



PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th December 2022
Wicklow & Rathnew
Second Sunday of Advent
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 **Year A: Matthew** **The straight way**

Before the motorways a journey took ages, with twists and turns, corners and hills.
Now much has been made straight.

John's message was that we would live along a path where words and actions match,
and where kindness matches convictions.

John the Baptist was a man on one mission - to be the mes-senger of the one he did
not know. His life had a vision and a purpose, like when we are really committed to
people or to causes or to the poor or to peace in the world. John was the man of desert
food and desert dress; he took time out to find what the biggest thing in life was and
then kept following it, often not knowing where it would go.

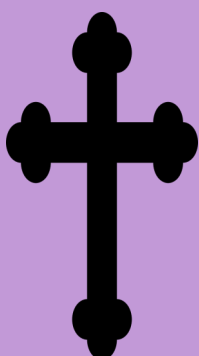
The human heart is complicated and we know that. We need that one who will touch
our hearts with love and forgiveness and guide us himself in ways that are straight,
and whose hand will guide us along straight paths when we need it.

God's guiding is gentle. John found that Jesus was a gentler guide: no name-calling,
no bringing the axe to the tree, but call-ing each of us his friend, and nourishing the
tree rather than cutting it down.

Jesus would melt the snow to make a path, not hack at it and destroy in the process.
Our hearts can be melted by the love of God and love of
others.

Think of, or remember a time when you made a deci-
sion to follow the way of Jesus. Offer this to him again.

Lord God, make our hearts like yours.



Sincere sympathy to the families of ...
Kathleen Reburn late of St Manntan's Road
Siobhan Doyle late of Wicklow Heights
Don Hodgkinson late of Castlefield
John Doyle late of St Laurence's Park

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 3rd & 4th December

- 6.00pm** Patrick Hore - 1st Anniversary, Merci Ryan, Rory Attley, James & Teresa Byrne, Edward Byrne, Michael Kenny, James & Bridget O'Toole & deceased members of the O'Toole & Mernagh families.
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- 10.00am** Joseph Doran, Maura Fadden
- 11.30am** Nick Thermes BR, Joseph (Joe) Parle.

5th November ~ 9th December

- Monday** May & Bill Phillips, Margaret Marah, William Dunne Jnr
- 7.00pm** *Joe Hennessy - 1st Anniversary*
- Tuesday** The Columbian Sisters Magheramore, House & Nursing Home, Jerry McKeever BR & his family, Juanito Santos (A)
- 7.00pm** *Kathleen Murphy*
- Wednesday** Jacqueline Blood
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- Thursday** Jackie Byrne
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- Friday** Jack & Eileen Kinsella, Annie Byrne

Next Weekend ~ 10th & 11th December

- 6.00pm** Kieran Nicholls MM, Liam Kavanagh - 1st Anniversary, Patricia Dunne, Alice O'Rourke, John Casey, Declan Roberts, Brigid Turner
- 7.00pm** *Patrick Mitchell - MM, Valerie Quinn*
- 10.00am** Helen, Jack, Jean & Thomas Murphy, Henry & Mai Smith, Tommy & Bridie Cleary, Molly & Tom Cummins
- 11.30am** Jim & Gay Brennan, Dick Kavanagh BR, Rosanna, Ned, John & Eddie Hanson, Bridie Moody, Pat Kavanagh, Anna & Noel Murphy, Carmel Wyatt, Jenny Earls

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 - 8TH DEC. 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

MASS TIMES FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8th December

Wednesday 7th December vigil:

Wicklow 7pm, Barndarrig 8pm

Thursday 8th December:

**Wicklow 10am, Brittas Bay 10am,
Rathnew 7pm**

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

HOLY HOUR

Has been suspended until January

DAILY ROSARY

9:30am Monday to Friday before
the 10am Mass

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

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST ENVELOPES



*Lists are now available at
the Church doors & parish office, please
take one home with you and fill out the
sheet with the names of your deceased
family and friends.*

*They will be remembered
at the Mass on the First
Fridays of every month for
the next year.*



St. Patrick's N.S.

A copy of the school's Admission Policy and the Application Form for Admission for the 2023/2024 is available as follows:

Pre Enrolment Form to download at: www.stpatsnswicklow.ie under Enrolment and submit online

On request: By emailing stpatswicklow@gmail.com or Phoning St Patrick's National School, St Patrick's Road Wicklow on 0404 67415

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

Application Forms for Admissions for September 2023 are available on our website: www.holyrosaryschoolwicklow.ie from Tuesday 8th November until 12pm on Monday 28th November 2022.

St. Coen's N.S., Rathnew

St. Coen's N.S. is enrolling for Junior Infants from November 8th - 28th inclusive.

Enrolment can be done on the school website www.stcoens.com or at the school reception between 9:00am and 2:30pm Monday to Friday.

ADORATION TEAM

The Adoration Team is there to provide a continuous presence during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which takes place on Wednesdays from 10.30am till 12 noon. So, for this purpose, two team members are rostered to be there all the time. If you would like to join the team, please leave your contact details in the sacristy or with the Parish Office.

The Pope's Intention for December

For volunteer not-for-profit organisations



We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 11TH DECEMBER 2022

First Reading : Isaiah 35: 1-6,10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145: 6-10

Second Reading : James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11.:2-11

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 27th Nov

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - **€820**

2ND COLLECTION / SHARE - goes towards diocesan administration - **€410**

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - **€2395**

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT

*Our annual Christmas Carol Service will be on
Sunday 18th December at 4pm in St Patrick's Church.*



This has become a very popular part of our Christmas schedule and is a lovely way to lead into the Christmas season.

Our Hospitality Group will be on hand in the De la Salle Pastoral Centre with the mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

*Why not take a little time out and join us?
Everybody is very welcome!*

 **Christmas**
Food Drive

Now till 6th December

to help those who need some extra help this year.

In conjunction with the Wicklow Guide, Brigini & Cygnet group & the local Lions club.

All donations of non-perishable goods and toiletries welcome.

Donations can be left in the Parish Office or Sacristy

Advent Scripture

You are invited to make a little space in your life during the busy time leading up to Christmas by exploring, living & praying with the beautiful Advent Gospels.

When: During the 4 Wednesdays of Advent, Nov 23rd & 30th, Dec 7th & 14th
Where: Dominican Ecology Centre from 7.30pm - 8.30pm.
Finishing with a chat & cuppa for those who wish - all are very welcome.



CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS

We are hoping to start work on the Christmas nativities for Christmas Eve/Day. If you think your child would like to be involved in the plays or reading, please come along to the practice next Wednesday 7th December, at 3.30pm in St Patrick's Church. If you think you may be interested in becoming involved in any way — please contact Katie on 086 409 4013 for more information



CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS CARDS are now available in the Parish Office at €5 each. These are suitable for both the living and the dead. Each person named will be remembered in the nine novena Masses over the Christmas season.

RATHNEW CRAFT FAIR & MARKET

PRESENTS **CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET** -

from 12noon till 4pm on the 4th & 11th December.

Over 20 stalls of locally crafted goods,
in Rathnew Community Centre,
St Brigid's Hall, A67 X583



**St Patrick's Conference
Wicklow**

01 855 0022



As Christmas approaches, SVP is currently receiving 800 requests for help every day.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to support those seeking assistance to the best of our availability. The many families that are helped are faced daily with impossible choices, but at this time of year, for many, these impossible choices get harder, put oil in the tank or get a child's special present

On the weekend of the 10th/11th December, St Vincent de Paul will be holding a church collection in the hope to raise funds for people who are struggling this Christmas. For more information, please contact your local SVP Volunteers

Please support this very worthy cause to help someone from your neighbourhood who needs a helping hand at the moment. Your donation is very much appreciated and does make a difference within your community.

Active Retirement-Activities and Trips

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

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

Line dancing at 12 MD, led by Molly

Choir Friday upstairs, in the Pastoral Centre @ 3pm

Upcoming events: Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 6th December, Wicklow Golf Club

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 :

Jenny Murphy (Secretary) 087 6221766 ~ *You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte*



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.

DIARY DATES: DECEMBER

4th: Baptisms in Wicklow

**8th : Holy Day - Feast of the
Immaculate Conception,
Baptism Meeting**

**10th/11th: St Vincent De Paul
annual collection**

17th: Baptisms in Rathnew

18th: Parish Carol Service

25th: The Nativity of the Lord

26th: St Stephen's Day

**30th: The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

Mince pies, tea and history at Wicklow Library.

Wednesday December 14th at 11.30am

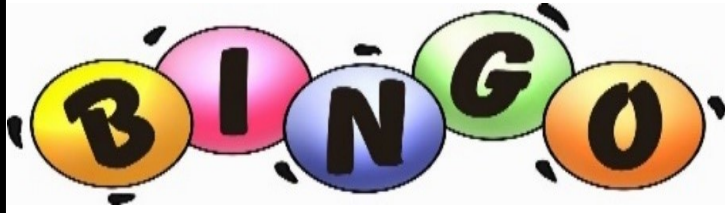
In 1947, most of Europe still lay in ruins. Within Ireland, rationing was still in operation for many goods and commodities, tuberculosis was rampant, and emigration to Britain was the only option for the thousands of skilled and unskilled workers needed to rebuild Britain's war ravaged cities and towns. Locally Christmas was 'make or break' for traders who prided themselves on the quality of their goods and services, while for many families, the arrival of funds from family members working in the United States of America or Britain decided the manner in which they celebrated the festive season.

In this month's local history talk 'Christmas in Wicklow 1947', historian James Scannell will be using historical newspaper to explore how Christmas was celebrated only two years after the end of The Emergency,

Mince pies, tea and coffee will be served and a selection of historical newspapers will be on display and available to browse.

Contact Wicklow Library on 040467025 or email Wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie to book your place.

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

FRANK SCANLON

€50 winner

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

5, 7, 21, 25

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€4,900

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*

CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Telephone number 087 123 8054

WICKLOW & RATHNEW

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.....

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Sometimes you will sit next to a stranger and that stranger will say something nice to you and uplift your day. Very often, that was an angel or spirit guide.

Unknown

