



PARISH NEWSLETTER



2nd May 2021
Wicklow & Rathnew
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome

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

Donal Neary S.J.

Gospel reflections

www.messenger.ie/bookshop/

Jesus, the Centre

Without some centre of unity, groups lose their way. A team which puts its eyes on money rather than on teamwork will lose games. A family which relies on anything other than love to keep it together will fall apart. The church, the community of Jesus is something similar.

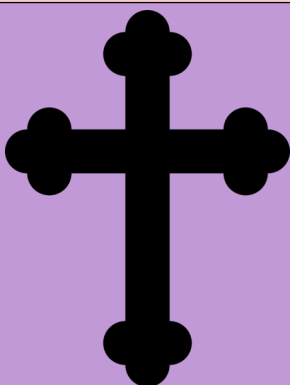
What keeps the church together at its best is Jesus. Human leadership, moral authority, ritual dogmatism, are not the centre of the church. Leadership can fail, moral authority can take wrong turnings and ritual dogmatism can override the concerns of people. The centre of the church is Jesus Christ. Our unity with Jesus is the central bond of the church. He is the Vine, we the branches.

When we have been let down by the church, like in the situations of abuse, or cover-ups by church authority, we are kept going as Christians by our unity with Jesus.

The image of roots and branches, of fruit and tree, all very much part of each other, is what Jesus uses. Another image like this might be the unity or light and colour in a rainbow.

Only if we can look on Jesus Christ as the centre of our faith can church life be sincere and have the energy which will save and change our world.

Imagine yourself being with Jesus; just the two of you. Share what is in your heart and listen to how his word echoes within you. May we dwell in you, Lord, as you dwell in us.



Sincere sympathy to the family of

Sadie Phelan late of Wicklow Heights

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 1st & 2nd May

- 6.00pm *Philomena Cahill - Months Mind,
Jim & Pauline Murphy, Ellen (Nellie) Dunne*
- 11.30am *Noel & Niall Mooney, Grainne & Pat Bolger*

3rd ~ 7th May

- Monday - Tommy, Nell, Aidan & Marie Lydon*
- Tuesday - Tarvy Marah, Aubrey O'Neill*
- Wednesday - Special Intention*
- Thursday - Maura Johnson, Jimmy & Pat Courtenay*
- Friday - Altar List of the Dead*

Next Weekend ~ 8th & 9th May

- 6.00pm *Gareth Dunne, Jordan Quinn
Thomas Power & deceased members of the Power
& Kelly families*
- 11.30am *Oisín & Dymyna Cooney, Mick Marah*

TROCAIRE BOXES can be returned to the Parish Office any morning during the week between 10am & 12 noon.

PARISH OFFICE open Monday to Friday from 10am till 12noon for general enquires, mass bookings, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 25/04/2021

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 600
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 280
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 1930

Many thanks for your continued support.



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 9TH MAY 2021

First Reading : Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

Responsorial Psalm: 97

Second Reading : 1 John 4: 7-10

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

To reflect on the readings please check catholicireland.net / sacredspace.ie / universalis.com

PREPARING A MAY ALTAR IN YOUR HOME

PARISH CHALLENGE.

We invite you to prepare a May altar in your home following an old tradition of honouring the Blessed Virgin in homes during the month of May.

What do we need?

create a space – a small table, shelf area, bookcase
a cloth white or blue/ a statue or image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a candle, flowers will be added on Saturday 1st May – look in the garden or near your home. Then each day of May pause to pray alone or together for Mary's protection and intercession in these times.



Why not send us in a picture of your May Altar, send it to parishofficewicklow@gmail.com and we'll pop them up on the website for May

For the month of May - The Rosary will be recited every Monday through to Friday during May at 7.30pm - why not join us online at wicklowparish.ie. We will continue with Holy Hour on Wednesday evenings which will also include the Rosary. All are very welcome to join us online.



BAPTISMS

After the recent announcement from the government allowing churches to re-open from Monday 10th May, we are now in a position to make arrangements for Baptisms.



We are, however, only permitted to have one family at a time and only with very limited numbers.

We will be resuming the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday 16th May. We will continue to monitor the situation and may have to make changes depending on the demand for the Sacrament.

To arrange a Baptism please contact the office.

ALONE

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

0818 222 024

If you have concerns or queries about COVID-19
call ALONE's dedicated support line everyday, 8am - 8pm.
To volunteer your help, visit www.alone.ie

Many thanks to the sponsor of our newsletter
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www.mccrea.ie - info@niallmccrea.com

OUR WEEKLY LOTTO RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO

SIOBHAN SYNNOTT

WEEKLY €50 RAFFLE WINNER

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS

9, 10, 13, 29

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€1000

Remember -if you aren't in you can't win!

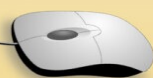
PENTECOST 2021

TARSUS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL

Programme details and free registration
www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie



GRATIS



Free Registration!

SPEAKERS



Jessie Rogers
Babel to
Jerusalem and
beyond:
Acts 2:1-11



Sean Goan
Breathing new
life:
John 20:19-23



Kieran O'Mahony
There is a variety of
gifts but always the
same Spirit:
1 Corinthians
12:3-7, 12-13

Programme
3 lectures
1 Meditation



Announcing TSS Pentecost Programme
3 pre-recorded presentations:

1 Meditation Webinar;

(Our Pentecost Module is free but registration is
essential please)

The pre-recorded content of this module will be
online from Friday 7th May

- "Babel to Jerusalem and beyond: Acts 2:1-11" (Jessie Rogers)
- "There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13" (Kieran O'Mahony)
- "Breathing new life: John 20:19-23" (Sean Goan)

3 pre-recorded lectures available from Friday 7th May

REGISTER NOW!

SACRAMENTS - there is a letter posted on the website from the Archbishop about **First Holy Communion & Confirmation dates**. You will see from that letter that we are not in a position at the moment to arrange dates. But hopefully as the current situation improves— we will be able to do so later on in the year. We will however still be arranging for the preparation of the Sacraments.

MAY CHALLENGE - The Parish will be organising some May challenges for our First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates. Follow us on our Facebook page, this newsletter and also our website for more information .

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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Contact Number.....

Address.....

*But the most beautiful things
in life are not just things.
They're people and places,
memories and pictures.
They're feelings and moments,
smiles and laughter.*

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