



PARISH NEWSLETTER

3RD OCTOBER 2021
Wicklow & Rathnew
Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time



Welcome

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

Gospel Reflections *Reaching Out to Family* **Donal Neary SJ**

The followers of Christ can be caught between valuing the commitment of life's promises in marriage, and compassion for people whose marriages have broken up. Jesus values the commitment too: adultery is condemned as a sin against justice – of tampering in some way with the commitment made of one person to another.

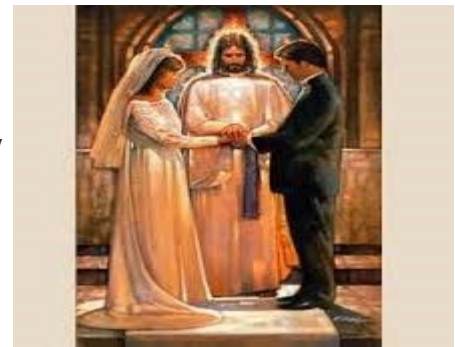
Why is this followed by a comment about children that they should come to him? Obviously from love for children, and also for love of the child inside each of us, the child of God that we all are. So for the child of God who is suffering through the breakdown of commitment, Jesus is saying to come to him, be welcomed into his arms and be blessed.

While trying to value commitment in marriage and also in religious life, he is also reaching out to people who are in difficult, personal situations. We follow him in this, letting go of judgements about people's relationships. We never know people unless we have walked in their shoes and at their pace.

The church has tried in many ways to reach out to people who need care, protection and healing in Pope Francis' Letter on the Family, *The Joy of Love*.

In situations where there are differences in people's attitudes, especially in the family, it is good to keep doors of communication open. This is the way towards greater love and healing, and allowing Jesus be part of every aspect of life. Many parents have been happy in later years that they kept lines of communication open with children whose lifestyles may have been different from theirs.

*Think of a family relationship for which you are grateful.
Lord, may your love be upon us, especially in our commitments.*



God looked at everything he had made, and he was very pleased

Genesis 1:31



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 2nd & 3rd October

- 6.00pm** Tom & Annie Barry, Joe & Katie Carr, Jimmy Dunne, Frank Kavanagh & deceased members of the Kavanagh family
- 7.00pm** Tom Marah
- 9.00am** Special Intention
- 10.00am** Angela O'Rourke, Bernie Neilan
- 11.30am** Noel White & May Mason - both Months Mind, Pat & Sarah Byrne

4th - 8th October

Monday - Mary & Harriet Kieran (A)

7.00pm Special Intention

Tuesday - In grateful appreciation & thanksgiving to all who supported us, over the funeral of our Mam - May Mason RIP, those who sent cards, flowers and helped us during a very sad time.

7.00pm

Wednesday - Helen Fitzpatrick (A)

Thursday - Michael Lambert

Friday - Andrew Grant RD

Next Weekend ~ 9th & 10th October

6.00pm Catherine, Mary, Sarah, Judith & Anne Carr

7.00pm

9.00am Cathal (Cogs) Martin - 1st Anniversary & remembering his grandfather Leslie Martin

10.00am Baby Anthony Mattius O'Rourke

11.30am Miriam O'Brien, Anna-May Gill, Cathal (Cogs) Martin - 1st Anniversary & remembering his grandfather Leslie Martin

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES



The parish offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children 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 commenced on Tuesday 28th September .

Vacancy for a Parish Secretary Ashford/Glencaly Parish

Ashford/Glencaly Parish has a vacancy for a part-time Parish Secretary (15 hours per week).

If you are interested in this position, please post your letter of application and current CV to Fr. Eamonn Crosson, Parochial House, Ashford, Co. Wicklow or by email to eamonncrosson@gmail.com

Closing Date: 5.00pm on Friday, 8 October 2021

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Continues on Wednesdays in
St. Patrick's Church 10.30am to 12 noon
usually finishing with Benediction.*

ALPHA FILM SERIES

Is being run online via Zoom. Alpha is an opportunity to explore the basics of the Christian faith and to ask big life questions.

Why not join us on this exciting 10 week journey?

Its on Wednesday evenings beginning on the 22nd September 2021, plus one Saturday from 8pm to 9.15pm. Over 16s are welcome.

Email: alphawicklow@gmail.com for more information or to book a place.

**Limited availability in the
Parish Office now
Free of charge!**



The Cry of the Earth – The Cry of the Poor

THE CLIMATE CATASTROPHE – CREATION'S URGENT CALL FOR CHANGE

Archbishop Dermot Farrell

Archdiocese of Dublin

RTE MASS - After the success of last months RTE Mass recording, we have been asked to do another recording.

Mass will be recorded live on
Wednesday 7th October at 7am
for anyone who would like to attend in person

The Mass is available to view on the same morning at 10.30am on RTE news channel.

September 2021 ~ New Guidelines

We are delighted that our Churches are now able to take up to 50% capacity of the buildings. We ask people to continue to maintain social distancing within the church. Parishioners will still need to wear face coverings and also have to sanitise hands on the entrance to the buildings. A huge thank you to all our stewards who have given up their time and put so much effort into keeping our churches open.



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 10TH OCTOBER 2021

First Reading : Wisdom 7: 7-11

Responsorial Psalm: 89

Second Reading : Hebrews 4: 12-13

Gospel: Mark 10: 17-30

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 26/09/2021

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 630
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 360
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 1520

St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



01 855 0022

PARISH OFFICE

Is open Monday to Friday from 10am till 12.30pm for general enquires, mass bookings, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Telephone number 087 123 8054

WICKLOW & RATHNEW

Bayside Alpha are running a free 7-week Zoom course on prayer starting on Wednesday the 22nd of September at 7.30pm. The course is called 40 Days of Prayer and consists of a 60 minute weekly meeting on Zoom which includes a video presentation and a time for prayer and sharing. If you'd like to join please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com.]



WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,

REAR OF LEONDARD & 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.

LECTIO DIVINA

6th Century term meaning 'Sacred Reading'

*Learning to live and love the
Sunday Gospel,
on Wednesday mornings,
from 10.45am till 11.45am
in the
Dominican Ecology Centre.
All are very welcome to attend.*



Are you celebrating your
65th, 60th, 55th, 50th, 40th or 25th
wedding anniversary this year?

The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be
on Friday 8th October at 7.30 p.m.
in St. Patrick's Church.

*Invitations will be sent out to couples who were married in St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow, and St. Joseph's Church, Rathnew. We would like to extend an invitation to any couple and their families who were **not** married here, but who are celebrating any of these anniversaries, to join us, on the occasion.*

*If you wish to attend on the night please complete the slip on this newsletter and leave in the Sacristy or Parish Office **as soon as possible**. Following Mass there will be a presentation of Commemorative Certificates and refreshments will be served in the De La Salle Parish Centre after the Mass.*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS 2021

(please print clearly)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE OF MARRIAGE _____

We will have _____ family members with us.

**Deadline for receipt of items for newsletter is
Tuesday at 3pm.**



*St Coen's Rathnew, First Holy Communion Ceremony
Friday 24th September 2021 with Fr Pat & Fr Donal*



*De La Salle Pastoral Class, First Holy Communion Ceremony
Saturday 25th September 2021 with Fr Donal*

THE SALE OF THE YEAR IS BACK!

UNWANTED GIFT SALE, COFFEE MORNING

ART & PHOTO EXHIBITION & SALE

Put the date in your diary!

SUNDAY 7th NOVEMBER, 2021. From 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Maureen & her team are starting to accept unwanted gifts on Thursdays starting on 9th September from 10.30 to 12 at The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town or by appointment on any Wed, Thurs, Friday

This year we are also hoping to add an

ART & PHOTO EXHIBITION & SALE

to this event - so if there are any Artists or photographers who would like to donate a painting or photograph, we would be very grateful. The sale

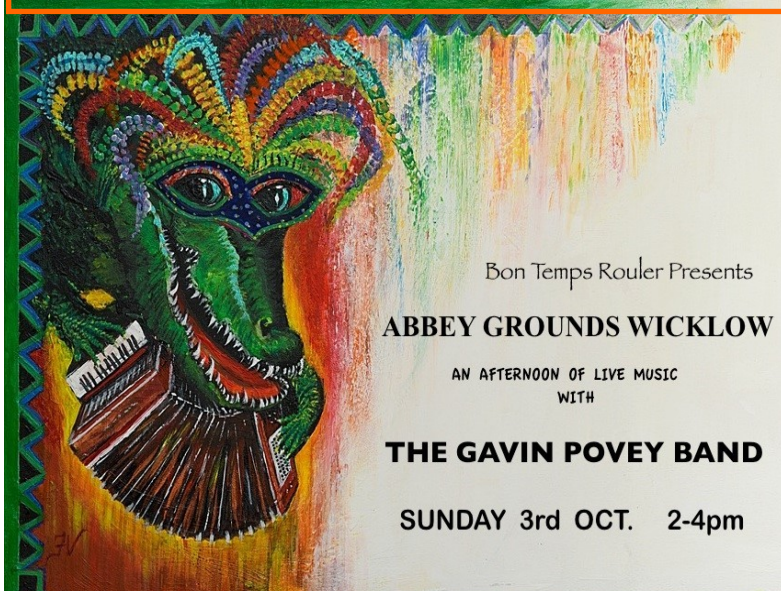
of your donation and proceeds will go to Wicklow Cancer Support & Wicklow Parish.

(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT SECOND HAND OR USED ITEMS, NO BOOKS OR CLOTHES)



NEPTUNE BRIDGE CLUB will reopen on Thursday 7 October (no draw) in the Wicklow Pastoral Centre for fully vaccinated members. Play commences at 7.30 and will be in accordance with Covid Guidelines, i.e. proof of vaccination (first night only) and mask wearing at the table throughout the game. If your own bridge club is not ready to reopen you will be welcomed in the Neptune Club provided you are fully vaccinated. I am sure we are all looking forward to face-to-face bridge again.

WICKLOW BRIDGE CLUB will reopen on Tuesday 5th October in the Ecology Centre, Dominican Convent for fully vaccinated members. Play commences at 7.30pm and will be in accordance with Covid Guidelines - ie - proof of vaccination—first night only and wearing face coverings where necessary, hand sanitising. Looking forward to seeing everybody. New members welcome



Bon Temps Rouler Presents
ABBEY GROUNDS WICKLOW
AN AFTERNOON OF LIVE MUSIC
WITH
THE GAVIN POVEY BAND
SUNDAY 3rd OCT. 2-4pm

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

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 LOTTO RESULTS
CONGRATULATIONS

CAITRIONA MERRIGAN

WEEKLY €50 RAFFLE WINNER
THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

2, 25, 27, 28

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€1,975

*Remember...if you aren't in
you can't win!*

*Join by texting the word
WICKLOW to 51444
or go to the website below:*

www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow

**WARA ~ WICKLOW ACTIVE
RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION**
*meetings will resume on Tuesday
5th Oct at 10.45am*



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

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone in and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not in their experience.

For more information about the groups
<https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on
www.aware.ie

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.....

*Always pray to have
eyes that see the **best**,
a heart that *forgives*
the worst, a mind that
forgets the bad, & a soul
that never loses **faith**.*

