



PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd October 2022

Wicklow & Rathnew

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time C

RCN 20016166



Welcome

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

Donal Neary S.J. Gospel reflection - Gift of Faith

Interesting that Jesus says we don't need much faith - only the size of a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds in his time. Does he really mean this?

He seems to be saying that faith does not depend on us. It is a gift from God/ which grows throughout our lives 'fanned into a flame', as in the second reading. We need to have confidence in the faith we have rather than always berating ourselves that it is little. In the Christian parish and community there is often more faith than we realise.

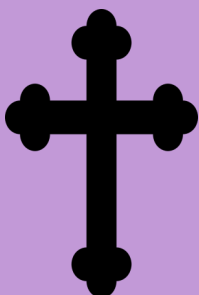
In a parish we have the people who serve the sick and the poor; those who pray a lot and those who worship; those who reflect on faith and question. There are the families where faith is expressed in many different ways. Every moment where we come in touch with the world beyond ourselves, whether directly religious or not, is a moment of faith.

We can trace the history of our own faith and remember personal moments that strengthened the faith. These can be varied - prayer, love, works of justice, the beauty of creation, times of illness and death, sacramental life. What is important is that they are personal moments between us and God, which are privileged times of the growth of the mustard seed of faith.

We need the faith community. We need to work together for the just world recognised in the first reading as the prophet 'denounces violence, contention and discord/ We need the leadership of the community, clerical and lay, to point out ways of faith for our culture and our times, In this way God grows the mustard seed, which is the beginning of faith.

In the end faith grows in surprising ways. God is at work all the time, supporting our faith in varied and heartfelt ways.

Lord, I believe, strengthen my belief.



Sincere sympathy to the family of ...

*Anne Moran nee Kelly late of Castle Park
Stephanie Byrne nee Kinsella late of Castle St.*

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 1st & 2nd October

- 6.00pm** Valerie Manns - RD - ashes interred today,
Philip, Mary, Michael & Paddy O'Brien, Jimmy Dunne,
Frank Kavanagh, Mary Kiernan, Samuel Corkish (A)
- 7.00pm** Shay Coffey, Kathleen Franey, Kit Quinn
- 10.00am** Georgina O' Donovan MM, Lily Cox (A)
- 11.30am** Paddy Kelly - MM, Angela O'Rourke,
Pauline Callanan née Fitzpatrick RD in England
- Please note that the Masses in green type are in St Joseph's Rathnew*

3rd - 7th October

- Monday** Paddy Murphy RD
- 7.00pm** Leslie & Cathal Martin (A)
- Tuesday** Florence Myler RD
- 7.00pm** Special Intention
- Wednesday** Thomas Douglas & deceased members of the
Byrne & Douglas families, Baby Kayden Thomas Keogh,
Special Intention
- Thursday** Dermot Hassett RD
- Friday** Altar List of the Dead
- 7.00pm** Altar List of the Dead

Next Weekend ~ 8th & 9th October

- 6.00pm** Rita Byrne - MM, Valerie Carroll - 1st Anniversary,
Miriam O'Brien, Tom & Helen Fitzgerald, Annamay Gill
- 7.00pm** Thomas Marah
- 10.00am**
- 11.30am** Pat & Sarah Byrne
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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 OCT. AT 8PM IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Please contact the parish office to give your details

MASS SCHEDULE

For the parishes of Wicklow, Ashford and Barndarrig

Saturday Vigil:

6pm Wicklow

6pm Ashford

7pm Rathnew

7pm Barndarrig

Sunday Morning:

9am Kilbride and 9am Glenealy

10am Wicklow and 10am Brittas Bay

11.00. Ashford

11.30 Wicklow

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Donal Roche : 0404 67196

Fr Pat O Rourke: 0404 67133

Wicklow Sacristy: 0404 69031

Parish Office: 0404 61699

Email: parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

Website: www.wicklowparish

Office opening times -

Monday - Friday : 10am - 12.30pm

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

Friday 7th October

10am in Wicklow

7pm in Rathnew



Many thanks to all who contributed to last weeks Vincent de Paul collection in the Parish.

A total of €3745 was donated at the doors and another €633.10 from the church box in the wall. Your support is very much appreciated.

*Learning to live and love
the
Sunday Gospel.
Every Wednesday
morning,
10.45am – 11.45am in the
Dominican Ecology
Centre.
Everyone is very welcome
to attend*

St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



01 855 0022

DIARY DATES: OCTOBER

2nd: Baptisms in Wicklow

Day for Life

4th: Feast of St Francis of Assisi

7th: Children's Day of Mission Prayer

**13th: Baptism Meeting at 8pm in
De La Salle Centre**

Mass of the Angels 7.30pm in Wicklow

16th: Baptisms in Wicklow

22nd: Baptisms in Rathnew

22nd/23rd: World Mission Sunday

Theme: You Will Be My Witnesses

Collection – Mission Sunday

30th: Baptisms in Wicklow



WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,

REAR OF LEONARD & MULVEY (BUTLERS) PHARMACY
ABBAY STREET, WICKLOW

0404 32696 OR 086 821 6694

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.

The Pope's Intention *for October*

*For a Church open to
everyone*



*We pray for the Church;
ever faithful to, and courageous in
preaching the Gospel, may the Church
be a community of solidarity,
fraternity, and welcome, always living
in an atmosphere of Synodality.*

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 9TH OCTOBER 2022

First Reading :Second Book of Kings: 5:14-17

Responsorial Psalm: 97: 1-4

Second Reading : 2 Paul to Timothy 2: 8-13

Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

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



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 25th September

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 565

2ND COLLECTION / SHARE - goes towards diocesan administration € 300

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 3,350



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

The parish offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children who are attending non Catholic Schools.

Parents who wish to present their child for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation are invited to enrol them for a two year programme of preparation.

Classes are held in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre

Classes commence on Tuesday 20th September 2022

Please contact the parish office for further details

GROW MENTAL HEALTH - SUPPORT GROUP

every Wed afternoon at 2.30. for anyone struggling with depression or anxiety or just the stresses of life. Experience new hope and meaning through working on issues together in a peer support setting.

Call Trish Williams on 086 0129082 for more information or just turn up at the Wicklow Parish Centre. Small donations for group running costs are welcome.



The Knit & Stitch Group.

This is a group that meet in the Dominican Ecology Centre every Wednesday afternoon between 2pm—4pm. Bring your hand work, including mending and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a chat.

Free 7-week Zoom course on growing in Christian prayer

Bayside Alpha are running a free 7-week Zoom course on growing in Christian prayer, started on Wednesday the 21st of September at 7.30pm. The course consists of a one hour weekly meeting on Zoom which includes a video presentation, a time for sharing for anyone who wishes to, and short Scriptures to reflect on at home.

The following themes are covered in the course: The purpose of prayer, How to pray with confidence, The pattern for prayer: The Our Father, Praying for a breakthrough, How to pray in a crisis, Why doesn't God always answer the first time I pray?

THE SALE OF THE YEAR IS BACK!

THE UNWANTED GIFT SALE & COFFEE MORNING

Put the date in your diary!

SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER, 2022.

From 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Maureen & her team are accepting unwanted gifts on Thursdays from 10am at The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town
This year we are also having an

UNWANTED CLOTHES SALE

but clothes must be new and with the tags still on

The sale proceeds will go to Wicklow Cancer Support & Wicklow Parish.

(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT SECOND HAND OR USED ITEMS OR BOOKS)



IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER

Now available weekly in the Parish Office costing €2.50

Wanted card players for 45s, 25s, Whist & Bridge please contact 0404 61539 if you are interested in playing.

PARISH VISITATIONS ~ FIRST FRIDAY CALLS

Friday 7th OCT: 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 also regular Masses in the Day Care Centre, Blainroe Lodge and Knockrobin Nursing homes.

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

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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!

*Mass of our  
Angels*

*Thursday 13th October  
at 7.30pm*

*In  
St. Patrick's Church,  
Wicklow*

*This is an opportunity to remember our little  
ones who have passed on too soon*

*For those who have been touched by the loss of  
a child or an unborn infant, you are invited to  
come together for*

*"A Mass of our Angels".*

*Whether your loss is recent or a long time ago,  
you are very welcome to join us for this very  
special Mass.*

*"I will not forget you -  
I have carved you in the  
palm of my hand"*

*Isaiah 49:15*



# Active Retirement-Activities and Trips

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

Follow us on our facebook page: **Wicklow Active Retirement**

Tuesday coffee morning as normal at 11 am in the Pastoral Centre

No other activities this week but normally we have

Irish Class at 10.30,

Line dancing at 12 MD, led by Molly

Choir back on Friday at 3pm, upstairs in the Pastoral Centre—all welcome

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring :  
Jenny Murphy (Secretary) 087 6221766 ~ *You will be sure of a Cead Mile Failte.*

## BOATHOUSE SET DANCERS

Set Dancing in the Boathouse every Tuesday, starting at 8.15pm. Admission is €5. There will be a workshop with Angela Bernard on Tuesday 20th September. All are welcome to join us.



## COPD Support Group

**EXERCISE, SOCIALISE, EDUCATION**

Are you living with COPD? Do you care for someone living with COPD? Then we are the group for you!

- Weekly exercise classes & Social chat
- Exercise at your own pace
- Suitable for all fitness levels
- Fully qualified trainer
- Friendly group
- Great fun for adults of all ages
- Regular COPD expert talks
- ALL WELCOME!

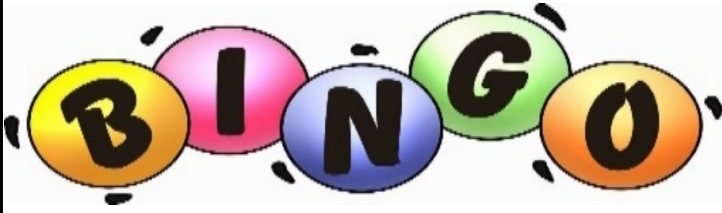
**Wicklow Town COPD Support Group**  
Classes every Friday from 12pm  
Located in the Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town

Contact Denis Teevan 086 817 4703 for more information

To learn more visit [www.copd.ie](http://www.copd.ie) to fill out a membership form

or email: [support@copd.ie](mailto:support@copd.ie)

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**

**CAROLINE KELLY**

**€50 winner**

**THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE**

**3,11,17,23**

**NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE**

**€4,200**

*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*

## Chime in & Play

Suitable for all Babies, Toddlers & Pre-schoolers aged 6mths—4yrs!

Guardians / Grandparents come along and stay for an hour of interactive fun teaching your child a love of music through songs, dance, instruments and more!

Thursday mornings at 11am in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre - new term starting on Thursday 22nd September - booking is essential as places are limited.

Contact Rachel on 086 8330212 for more info or to book your place."

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.....

Address.....

To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks, but a special heart that listens.