

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

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Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare - Year C

30th March 2025

Gospel Reflection ~Donal Neary SJ *Give me my legacy ... now!*

This is a real family story about breakups and reconciliation, about love that covers all sorts of happenings and about love to the end. It is about a father who loved all the time, and many a parent identifies with it.

Look at a few things... the son had wanted him dead... 'give me the legacy Da'. Everyone knew that. He had shamed the family. And the old man waited for years, hoping that his loved son would return.

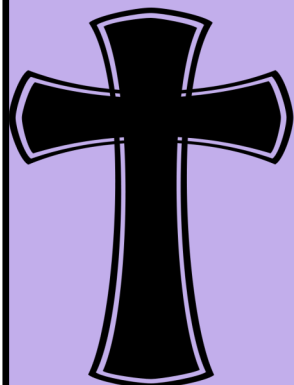
Look at what happened when he came home - mercy took over - the run, robe, ring and the sandals. He was welcomed as a son. The father doesn't even say once that he forgives. He loves totally and that includes forgiveness.

It's mercy all the time. That repairs the loss. The son wanted to be a hired servant and that would have kept the old man at a distance. He was brought back as a son.

The story is also a call on us to have mercy. People all do wrong - often great wrong. We need a lot of mercy in our country now, but we can't hold bitterness forever. The gospel today encourages us to love as we have been loved with the love that is merciful.

And even when we can't do this - like the elder son - we are still loved. The father says - **All I have is yours**. God gives his love all the time and waits for our response. Mercy may take time. And God has all the time in the world.

*Lord have mercy, on me and on all who stray,
today and every day. Amen.*



Sincere sympathies to the family of
Al (Aloysius) Caffrey late of Rathnew
& Ashford
Bridget Gormley, Wicklow Heights

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 29th & 30th March 2025

- 6.00pm** Aidan & Rose O'Rourke (A) Jim, Nancy & Anto Doyle
9.00am Denis Ronan (A) Esther Doyle (A) & remembering
Michael, Paul & Kate Doyle, Margaret Byrne
10.30am Josephine Carraher, Maureen O'Brien (Ann. & Birthday Rem)
12.00pm Victoria Leonard (née Egan) (RD)

31st March ~ 4th April 2025

- Monday** Linda Parle (RD)
7.00pm Tommy (Bam) Corcoran - Months Mind
Maudie Kelly
Tuesday Eddie, Kate & Jack Kavanagh
7.00pm Paddy Vickers (RD)
Wednesday Colm Ffrench
Thursday Special Intention
Friday Altar List of the Dead
7.00pm Altar List of the Dead

Next Weekend ~ 5th & 6th April 2025

- 6.00pm** Eithne Wright - Months Mind, Jack Fox & deceased members
of the Fox & Robinson families, Ellen & John Whelan,
their son Joe & his son Rodney, Eamonn Manley (A),
9.00am Nancy Gill, Kate Quinn & deceased member of Quinn family
10.30am Catherine Keane, her husband James &
Daniel & Bridget Keane, Lillian Kelly (A)
12.00pm Stan J. O'Reilly - Months Mind, Fr Tom Scully (A)

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
23rd March 2025**

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| ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION | - goes towards maintaining our parish | €1515 |
| 1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND | - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese | € 940 |
| 2ND COLLECTION/SHARE | - goes towards Diocesan Administration | €1325 |

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: Isaiah 43: 16-21

PSALM: 125

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:8-14

GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

Baptisms in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

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| 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, 10th April 2025, at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre



QUARTERLY COLLECTION.

The quarterly Church Door collection will take place this weekend 29th/30th March, in both churches

Your support to this collection would be very much appreciated.

EASTER NOVENA CARDS

There are a beautiful arrangement of Easter Novena cards at €5 each, now available in the Parish Office. These are suitable for both the living and the dead and the names will be remembered in nine Masses over the Easter Season.

There are also Easter - I lit a candle cards available for €2 which are also a lovely way to remember someone over the season.

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



FIRST FRIDAY MASSES
4th APRIL 2025

WICKLOW AT 10AM
BARNDARRIG AT 10.00AM
RATHNEW AT 7PM

LOURDES ANNUAL COLLECTION

Will be held on the weekend of the 5th/6th April after all Masses. This collection goes towards helping a person / family who may need extra help to get to / or while in Lourdes. Your support for this collection would be very much appreciated.

Journeying with Jesus through the lenten Sunday Gospels
join us on any or every Wednesday evening to reflect and pray the Lenten Sunday Gospels

Where? 'An Tairseach', Dominican Ecology Centre

What time? 7.30pm - 8.40pm

When? Wednesday evenings

- Wednesday - March 5th (Ash Wednesday)
- Wednesday - March 12th
- Wednesday - March 19th
- Wednesday - March 26th
- Wednesday - April 2nd
- Wednesday - April 9th

Join us for a cuppa afterwards - if you would like!



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. Ring Trish for further info on 086 0129 082

And see Grow.ie to listen to stories of Hope and Recovery.

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.



The death of a loved one can be an overwhelming and isolating experience but you don't have to face it alone

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers a safe, compassionate space where you can share your grief and find comfort among others who understand.

Our trained listeners provide emotional, practical support to help you navigate this difficult time.

Whether you need to talk, to be listened to or simply be present, Bethany is here for you.

Our help is confidential and free

You are very welcome to join us at one of our meetings. We meet at 8pm on the last Tuesday of every month in the De LA Salle Centre in Wicklow. You can call or text us at 086 8359148

You are not alone – we are here for you.

Congratulations to all the girls & boys from St Patrick's School & Holy Rosary School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the week.

The best of luck to the Brittas Bay NS, Gaelscoil & St Coen's NS students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this week.

We hope the families all have a very enjoyable day celebrating this special time in their child's life.

Many thanks to the teachers and the parish coordinators for all the hard work and great effort, that they have put in during the past few months to make this a special day for all the children.



A Mother's Love



A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain

It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away...

It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking...

It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems...

It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation...

A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.

HELEN STEINER RICE

A very Happy Mothers Day to all the wonderful mothers in our parish

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.

LOURDES



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Wicklow Rathnew

26 August 2025

7 Nights

€1,095 per person sharing

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » 20kg bags included
- » Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- » 7 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

For information please contact:

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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**

You're not alone

Drink problem? We get it...



AA Open Meeting
Last Friday of Every Month
20:30-21:30
Kilcoole Community Centre
A63 X862
All Welcome!
www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie
01 842 0700

Alcoholics Anonymous

> www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie

> 01 842 0700 (ROI) / 028 90 351 222 (NI)

> gso@alcoholicsanonymous.ie



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information

All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence

**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 work-
ing soon.**

Apologies for any



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 27/ 03 / 2025

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK

5

9

11

28

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Niamh Tarrant

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,650

PARISH CONTACTS

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For all enquires and bookings

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.....

