

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th March 2023

Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew  
RCN 20016166



## Gospel reflection Donal Neary On the mountain

The hours on the mountain were a huge experience for Peter, James and John, who would always be with him. They saw him in his glory, the beloved son of the Father. There was more to him than meets the eye.

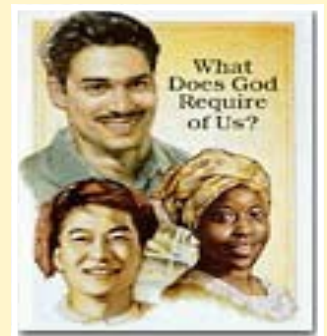
You climb a mountain and you see new views, you see the city from a new vantage point. You see the countryside in its beauty. We need times to climb mountains and get away from the ordinary. Lent is a time like that - as we give something up, we take something on.

From the mountain, we now return home with a good seed: the seed of the Word of God. The Lord will send rain and that seed will grow. It will grow and it will bear fruit. We thank the Lord for the seed but we also want to thank the sower because you were that sower and you know how to do it/ (Pope Francis, 2014)

Whenever we climb the mountain of the Lord or make any journey with him, we are changed. As every mountain is different, so every moment with him is well worth while!

We receive this word of God and we receive our call to share it. The apostles would spend their lives sharing what they got on the mountain, and how it changed them,

*Is there a word or line of scripture that you like and which helps you?  
Repeat it to yourself as a prayer.  
Lord, make me a listener to your word.*



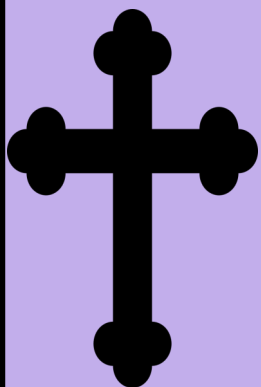
*Sincere sympathy to the families of ...*

*Myles Kavanagh late of High St.*

*Christopher Joseph Jones late of Ballybeg*

*Rathnew*

*Joan O'Reilly late of Kilmantín Road*



# Mass Intention List



## *This Weekend ~ 4th & 5th March*

**6.00pm** Maura O'Brien - 1st Anniversary, Kitty Redmond,  
John Wilson, Adele Doran, Mary & Edward Canavan

**7.00pm**

**10.00am** Ann Jordan, Elizabeth Dickenson & remembering Joe,  
Maura, Jojo & Eileen Dickenson

**11.30am** Teresa Aherne & Joe Earls - both 1st Anniversaries  
Teresa Grace, James Cox, Monina Nagle, Joey Kelly

## *28th February - 3rd March*

**Monday 8am** Special Intention

**10am** Special Intention for a sick parishioner

**Tuesday 10am**

**7pm**

**Wednesday 10am** Caroline Hayes (A)

**Thursday 10am**

**7pm**

**Friday 8am** Margaret & Nick Healy

**10am**

## *Next Weekend ~ 4th & 5th March*

**6.00pm** Jimmy Fitzgerald

**7.00pm**

**10.00am** Jack Burke & deceased members fo the Burke &  
Kiranne families

**11.30am** Betty Vickers, Bob Jackson, Kathleen Doyle, Eileen &  
John O'Brien, Patricia & James O'Brien, Myra &

Matthew O'Brien & deceased members of the O'Brien family

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



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 - 9TH MARCH AT 8PM**  
**IN THE PARISH CENTRE**

Please contact the parish office for more information

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

**26th February 2023**

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 2400  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1500  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - EARTH QUAKE APPEAL - € 8052

*Many thanks for your continued support.*



### **NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS - 12TH MARCH 2023**

First Reading : Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94

Second Reading : Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel : John 4: 5-15, 19-26, 39-42

To reflect on the readings please check [catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

## PARISH CONTACTS

**Fr Donal Roche : 0404 67196**

**Fr Pat O Rourke: 0404 67133**

**Parish Office: 0404 61699**

**[parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com)**

**BBK Website: work  
in progress**

**Office opening times  
Monday - Friday:**

**10am – 12.30pm**

For all enquires and bookings

## MASS TIMES FOR LENT

**DAILY 10 AM MASS IN WICKLOW**

**MONDAY & FRIDAYS 8AM MASS  
IN WICKLOW**

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 7PM  
MASS IN RATHNEW**

**WEDNESDAYS 10AM MASS IN  
BARNDARRIG**

### **EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

**A huge thank you to all who contributed so generously to last weeks appeal for the Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal.**

**A massive total of €8052 was lodged to the appeal and we still have a few late donations to add on to that.**

## *The Pope's Intention for February*

*For parishes - We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.*



### WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,  
REAR OF BOOTS PHARMACY ABBEY  
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.

### GROW MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

every Wed afternoon at 2.30pm 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.

### **DIARY DATES: March**

- 3rd: St Mantann
- 5th: Baptisms - Wicklow
- 9th: Baptism meeting 8pm  
De La Salle Centre
- 17th: St Patrick's Day  
Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland,  
Day of Prayer for Emigrants.
- 18th/19th: Quarterly Collection for  
St Vincent De Paul - Local Conference
- 19th: St Joseph,  
Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 19th: Baptisms in Wicklow
- 25th: Baptisms in Rathnew

### 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  
masses / baptisms / weddings,  
to drop in envelopes, buy  
mass cards etc .  
Contact number 61699.*

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



# WICKLOW/RATHNEW LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

19TH AUGUST - 5 NIGHTS

€879 – PER PERSON SHARING

More information from Nancy 086 1099 112,  
Catherine 68389, Carol 086 0601 956 or the  
Parish Office 61699



## Scripture Reflection

*Making time to pause & reflect  
with others on the  
Sunday Gospels,  
on Wednesday mornings  
from 10.45am till 12noon  
in the Dominican Ecology Centre.  
Tea & coffee is provided and  
everyone is very welcome  
to join us.*

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES 3rd MARCH 2023

WICKLOW & 8AM & 10AM  
BARNDARRIG AT 10.00AM  
RATHNEW AT 7PM

*On behalf of the Parish Lourdes  
Group, Nancy & Carol would like  
to thank the committee of the  
Wicklow Bingo along with all those  
who support the Bingo, for the  
very generous donation that they  
received from the Bingo group on  
Monday night.  
Your kindness and thoughtfulness is  
very much appreciated.*

## Praying Together for Peace in Ukraine

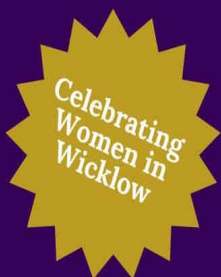
Prayers for peace in Ukraine will continue on the first  
Saturday of each month, in St Patricks Church at 3pm.

Everybody is very welcome to  
attend this prayerful half hour  
of praying for peace to end the  
conflict in war torn Ukraine.

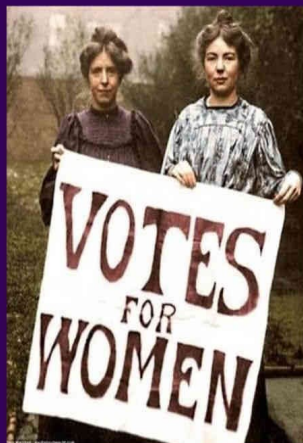
*Lent.*  
A SEASON OF RENEWAL



Preaching the suffrage  
gospel in County  
Wicklow  
with **Rosemary Raughter**



A local perspective on the  
women's suffrage campaign  
1908-1918



Wicklow Library  
Thursday 9th March  
@ 7pm  
Booking Essential

To book call 040467025  
or email  
wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie



**Celebrating International Women's Week at  
Wicklow Library with historian  
Rosemary Raughter Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

As part of their International Women's Week celebrations, Wicklow Library are delighted to welcome Historian Rosemary Raughter to present her talk on 'Preaching The Suffrage Gospel In County Wicklow: A Local Perspective On The Women's Suffrage Campaign, 1908-1918' This talk will examine the most eventful phase of the women's suffrage movement in Ireland as it related to Co Wicklow. These years saw visits from leading campaigners like Hanna Sheehy Skeffington, Margaret Cousins, Louie Bennett and Charlotte Despard, to centres such as Bray, Greystones, Wicklow, Arklow, Baltinglass, Dunlavin and Kilcoole. The talk will conclude with a look at the 1918 general election as it involved and affected women in Wicklow.

This talk will take place at Wicklow Library, in the Exhibition Space on the third floor. To book your place contact Wicklow Library on 040467025 or email [Wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:Wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie)

**Three week Wellbeing  
course**

**'Transform your 'negative'  
feelings into character  
strengths'**

**Wednesdays 8th, 15th &  
22nd at 11am-12.15pm  
at Healthy Habits Studio, Quar-  
antine Hill.**

**€30 or €12 or single session.  
FREE for unemployed.**

**Faciliator - Michaela Avlund,  
wellbeing author and speaker.**

**Phone 086 1692506 email  
[avlund.dk@gmail.com](mailto:avlund.dk@gmail.com)**

**Study looking for adults (70 +  
years) to take part in our Protein  
and Online Exercise classes for  
12 weeks by PhD student  
Catherine Fallon from the  
University College Dublin.**

**All appointments and classes will  
be done from your own home.**

**For more information, please  
contact 0867240910**

**or**

**[Catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie](mailto:Catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie)**

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS - WICKLOW TOWN**

**There will be an information evening on Friday 10th March in the  
De La Salle Pastoral Centre from 6pm till 8pm. There will be  
information on what's available locally and nationally.**

**This will include WRAP, Social Prescribing & Well Being,  
Grow Group, Wellness, Podcasters and Meditation.**

**Everybody is very welcome to this event.**



# 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

Annual General Meeting 28th February

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 Pam on 087 227 6760

*You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte*



## 10AM WEEKLY FAMILY MASS

Best of luck to Katie & Naomi who are the new Family Mass leaders and are starting the Family Mass this week at 10am. We are delighted to be starting this Mass again; and are really hoping that families will volunteer and participate in this Mass. We are looking for families to read, bring up the gifts and of course, to join in the singing and maybe even join the choir.

You would be most welcome.

Anyone who is interested is very welcome to come along and give it a try.

Contact Katie on 086 409 4013

## DIARY DATE : - ST PATRICK'S DAY - 11AM

RTE have approached the parish about allowing them to broadcast Mass live from St Patrick's Church on St Patrick's Day at 11am. This is the first time that they will have been here in the church to broadcast live.

There is a huge amount of background work/ planning & preparation going on at the moment for this Mass with the RTE recording team, our adult choir and priests.

**Please note: the change of time which is to do with the RTE scheduling.**

**This is not the same as the recorded Masses that have been done in the parish for the RTE News channel.**



# WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

## CONGRATULATIONS

# TREASA EARLS

24th Feb 2023: €50 winner : 7, 11, 15, 26  
*Please collect your winnings from the Parish Office.*

## 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)*

*We welcome in Baptism.....*



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.....

“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.”

—Saint Augustine