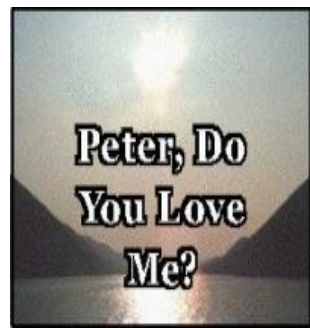




PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st May 2022
Wicklow & Rathnew
Third Sunday of Easter
RCN 20016166



Peter, Do
You Love
Me?

Welcome

*to our Mass and a very warm welcome
to everyone joining us on our parish
radio & online.*

Donal Neary S.J.

Tired disciples

Gospel reflections

Jesus spent time lighting the fire so he could cook breakfast on the seashore. Reminds me of my mother getting the fire ready in the old days so we could make toast with red embers on the long toasting fork. This is Jesus, the risen Jesus. No big apparitions in the sky, but just the simple act in the dawn of cooking bread and fish.

The meal was for tired disciples. Often in the gospel stories he talked about people preparing meals and serving them. He seemed to say a lot through meals and at meals. He allowed a woman dry his feet with her hair at a meal.

In cooking for people love is active. A mother might count up sometime how many meals she has cooked, and call them hours of love. This too is the mission and identity of Jesus. After death and resurrection comes the Spirit of love. Love given, love received and love shared.

The breakfast meal will end with questions about love. Anything real about the resurrection always ends in being sent by God on the mission of Jesus. He gives little instruction about the mission nor even what it may entail. But it entails being led by God. Life for Jesus is life with Jesus and with the grace of God. We are never alone.

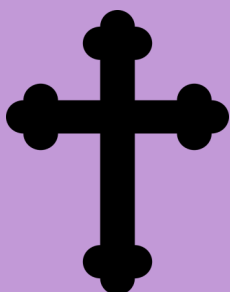
This is the company and the friendship at the source of the life of the soul, and which keeps our unique personality alive. This love comes in prayer and in love and in our loving service of others. This is mission with and for the risen Jesus Christ.

Risen Lord, increase my faith, hope and love.



Sincere sympathy to the family of ...

Bob Kearns late of Castle Park, Wicklow



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 30th April & 1st May

- 6.00pm** Eamonn Conalty - Months Mind, Pauline & Jim Murphy
Bill Bury, Dan Breen, Maura Nicholls, Paul Keelaghan
- 7.00pm** *Veronica Devlin - Months Mind,
Elizabeth Doyle & her daughter Margaret Davis nee Doyle (A)*
- 9.00am** *Joan Lynch*
- 10.00am** Ellen Dunne, Mac Hanlon
- 11.30am** Theresa Whyte - 1st Anniversary, Jack Meehan,
Michael Lavin, Margaret & Tommy Hogan, Michael
Hanlon & deceased members of the Hanlon & Dunne families

2nd ~ 6th May

- Monday** Valerie Carroll RD
- 7.00pm** *NO MASS*
- Tuesday** Peter Moloney RD
- 7.00pm** *Stephen Kavanagh RD*
- Wednesday** Betty Williams, Liam Conway (A)
- Thursday** Jimmy, Pat, Andy & Liam Courtenay, Maura Johnson
- Friday** *Altar List of the Dead*
- 7.00pm** *Altar List of the Dead*
- 7.30pm** *Mass in St Patrick's Church for those who have died or
been bereaved by Suicide.*

Next Weekend ~ 7th - 8th May

- 6.00pm**
- 7.00pm** *Jordan Quinn*
- 9.00am**
- 10.00am** Owen Malone - 1st Anniversary
- 11.30am** Mick Marah, Ann Roche

Please note that the Masses in green type are in St Joseph's Rathnew

St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



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WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,

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WE ARE A VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION SET UP OVER
TEN YEARS AGO TO ASSIST THOSE HAVING
TREATMENT FOR CANCER IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.

WE HAVE VARIOUS OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE IF
YOU NEED TO CONTACT US.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Telephone number 087 123 8054

WICKLOW & RATHNEW

DIARY DATES: MAY

- 31st /1st: Collection for Parish Lourdes Group
1st : Baptisms - Wicklow
8th: Day of Prayer for Vocations.
14 /15: Collection to Support Lay Ministry in the
Archdiocese of Dublin
15th : Baptisms - Wicklow
21st : Baptisms - Rathnew,
26th: Zoom Baptism Meeting - 8.00pm
29th: The Ascension of the Lord,
World Communications Day - Theme: Listen!
31st: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Pope's Intention for May

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### For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young  
people, called to live life  
to its fullest; may they  
see in Mary's life the  
way to listen, the depth  
of discernment, the  
courage that faith  
generates, and the  
dedication to service.



## NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 8TH MAY 2022

First Reading :Acts 13: 14,43-52

Responsorial Psalm 99:1-3,5

Second Reading : Apocalypse 7: 9,14-17

Gospel: John 10: 27-30

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 17th & 24th April

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|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------|
| 1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND                    | - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese  | - € 1997 |
| 2ND COLLECTION / SHARE                          | - goes towards diocesan administration | - € 1045 |
| ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION                     | - goes towards maintaining our parish  | - € 3440 |
| FUNDRAISING APPEAL ENVELOPES                    | - goes towards parish structural works | - € 3300 |
| SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY |                                        | € 510    |

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## 'Sunday Mass: an essential expression of faith'

“We pray in the Mass that it is ‘indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation’ to give thanks to the Lord, and the Sunday Eucharist is our greatest act of thanksgiving. During the Season of Lent, we encourage everyone to return to Sunday and weekday Mass in our churches, welcoming each other back as we gather once more together

From Easter Sunday, 17 April, this will once again be deemed an essential expression of faith for all in our Church in Ireland. As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass, and should keep themselves safe and pray at home until they feel better again.

from the Spring statement of the Irish Bishops' Conference



*“At the heart of the Christian vocation is an invitation, the same invitation Jesus extended to the first disciples, to ‘come, follow me... I will make you fish for people’.” – Archbishop Dermot Farrell.*

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, May 8. That weekend, priests and parishes are invited to pray for vocations to the priesthood in the Archdiocese.**

*LECTIO DIVINA Learning to live and love the Sunday Gospel. On Wednesday mornings 4th & 11th May from 10.45 to 11.45 in the Dominican Ecology Centre. All are very welcome to attend.*

### PARISH PILGRIMAGES 2022

#### MEDJUGORJE - 24th August 2022 - 7 nights

€729 per person in accommodation close to St James Church

Direct return flights, Return airport transfers in Medjugorje,

Breakfast & dinner each day

Full religious programme

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR - Fr Pat O Rourke

More information from Marion O Meara 085 803 1751

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LOURDES - 12th September 2022 - 5 nights

€799 per person sharing in the Hotel La Solitude

Direct return flights, Return airport transfers in Lourdes,

Full board, breakfast, lunch & dinner each day

Mass at grotto, anointing of the Sick, torchlight Procession

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR - Fr Donal Roche

More information from Nancy Colgan 086 1099 112 or

Carol Kavanagh 086 060 1956 or Parish Office 61699

LOURDES COLLECTION - there will be a special collection for the Parish Lourdes Group this weekend - 30th April/1st May - Your support of this collection would be very much appreciated.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

7th May: St Patricks NS at 11.30am

14th May: Holy Rosary NS
at 11am & 12.30pm

15th May: Montessori NS 10am

21st May: Gaelscoil NS 11.30

28th May: St Coens NS
at 11 & 12.30pm



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 - 26TH MAY AT 8PM

This meeting is via zoom.

PARISH VISITATIONS ~ FIRST FRIDAY CALLS

Friday 6th May: Mass will be at 10am in Wicklow & also 7pm in Rathnew

On the First Friday of every month our priests visit Parishioners who are sick or housebound. During these visits, they have a chat, hear confessions and bring Holy Communion. There are regular Masses in both Blainroe Lodge and Knockrobin Nursing homes and also in the Day Care Centre.

Following on from that, our Eucharistic Ministers also visit the homes of those who are housebound every Sunday with the Blessed Sacrament. They always visit in pairs and provide a simple prayer service, followed by Communion. They would normally leave the Newsletter and Sunday Mass leaflet with the Parishioner to allow them keep up to date with the parish.

This is a wonderful service provided by the Ministers and is greatly appreciated by those whom they visit.

As well as visiting the homes of individuals, the Ministers of the Eucharist provide a Prayer/Communion service in the Day Care Centre on a monthly basis and in Blainroe Lodge & Knockrobin every Sunday.

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If you know of someone who would appreciate any of these services please get in touch with the Parish Office in order to include them on the current list. This service is also available on a short term basis, for those who may be just out of hospital or those who are unable to get to the church for whatever reason. This Ministry is a separate one from the weekly or weekend Ministers of the Eucharist - If you feel that this might be of interest to you and you would like to volunteer to be either a driver or a Minister of the Eucharist for the Sick and Housebound, again, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

## **LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION – MAY 14th & 15th**

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection takes place on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15. The Lay Ministry Collection will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future.

Donations can be made online at <https://pay-payzone.easypaymentsplus.com/customer/10012/product-list/>.

## BEALTAINE EVENT: WICKLOW LIBRARY

This event will be on Wednesday morning, 4th May between 10.30 and 12 noon.

There will be a meet and greet session in the foyer of the Library with music, chat and a cup of tea and we are hoping to show people what is available in the library and chat about our plans going forward re the age friendly time slot on the computer adjacent to our front desk etc

Catherine Wright our County Archivist and Gerlanda our Local History Librarian are going to give tours of their respective areas and we have the National Treaty exhibition on the Event floor.

## THIS WEEK'S FEASTDAYS:

3rd May : SS PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES - St Philip was born at Bethsaida and formerly an apostle of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ. St James, the son of Alphaeus and a cousin of the Lord, ruled the Church at Jerusalem, wrote an Epistle, and led a life of penance. He converted many of the people of Jerusalem to the faith and was martyred in the year 62.

4th May: ST CONLETH - believed to come from the Wicklow area. While living as a hermit he was persuaded by Brigid to act as a priest for her community in Kildare. He was venerated as a great saint and Cogitosus, in his "Life of Brigid" she calls him bishop and abbot of the monks of Kildare. He was buried beside Brigid in the great church there.

5th May : BI EDMUND RICE (1762-1844) came from Callan, Co Kilkenny. After his young wife's early death, he sold his possessions and dedicated his life to the education of the poor. To advance the work, he gathered other like-minded men who took religious vows together to work for the Catholic education of boys. He is a model of patient and cheerful acceptance of the sufferings God sends, a true lay apostle and a deeply committed religious.

## UKRAINE COLLECTION

### Message from Mgr. Joseph McGuinness, Executive Secretary of the Irish Episcopal Conference:

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent Special Collection for Ukraine. Nationally, this collection has raised to date over €3.25 million. The war in Ukraine, and the terrible suffering which has resulted, has seen a tremendous outpouring of compassion and generosity from our parish communities. Your contributions will bring much-needed relief to those in the region whose lives and livelihoods have been devastated. The funds raised will be used by the international Catholic Church agency, Caritas Internationalis, which is currently operating on the ground in Ukraine and its surrounding areas. We continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts, praying for peace and an end to this appalling humanitarian crisis.

## PARISH LOTTO

Please note..... There are a few players who have been omitted from the last few draws due to renewal of cards or lost cards, if you wish to continue to play please re-submit the new card details on the login page of our parish fundraiser or get in touch with the parish office.

## Active Retirement - Activities and Trips

Now with 96 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Normal coffee mornings and activities resume this Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Irish teaching @ 10.30 before coffee morning Tuesday

Computer Training 12.15 after coffee morning Tuesday

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, we will be heading to the Library for their Bealtaine Event. There will be a meet and greet session in the foyer of the Library with music, chat and a cup of tea. We will get an opportunity to meet the County Archivist and Local History Librarian, who will give us a tour of their respective areas. Great chance to hear upcoming plans for the library.

Choir, Friday upstairs, in the Pastoral Centre @ 3pm, come and stimulate your vagus nerve, its very good for reducing stress allegedly 😊😊😊

Upcoming events - Village Players Rathnew, present "Separate Beds" and we are planning a trip to Bord Gais Theatre to see the musical "Anything Goes" - dates and prices to follow.

So, watch this space and updates on our facebook page: Wicklow Active Retirement

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring me:

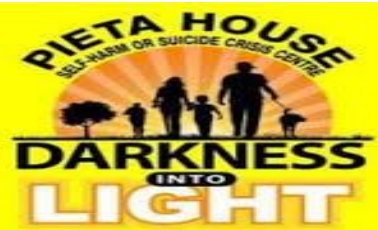
Jenny Murphy (Secretary) 087 6221766 ~ *You will be sure of a Cead Mile Failte.*

**Deadline for receipt of items  
for newsletter is  
Wednesday at 3pm.**

A nationwide Grotto Rosary is due to take place



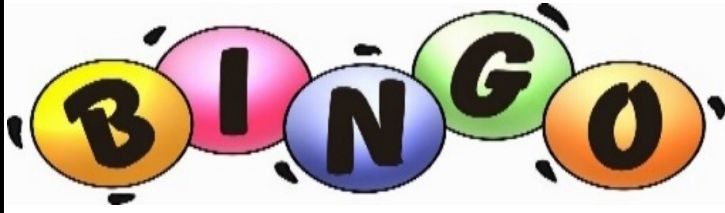
every night for the month of May starting  
at 8pm at the Grotto in Rathnew -  
everyone is very welcome to join us.



The Darkness into Light walks are back. Wicklow Town Darkness into Light Walk in aid of Pieta House will be held on 7th May 2022. Registration is open on line now. For those who don't have access to computers to register for the event the Wicklow Town DIL Committee will hold a Community Engagement Day on Saturday 23rd April 2022, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow Town, 11.00 am - 4 pm. If you would like a hand to register come along and the Committee will help you out. For any further enquires call 087 6557199.

In conjunction with Darkness into Light, there will be a special Mass in St Patricks Church to pray for those who have died or been bereaved by suicide at 7.30pm on Friday 6th May. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

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



Covid guidelines are still in place in the Parish centre, please do not attend if feeling unwell or have been a close contact.

**WICKLOW BINGO CONTINUES IN THE  
DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE  
ON MONDAY NIGHTS STARTING AT 8PM.**

**RATHNEW BINGO WHO HAVE NOW  
RESUMED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 8PM  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DOORS OPEN AT 7.30PM**

Bingo gift vouchers are available to purchase  
- for any amount - at the Bingo or from the  
Parish Office.

## WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Dolores Hanlon** (Dunbur)

**€50 winner**

**THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE**

**17, 20, 22, 26**

**NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE**

**€2,475**

*Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!*

*Join by texting the word  
WICKLOW to 51444*

*or go to the website :  
www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/  
wicklow*

### EASTER DUES

**Easter Dues envelopes are now available. This collection is a vital source of support to the priests of the diocese. All donations go into the Common Fund which pays the salaries of all the priests, including those sick and retired.**

**Your support is greatly appreciated.**

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

Name.....

Contact Number.....

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**You relax on a plane,  
even though you don't  
know the pilot. You  
relax in a ship, even  
though you don't know  
the captain. You relax  
on a bus, even though  
you don't know the driver.  
Why don't you relax in  
life knowing that God  
is in control?**