



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**5th December 2021**  
**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.*

## **Gospel Reflections** *All reminds us God is near* **Donal Neary SJ**

A poet wrote: *"when I am an old woman I shall wear purple"*, to remind her that life can be different day by day or that she might be personally noticed and change her life. This time of the year the Church wears purple and we remind ourselves that Jesus is near, that life can be different and that we can change our lives.

The gospel from John the Baptist encourages a change in our lives. We would look on ourselves and regret what we should regret - our sins, our meanness, our minor faults and failings, our injustices and hurt of others. In his time the people would immerse themselves in the river and be forgiven. We can immerse ourselves in the healing and forgiving love of God in many ways, including the sacrament of reconciliation (penance, confession). We can immerse ourselves in the mood of waiting for Christmas, and take this on the spiritual level and well as the ordinary.

All of the weeks of Advent can be a preparation for the way of the Lord, which we will hear of during the readings of the coming year. This is a time of joyful waiting, knowing we cannot be let down. The purple of Advent is not the purple of mourning but of joyful anticipation - like when we dress in the football team's colours early in the morning to look forward to a match.

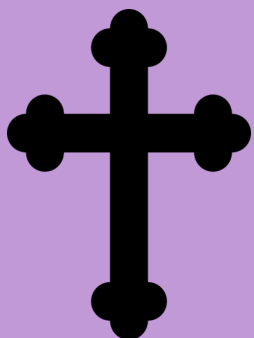
If we take time for the spiritual preparation with some prayer, sacraments (maybe go to Mass once or twice a week, or daily for Advent), and if we help our neighbour a bit more than usual, then nothing of all the preparations can be just secular. Everything of this month can remind us of God... trees, lights, carols, parties, Santa hats, cards, gift-buying - big reminders that God is near.

*Give us this day our daily bread and daily truth, Lord God.*

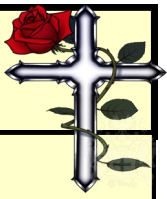


*Sincere sympathy to the family of ...*

*Martha Doyle late of Charvey Lane Rathnew*  
*Antoinette Noble late of Pierview*  
*Eithne Symes late of Brooklands & Knockrobin*  
*Mary (Maura) Jameson late of Dunbur Tce*



# Mass Intention List



## This Weekend ~ 4th & 5th December

- 6.00pm Joseph Doran, Patrick & Elizabeth O'Brien, Juanito Santos  
7.00pm Noel McGrath RD  
9.00am Kathleen Murphy  
10.00am William Bennett - 1st Anniversary,  
11.30am Eithne McGovern & Ailish Fitzmaurice - both Months minds,  
Frank McGovern, Jim & Teresa Byrne, Michael Kenny,  
Merci Ryan, Syl Delahunt, Thomas & Bridget Whyte

## 6th ~ 10th December

- Monday - Noel White RD  
7.00pm Ann, Ned & Mickey Doyle  
Tuesday - Jacklyn Blood  
7.00pm Vigil Mass in Wicklow - Valerie Carroll RD  
Wednesday - Jackie Byrne, May & Bill Phillips, Priests of the Parish  
7.00pm Ann Doyle  
Thursday - Special Intention  
Friday - Bridget Turner, Dick Kavanagh BR

## Next Weekend ~ 11th & 12th December

- 6.00pm Jamesie Doyle Months Mind, William Barret-1st anniversary  
Jenny Earls, Alice O'Rourke, Patricia Dunne, John Casey  
7.00pm Valerie Quinn  
9.00am Terry, Thomas, Christopher & Anne Corkish  
10.00am Henry & Mai Smith, Bridie & Tommy Cleary, Helen, Jack,  
Jean & Thomas Murphy, Tom & Molly Cummins, Kathleen  
& Andrew Hamilton, Joe Parle, Ned, Rosanna, John &  
Eddie Hanlon, Bride Moody  
11.30am Mary Heaney -1st anniversary, Betty Higgins,  
Pat Kavanagh, Noel & Anna Murphy

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

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 28/11/2021

<b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 677
<b>2ND COLLECTION / SHARE</b>	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 340
<b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 2,030



### NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 12TH DECEMBER 2021

First Reading : Zephaniah 3:14-18  
Responsorial Psalm Isiah 12:2-6  
Second Reading : Philipians 4:4-7  
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

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

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

We are looking to recruit new Ministers of the Word for all Masses in the Parish. There would be a little training for this Ministry. If you think you may be interested please leave your name and number with the Parish Office or either of our priests.

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday 8th December 2021

#### MASS TIMES

**Tuesday 7th Dec: No Mass in Rathnew but there will be a Vigil Mass in Wicklow at 7pm—please note the time.**

**Wednesday 8th: 10am Mass in Wicklow & 7pm Mass in Rathnew**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & HOLY HOUR**  
*are both suspended for the moment*

### 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](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com)

Website: [www.wicklowparish](http://www.wicklowparish)

Office opening times -

**Monday - Friday : 10am - 12.30pm**

CHY3 FORMS - it would be appreciated if anyone who has received a CHY3 form from the office, could return them to the office or sacristy as soon as possible.

### 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.

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

## WICKLOW BRIDGE CLUB

Notice for all members.

**NO BRIDGE  
TILL AFTER  
CHRISTMAS!**



## WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,

REAR OF LEONDARD & MULVEY (BUTLERS)  
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.

## WARA ~ WICKLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

*meetings have resumed on Tuesday  
mornings at 10.45am in the Parish  
centre - all are welcome*

**CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER**

**Telephone number 087 123 8054**

## St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



**01 855 0022**

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to contact the Parish Office. There will be an introductory meeting held through zoom which the parents will be expected to attend 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 zoom meeting will be on Monday 13th December 2021 at 8pm.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION 2022




Online registration is now open for First Holy Communion on [wicklowparish.ie](http://wicklowparish.ie) - go to the Sacraments page and click on to the letter which opens another document with the necessary links and information.

Confirmation registration will begin this week.



*Will host their  
National  
Collection  
next  
weekend  
11th & 12th  
December.*

*The SHARE  
collection will  
be replaced by  
this collection  
next*



**Many families will face impossible choices this Christmas.**

*This year,  
more than  
ever, your  
help is  
needed to  
make sure  
that  
children &  
families  
have what  
they need  
to share in  
the magic  
of the  
season.*

*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 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.*

## ***Parish Shop & Christmas Novena Cards***

*The Parish Shop will be in a temporary space in the De La Salle Centre up till Christmas. It will open from 10.30am till 11.30am - Monday through to Friday and also on Sunday mornings. Access will be via the steps at the office entrance. It will have a range of Christmas items, gifts and cards. The Parish Christmas Novena Cards, will also be available in the shop & in the Parish Office. These cards are suitable for both the living and dead and cost €3 each. The intentions will be remembered at nine masses during the Christmas season in both Wicklow and Rathnew.*

CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS  
APPEAL

# Help us help Families

*Support our appeal to end food poverty*

DONATE ON LINE AT [WWW.CROSSCARE.IE](http://WWW.CROSSCARE.IE)  
OR CALL 01-8360011



## On line appeal for families in food poverty - December 2021

We in Crosscare need your support to help families experiencing food poverty this Christmas. We are working with hundreds of families and children in Dublin who struggle to get basic food supplies.

Families need our help this Christmas, but not just for Christmas in the months after Christmas, which many people find challenging.

Crosscare helps people with food parcels and meals in our cafes and food banks in the short term, and we work with them to move out of food poverty in the long term.

We keep in touch with families, helping them to help themselves. We help them with budgeting, healthy eating, and long-term housing and welfare support they may need, giving them the dignity and independence to provide for themselves.

*Due to Covid restrictions, the online appeal for donations replaces the food collection in parishes in previous years. Your ongoing support for Crosscare makes a huge difference to those most in need.*

We are asking for donations to continue this vital work at Christmas and into 2022.

Please help us to help them.

Support our appeal to end food poverty by giving what you can online at [www.crosscare.ie/donate](http://www.crosscare.ie/donate) or call 01 8360011

Thank you for your ongoing support from all in Crosscare, working for those most in need with love, respect and excellence.

## *Preparing our hearts for Christmas 2021.*

*This Advent you are most welcome to join us in the Dominican Ecology Centre, Wicklow Town, to reflect and pray the Gospels of the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of Advent.*

*Hopefully this will help us to prepare for the wonderful feast of Christmas. There will be a cuppa available after the sessions for those who would like to stay on a while. If you would prefer to join us via zoom, please email the parish office at [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com) nearer the time and the link will be forwarded to you. 7.30pm till 8.45pm on Wednesday 7th & 14th December.*





# BINGO

We are delighted to announce that the Wicklow Parish Bingo is back on Monday evenings at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and everyone is very welcome.



*Many thanks to Maureen Dunne and her team who raised and donated over €5000 in her recent Unwanted Gift Sale. Both the Cancer Support Group and St Patrick's Church received €2600 each and there was also a donation made to the Parish Hospitality Group who provided and organised the coffees & teas on the morning.*

*Pictured*

*front row - Anne McCarthy, Emma DeCourcy, Ailish Whelan & Eileen Earls*

*Back row - Paddy Whelan, Fr Donal Roche, Maureen Dunne, Bernie Dunne & Pauline Breen*

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**

**ANNE CUMMISKEY**

**WEEKLY €50 RAFFLE WINNER  
THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE**

**3, 9, 15, 29**

**NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE**

**€2,800**

*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](http://www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow)*



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](http://www.alone.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.....

**DIOCESAN INITIATIVE ADVENT -BE STILL – DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS**

The Office for Mission and Ministry are offering daily reflections for the Advent Journey. The theme of these reflections is 'Be Still'. This is a great opportunity for everyone to take time during advent to be still. The reflections will be posted each morning on the Facebook page for the office of Mission and Ministry. [www.facebook.com/officeformissionandministry](http://www.facebook.com/officeformissionandministry)

**Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on  
them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.**

**Matthew 7:24**

