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

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,
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.

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

Re-opened on
Monday 13th January
1:30pm—3pm

de la Salle Pastoral Centre



Pastoral Area Funeral Team Members Meeting.

Please be advised that the meeting for the above ministerial team will take place on **Monday 27th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Wicklow.**

Hoping to see as many members as possible at the meeting as we continue to strive towards building our Parish Partnership.

*Study Theology Online,
is this for you?*

*The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 11. Find out more on our website,
prioryinstitute.com*

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



Due to the Red Weather Warning this weekend's newsletter was printed before the Lotto results were announced; the results for 23rd January will be in next weekend's newsletter.

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.....



Faith is a knowledge within the heart, beyond the reach of proof.