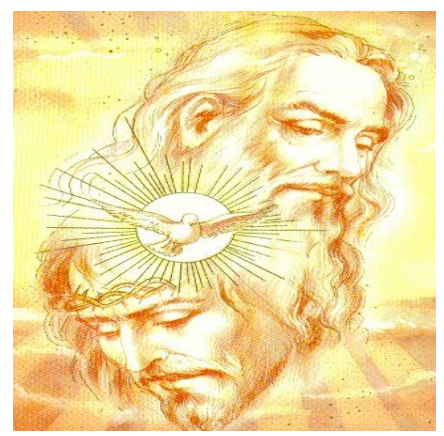


# PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th May 2024

Holy Trinity Sunday -Year B

**Wicklow & Rathnew**  
RCN 20016166



*Gospel Reflections*

**Father, Son and Spirit**

*Donal Neary SJ*

When we think of the word **S**pirit can we think of something lively? A sort of a flow of living water; a cycle race rather than a traffic jam. The flow of life in us rather than the ways we block life. It is the spirit of **G**od whom we call **F**ather, **S**on or **C**hrist and **S**pirit. We live in that sort of love. The church is called to be that sort of community.

The **T**rinity can make **G**od seem totally distant. But that is not **J**esus' **G**od. He is the one who gets right into life, bringing **G**od into humanity as one of us. **J**esus talked so much about farming, weddings, death, illness, joys, trust, creation, nature, breakfasts, gardens, dinners; he is the **G**od of the table more than the **G**od of the temple. His spirit flows in all of creation, love, suffering and joy; He finds us in all things.

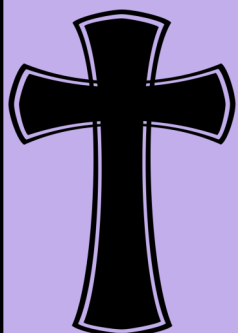
We need that big view of **G**od. He makes everything sacred. Even the name **F**ather, **S**on and **S**pirit.

Our call is to flow with him, to go with the flow of **G**od's **S**pirit. We are the flow of **G**od in the world.

We become what we receive – the love of the **T**rinity in the world. We become like **C**hrist himself as we receive this bread of life, called to be his witnesses. By what we say and do, in all we are.

*Give thanks to the Lord for his presence in the Eucharist.*

*Father, Son and Spirit, enfold me in love, the love of your eternal life.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of*

*Ken McElhenny late of Seapoint*

# Mass Intention List



## *This Weekend ~ 22nd & 23rd May*

- 6.00pm** Patrick & Agnes Byrne, Matt, Billy, Maura & Clare Byrne, Margaret Burke, Phyllis Milmow, John Hogan Eamonn Deehan, Kathleen Michaels, Tommy O'Sullivan Tom O'Neill
- 9.00am** Leo Devlin—*Birthday remembrance, all deceased members of the Devlin & Duffy families*
- 10.30am** Charlie Howes, John & Ellen Malone Michael & Rita Doyle & their son Michael
- 12noon** Yvette Davis, Elizabeth & Joe Yeats, Cyril Nevin

## *24th ~ 28th May*

- Monday** Rose Barlow RD
- 7.00pm** James Doyle (A)
- Tuesday** Arthur Fitzpatrick (A)
- 7.00pm** Ann & Noel Richardson RD
- Wednesday** Betty Kavanagh RD
- Thursday** Barney Sharkey (A)
- Friday** Joe Conroy RD

## *Next Weekend ~ 29th & 30th May*

- 6.00pm** Fr Martin O'Farrell - 1st anniversary, Martin Carr, Peter & Peggy Finnegan, John & Elizabeth Clarke & their son William
- 9.00am** Patrick McNabb - 1st Anniversary
- 10.30am**
- 12noon** Elizabeth O'Toole - 1st Anniversary, Monica O'Rourke Ann Neilan

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

19th May 2024

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1715

1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1115

2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration €1020

*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 : Deuteronomy4: 32-34, 39-40**

**Psalm : 32**

**Second Reading: Romans: 8:14-17**

**Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20**



The Rosary continues every evening at 7.30pm at the Rathnew Grotto for the month of May. Everybody is very welcome to come along and participate in this nightly event. In the event of rain - it will move to the church.

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to attend an introductory meeting before booking a date for the baptism. At this meeting you will be given all the necessary information about the Sacrament of Baptism and the commitment required of the parents who request it for their child. The next meeting will be on

**THURSDAY 13TH JUNE**  
**AT 8PM IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE**

*Popes intention for May ~ Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.*





# PLANNED GIVING COLLECTION

The new packs of envelopes for the next year are now available for distribution. If you don't receive your box of envelopes, please inform the parish office. We would like to thank the team of volunteers who very kindly give up their time to distribute these boxes every year.

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## **THE WEEKLY ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDER**

This collection funds the parish. It pays for the day to day expenses of running the Parish such as electricity, heating, insurance as well as maintaining the Churches, the Parish Centre and houses.

The Parish depends on the Envelope and Standing Orders contributions, in order to continue to maintain and improve the parish.

We are appealing to parishioners who don't use the box of envelopes or the standing order option to consider these options for donating to the parish because unless your donation is in an envelope or paid through the bank, it doesn't stay in the parish.

All loose monies go into the other collections for Share and the Common Fund.

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 is treated with the strictest 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.*



**NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY WEEK**  
May 17th - 26th 2024

Free Events Every Day

Free Events Every Day  
Biodiversity Photographer of the Year  
Backyard Bioblitz  
Biodiversity Scavenger Hunt

www.BiodiversityWeek.ie

## An Tairseach Organic Farm & Ecology Centre Summer School “The Third Day of Creation”

**with Dr John Feehan**

An Tairseach in collaboration with the Columban Ecological Institute is hosting the annual weeklong summer school in May.

In the Book of Genesis, God’s plan for the Greening of the Earth only gets two paragraphs: and they only refer to flowering plants. However, 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 wonderful in the whole of Creation. Join us for five days of talks, expeditions, and indoor encounter sessions, during all of which we will keep a prayerful eye on what it means for our understanding of God’s plan for creation and how we live our own lives.

**When:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

**Venue:** An Tairseach Organic Farm & Ecology Centre.

For more information contact Sr Colette Kane OP email [director@antairseach.ie](mailto:director@antairseach.ie) also see the website events: <https://antairseach.ie/events/>

### Teachers’ Summer School

An Tairseach presents the annual Summer School “Education for Sustainable Development, Knowing our Place: From Stardust to Sand.” This course is approved by the Dept. of Education

**When:** Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July 2024; 10:00 am – 2:30pm (includes lunch, teas/coffee)

**Venue:** An Tairseach Organic Farm & Ecology Centre, Wicklow Town

**Cost:** €100 - Sponsored by the Cabra Dominican Sisters.

For more information contact Sr Colette Kane OP email [director@antairseach.ie](mailto:director@antairseach.ie) also see the website events: <https://antairseach.ie/events/>

### FR DONAL’S ORDINATION AS AUXILIARY BISHOP

The buses going to St. Andrew's Church Westland Row, Dublin, on Sunday 26th May for the Mass installing Fr Donal as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin, will be at St Patrick’s Church at 12.45pm ready to leave at 1pm.

### FOUND

**A sum of money was found in the vicinity of the church a couple of weeks ago.**

**Please contact the office for more information.**

### BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES 2024

Barndarrig Cemetery: Tuesday, 2nd July @ 7.30pm

Three Mile Water Cemetery: Monday, July 8th at 7.30pm

Castletimon Cemetery: Monday, July 15th at 7.30pm

Rathnew Cemetery: Wednesday 17th July at 7.30pm

Glenealy Cemetery: Saturday 20th July at 3.00pm

Killoughter Cemetery: Tuesday 23rd July at 7.30pm



*God is love*



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## WICKLOW & RATHNEW BINGOS



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

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY ON MONDAY 27TH MAY.**

**Summer GIVEAWAY COMPETITION**

THU 30 MAY 2024 7PM

- TAYLOR SWIFT**  
2 x VIP Concert Tickets
- COLDPLAY**  
2 x Platinum Concert Tickets
- €1,000**  
Holiday Voucher

Weekly Lotto Draw **plus a FREE chance** to win in the nationwide Summer Giveaway Competition

### Wicklow & Rathnew Parish Fundraiser

Every line in our lotto draw on 30th May 2024 has a chance to **WIN** our Jackpot and has a **FREE** chance to win one of three sensational Summer Giveaway Competition prizes. This nationwide competition is open to all people who have a ticket in a lotto run by our service provider 'Our Fundraiser'.

### To Win

At 7pm on Thursday 30th May 2024 a participant will be chosen at random by 'Our Fundraiser' for each prize. They must answer the phone within 5 rings and correctly answer the quiz question below to win a prize. This competition is subject to our terms and conditions which can be found at: <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/terms-and-conditions>

**Taylor Swift is playing her June 2024 concerts in Ireland's capital city. Which city is it?**

**(a) Dublin (b) Galway (c) Waterford**



# RATHNEW BINGO

INVITES YOU TO A SPECIAL  
**FUNDRAISER BINGO**

IN AID OF

**ST CATHERINE'S  
SPECIAL SCHOOL**

ON WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE  
AT 8PM IN  
ST BRIGIDS HALL RATHNEW  
A67 X583

# VOLUNTEERS WANTED....



To arrange flowers for the Main Altar in St Patrick's Wicklow and also for the Altar area in St Joseph's Church Rathnew.

The requirements would be to get the flowers, and to arrange and maintain them for a month.

The Parish will re-imburse the cost of flowers on receipt.

If you think you would like to try this out please leave your name and number in the parish office.

## CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Will be on Sunday 2nd June 2024, at 4pm starting at St Joseph's Church Rathnew, following the new shorter route.

All are welcome to join us.

## Mass Schedule B and C.

Mass Schedule B in the event of one priest not being available.

Weekend 6/7 July // Weekend 27/28 July // Weekend 31 August/1 Sept

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)

Mass Schedule C in the event of one priest not being available

Weekend 20/21 July // Weekend 10/11 August // Weekend 14/15 September

Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Barndarrig Vigil Mass	7.30pm	(Saturday)
Rathnew	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Glenealy	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)

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*  
**KIERA KAVANAGH**

**23rd May, 2024: €50 raffle winner**

**Weekly winning numbers: 15, 20, 25, 30**

*Please call into the office to collect your prize.*

***Next weeks JACKPOT is €3,675***

*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 to Parish Office or Sacristy

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