

PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd July 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166



Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew– Donal Neary

A simple Cup of Water

The examples are stark in the gospel today: about not preferring mother and father to Jesus; about how, in our care for others, we care for Jesus, and how, in our neglect of others, we neglect him. We need to go beyond the practical example to finding out what is central in our lives and how we see God as central. When God is central, our love can be in the smallest of services to people, like 'the cup of cold water'.

Jesus is not central outside our humanity, and our human relationships. In the real needs of ordinary people we meet his needs. We give the 'cup of cold water' to the person who needs it, not just to Jesus. It's like many stories in the gospel of Jesus helping those in real need. This is the central point of faith.

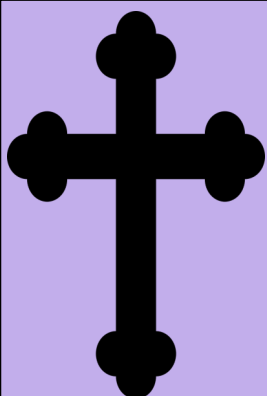
We help in simple ways. This is what Pope Francis refers to in his encouragement of simple love,

'like the warm supper we look forward to at night, the early lunch awaiting someone who gets up early to go to work. Homely gestures. Like a blessing before we go to bed, or a hug after we return from a hard day's work. Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love'(September 2015).

Recall a time when someone helped you in a small way.

Be grateful. Offer yourself to do the same when you can.

Make me, O Lord, a channel of your peace and love when I see the needs of others.



*Sincere sympathy to the family of
Anna Arora (nee Leahy) who died in
Norfolk, England and formerly from
St Laurence's Road*

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 1st & 2nd July

- 6.00pm** Evelyn Goodman - Months Mind, Esha Phelan
9.00am *Special Intention for all the Sick,*
10.30am Jimmy & Peg Howes, Annie Kavanagh,
Stephen Morris, Frances & Richard Wall
12.00noon Michael White

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

3rd - 7th July

- Monday** Ambrose & Philomena Mangan (A)
7.00pm *Gail Boylan - In Remembrance*
Tuesday Eleanor Canterbury (A)
7.00pm *Florence O'Connor - In Remembrance*
Wednesday *Special Intention for all the Sick*
Thursday Michael White, Bridget & Patrick Mahon, (A)
Mary Kavanagh - BR
Friday Altar List of the Dead
7.00pm *Altar List of the Dead*

Next Weekend ~ 8th & 9th July

- 6.00pm**
9.00am *Paddy McNabb - Months Mind*
10.30am Betty & Neddy Fox, Denis Whelan
12.00noon Ann Coffey - 1st Anniversary, Anne Byrne,
Ann Earls, Agnes McInerney, Kay Quill

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We welcome in Baptism.....

*Callum Doyle, Peadar McWalter,
Frankie Franey, Archie Kelly,
Oliver Sheelan Quinn, Cillian Redmond,
Kaia Vickers, Evie Breen, Conan Ruttledge
Evan Ruttledge, Sadie Casey, Louie Galligan,
Isla Cusack, Luke Franey, Noah Franey,
Daniel Farcas, Domhnall Myles, Alfie O'Connor,
Ollie O'Connor, Evie Brennan, Ava Webster,
Lexi Souster, Alexander McTigue,
Archie Jameson, Theo Delaney, Abbie Quinn,
Emily Quinn, Joshua Govindoorajoo.*

A message of thanks.....

On behalf of Fr Pat and myself, I want to sincerely thank everybody involved in organising last Sundays farewell gathering. To the women who planned the day and organised the gifts, to the fantastic hospitality group who put on a massive amount of food and to all those who baked or contributed food.

To Tim Thornton for taking photos and to Dave Earls for providing the music on the day. Many thanks to Paddy Whelan, Pat Egan & Denise O'Reilly for the beautiful kind words.

There was a huge amount of work involved in the day and it was very much appreciated by both Pat and myself.

We also want to thank everybody for the beautiful gifts that we have been given and the very generous donations that we also received on the day.

Thank you to all the parishioners/friends who attended on Sunday afternoon and we also want to acknowledge those who couldn't attend on the day but sent good wishes, messages and gifts.

As it really would be impossible to thank you all individually please accept this genuine note of gratitude from us.

Fr Donal

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 JULY
AT 8PM
IN THE PARISH CENTRE



ADORATION ~ BLESSED SACRAMENT

Continues on Wednesdays in St Patrick's 10.30 am to 11.30 pm, usually finishing with Benediction. **Please note the change of time!!**

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Please note that the final payment for the Lourdes Pilgrimage needs to be paid on or before Friday 30th June. Payments can be given to Nancy or Carol directly or paid into the Parish Office by card machine or cheque - please make cheques payable to the **WICKLOW /RATHNEW PARISH LOURDES**

**An Evening of Summer Songs
with Wicklow Singers.**

**Musical Directors, Frank Kelly &
Rebecca Kelly & Classic harmony.**

**Sunday 2nd July at 8pm in Fatima Hall,
Dominican College, Wicklow
Admission €10.**

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES 7th JULY 2023

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

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is located in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and is open Monday through to Friday from 10am till 12.30 pm for all general parish enquiries, to book in masses / baptisms / weddings, to drop in weekly envelopes, to buy mass cards etc .

*Contact number 61699.
We are very happy to help!*

WICKLOW COPD GROUP - Exercise class to help improve your breathing every Monday in the DLS Pastoral Centre. Fully qualified Instructors Further information from Denis Teevan on 086 8174 703

BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES 2023

THREE MILE WATER CEMETERY ~ MONDAY 10TH JULY AT 7.30PM

CASTLETIMON CEMETERY ~ MONDAY 17TH JULY AT 7.30PM

RATHNEW CEMETERY ~ WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY AT 7.30PM

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

25th June 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €1740
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €1055
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards diocesan administration - € 840

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 : Zechariah 9: 9-10

Responsorial Psalm 144

Second Reading : Romans 8: 9 : 11-13

Gospel : Matthew 11: 25-30

The Pope's Intention for July

For a Eucharistic life.

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



PETER'S PENCE

ANNUAL CHURCH COLLECTION

Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father, as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter, for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

The annual Peter's Pence collection will be taken up this weekend Saturday and Sunday, July 1st and 2nd, and it will replace the normal SHARE collection.

Your support as usual for this collection would be very much appreciated.

**PLEASE
MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF
WHILE IN THE CHURCH.**

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

PARISH VISITATIONS ~ FIRST FRIDAY CALLS

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 also regular Masses in both the 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. There is full training available before anyone commits to this Ministry.

Your help would be appreciated and you would be very welcome to join this team!



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!*

Phone 0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Our office is open Mon-Fri from 10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

## **Volunteer Drivers Required:**

**Do you own a car and have some time on your hands ?**

**Wicklow Cancer Support are seeking to expand their Transport Team due the high volume of demand for this important service.**

**If interested you can ring our Centre on 0404 32696 or 085 7820916 for full details.**

**MEDJUGORJE**



### **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**

**Group Leader: Marian O'Meara  
Led by Fr Pat O'Rourke**

**11 October 2023  
7 nights**

€799.00 per person

- » Return flights from Dublin Airport
- » Transfer to Medjugorje & return
- » 7 nights' accommodation close to St James Church
- » Breakfast & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme
- » Joe Walsh Tours Representative: Philip Ryan
- » Optional Travel Insurance
- » Single room supplement €154.00

For information please contact:  
Marian O'Meara: 085 8031751

# **GROW**

mental  
wellbeing  
programs

**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.

## **Active Retirement Activities & Trips**

**Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland**

**Tuesdays, from 10.45am till 1.00pm / Line Dancing 12 noon**

**Fridays - Choir 3 to 4pm**

**Wednesdays - Walking - meet at 11.00am on the Murrough**

Follow us 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  
Pauline on 087 227 6760

*You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte*

# WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

## *Congratulations*

### KIERAN LEGGETT

29th June 2023: €50 raffle winner

Weekly winning numbers: 10, 22, 24, 29

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

### JACKPOT IS €5000

*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](http://www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow)*

*A sincere "THANK YOU" to all who support this Lotto!*

Please note the Parish Privacy Notice is currently under review. A new version will be published very soon. If you have any questions or require further information, please email Noelle Dowling at [dataprotection@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:dataprotection@dublindiocese.ie).

**Any notices for the newsletter need to be with the Parish Office by 12 noon on Wednesdays.**

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.....

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**BEFORE** you talk, **listen.**

It May change how you respond.

**BEFORE** you react, **think.**

It May change how you do react.

**BEFORE** you judge, **wait.**

It May change your views.

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**BEFORE** you quit, **try.**

It May be the best thing you did.