

PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd September 2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166



Fr Donal Neary, S.J ~ Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew

The Third Day

We meet deep human concerns and feelings in the gospel today. Peter is shocked to the core that Jesus would die; so shocked that he always later seemed to forget that Jesus promised that he would rise on the third day. Jesus talks very seriously about the cost of following him, like the cost of following any commitment in life.

Jesus invites us to live at the deepest level of ourselves. In the area of life where we live and love, laugh and cry, worry and enjoy, hurt and forgive. In all these very personal sides of life, Jesus dwells, since he says that he makes his home in us.

We can call it a sort of "third day" hope. Nothing except love, which is eternal, was final for Jesus. For all the worst things of life there was a third day. The day on which hope would be fuller than any despair, and when life would be more lasting than death. Jesus was like that - when people met him, they remembered him and remembered how he touched the fears and anxieties of their lives with a deep hope.

We are "third day" people, knowing that the love and life of God, promised at our baptism, will always be in the air around us, filling us with the breath of God, and breathing fragrance all around us like the best of flowers. Later they would be raised from final despair and hopelessness at his resurrection. But it took time!

Breathing in and out receive the peace of God.
On the in-breath, let the word 'peace' echo within you.
Lord, may I never lose faith in you.

SALVATION IS FREE,
BUT DISCIPLESHIP
COSTS EVERYTHING
WE HAVE.

- BILLY GRAHAM

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

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 2nd & 3rd September

- 6.00pm** *Gediminas (Gedas) Globys - Months Mind Mass
Noel White, Rita & Sean Bouchier, May Bury,
Betty Ryan RD*
- 9.00am** *Pat Mitchell (In Rem)*
- 10.30am** *Paddy Kelly - 1st Anniversary*
- 12.00noon** *Elizabeth Cox*

4th - 8th September

- Monday** *Kevin Kelly (In Rem)*
- 7.00pm** *Helen Cronin (In Rem)*
- Tuesday** *John Johnson (In Rem)*
- 7.00pm** *Sean Moran (In Rem)*
- Wednesday** *Vincent & Anne Lynott, (A) Special Intention for
Deirdre Mahon who is having an operation today.*
- Thursday** *Deceased residents of Glenview Road*
- Friday** *Helen Russell (In Rem)*

Next Weekend ~ 9th & 10th September

- 6.00pm** *Mark Dunne (A)*
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** *Marion Redmond, James Malone (A)*
- 12.00noon** *Dunny Byrne, Thomas Kavanagh (50th ann)*

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

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Aquinas Duffy PP : 0404 67196

Fr Gerard Deegan CC: 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

**BBK Website: work
in progress**

Office opening times

Monday - Friday:

10am – 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings

PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH & MINISTRY PROGRAMME

Pathways is a two year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, on Thursday evenings in DCU, St Patrick's campus, Upper Drumcondra Rd, Dublin 9, Sept to May 7pm—9pm. Application is now open and early application is advised.

Contact Pathways Director:
Eileen Houlahan at 01 808 7594 or
pathways@dublindiocese.ie

PARISH FACEBOOK

The Wicklow / Rathnew Parish have a Facebook for quite a while now - where we post general church events/ occasions. Please look us up and like and follow us on

[St. Patrick's Church Wicklow & St Josephs Church Rathnew](#)

Kilbride, Brittas Bay & Barndarrig have also got a new Facebook page where we are posting items to try to build up the page and get it out in the community. Please look us up and follow us on

[Parish of Barndarrig-Brittias Bay-Kilbride](#)

PARISH WEBSITE

We are also in the process of updating the website at the moment. It will become a Pastoral Area Website, which will be a great addition to all the parishes in our area. Each parish will have its own platform within the website, and another section that will be common to all parishes.

Work started on it about a month ago but it is still a work in progress at the moment, however we are hopeful that its only a few weeks away now before we launch it.

Many thanks to William Doyle Undertakers for continuing to sponsor the website and agreeing to the review /update on the current site.

JUST TO CLARIFY

The TAP & GO Machines on the stands at Our Lady's Side Door and the Main Door are for Diocesan collections. The donations received on these machines are for both the DIOCESAN COMMON FUND (which goes towards Priests salaries) & also the DIOCESAN SHARE FUND (which helps fund the workings of the diocese and poorer parishes). There is an automatic 60:40 split on these donations.

THIS MONEY DOES NOT STAY IN THE PARISH.

The TAP & GO Machine on the table at the main double doors at the back of the Church, goes towards the running costs of the parish and the donations remain in the parish.

THIS MACHINE IS NOW MARKED 'PARISH'

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

27th August 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 2320
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1445
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - go towards Diocesan Administration - € 960

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 : Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm 94

Second Romans 13:-8-10

Gospel : Matthew 18: 15-20

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 -14TH SEPTEMBER

AT 8PM

IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE

PLEASE

Do not park in the 'Disabled Parking Bays' unless you have a badge permitting this.

We do have Parishioners who need these spaces and unfortunately it makes it difficult for them to attend the Mass/Service when these spaces are not available.

These parking spaces are regularly used by people with no badges, which is very unfair to those who genuinely need them.

YOUNG ADULT CAMINO

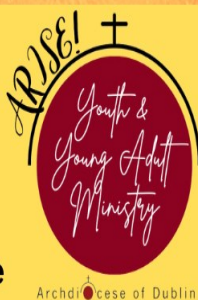
Summer 2024

Register your interest using the
QR Code below



Full Details and Booking
available from September.

Send all queries to:
natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie



The Pope's Intention for September



**For people living on the margins
We pray for those persons living
on the margins of society, in
inhumane life conditions; may
they not be overlooked by
institutions and never considered
of lesser importance.**

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ROSTERS WICKLOW

New rosters have been emailed
to Eucharistic Ministers for the
next six months. Anyone who
doesn't receive the roster by
email can pick up a copy of it in
the sacristy this weekend.

10AM WEEKLY FAMILY MASS



**Family Mass will be resuming on the 17th September.
We 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, please come along to the
practices at 9.45am on the Sunday mornings. Contact
Katie on 086 409 4013 for more information.**

WANTEDthe Parish are looking for volunteers who may be interested in providing a prayer/communion service to the local nursing homes. Full details still have to be worked out as we are in the very early process of checking out the availability of volunteers to allow us provide this service. Some Eucharistic Ministers have expressed an interest in this service— depending on days and times etc. If you haven't already been in touch and think you may be interested—please leave your name and number with the Parish Office. Please note you don't have to currently be a Minister of the Eucharistic or Word as there would be full training provided for this service.



Calling all Gardeners!!

*Are you interested in Gardening?
Have you got a few hours to spare?*

Would you like to join a team of Parishioner's who help to enhance the look of our Church?

We'd love to hear from you - there is one flower bed that is looking to be adopted. Please contact the Parish Office on 61699 for more



We are also looking for volunteers to help out with collecting the baskets

during the Masses and / or emptying them after the Mass. If you think you may be interested in helping out with this—please contact the parish office or one of the sacristans with your contact details.

We would also like to thank all those reliable parishioners who still help in this role. We do appreciate you & your help.



ABBEY BRIDGE CLUB

Summer is over and its time for a game of bridge. The Abbey Bridge Club will reopen in Wicklow Golf Club on Monday 4th September. Please be seated by 7.20. New Members welcome.

WICKLOW BRIDGE CLUB

Hard to believe that Summer is over. We hope you all enjoyed your break. Wicklow Bridge Club reopens on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm in the De La Salle Parish Centre.

We are looking forward to seeing all our members back at the table for a nice game. Please be seated by 7.20pm to facilitate the T D in setting up the tables . New members are always welcome. Call 087 2253136 for further information.

NEPTUNE BRIDGE CLUB

Hope you all had a great Summer and are ready for a game of Bridge. We are starting back on Thursday 7th September in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre Please be seated by 7.20 to facilitate the setting up of the game. New Members of all grades are welcome.

ROYAL BRIDGE CLUB

The new season for the Royal Bridge Club will commence on Wednesday 6th September, and on Monday 11th September. Please be seated upstairs in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town. at 7.25pm, for a 7.30pm start.

Friday morning Bridge will resume in Wicklow Sailing Club at 10am on Friday 8th September. Please be seated by 9.55am. New and returning Members welcome. Contact Bernie Hamilton on 085-8511 581, or Joe on 086-8418 043.

Bridge Lessons will be available in Wicklow Sailing Club on Thursday nights; contact Phyllis Kavanagh on 086-8388 096 to book your place.

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

Tuesday morning meetings will recommence on 5th September

Mystery Tour on Wednesday 20th September

Holiday to Belfast on 16th October.

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



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

PARISH SHOP

The Parish shop is situated in the lobby of the parish office. It has been restocked with new candles, cards and some new general stock. Drop in and have a browse, baptism candles small baby gifts, angel gifts, rosary beads, car medals, visor medals, cards and much more. There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards and ordinary cards available. Shop open same time as office from 10am till 12.30pm.

We are rolling out an honesty policy sale of €5 Mass cards in the church starting next weekend. Full details next weekend.

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

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations

JAN KEARNEY

31st August 2023: €50 raffle winner
Weekly winning numbers: 4, 10, 12, 17

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

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

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.....

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With a new day
comes new strength &
new thoughts.

-Eleanor Roosevelt