



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**6th February 2022**  
**Wicklow & Rathnew**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**RCN 20016166**



*Welcome*

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

## *Gospel Reflections* **Alive** *Donal Neary SJ*

**Peter got great joy out of being a fisherman/ a businessman/ with his business partners. Especially when the catch was good and the money was flowing in from Rome and the cities east and west of Galilee.**

**Jesus offered more - for then/ for now and for always. Life to the full was to follow, even in suffering/ humiliation and death for Peter.**

**Christ is alive in love of our family network/ our deep friendships/ our care for the needy and our care for the earth. Our volunteers in many places bring the fullness of life of Jesus.**

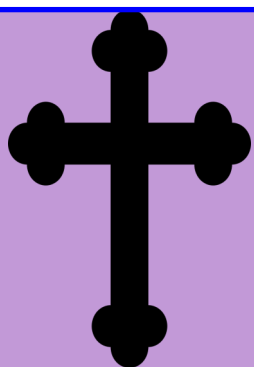
**The fish in the story represent all the people who will be found for Christ. And he'd say to Peter, 'look at the fish and think of the people and know that I am alive'.**

**Sharing and educating in faith is bringing Christ to life. The teachers and chaplains, priests, religious, parish personnel, all educators in faith are in partnership with the Lord Jesus.**

**All sincere faith knowledge leads to love of God and each other. Conversion is being in love with God and his creation, with each and with everyone. We want to be in a state of love. Only the one who can love can know God, for God is love. That's the challenge to all of us in passing on the faith as best we can to another generation. We pass on our faith in love.**

**It's not just a catechism but the conviction, belief and joy that Christ is alive. To us Christ would say there will always be fish to be caught and people to be served, the generous gift of God. To us he says there is always love, also the generous gift of God,**

*Lord, help me to find you in all things,  
and then we can do all for your greater glory.*



*Sincere sympathy to the families of ...  
Vincent Dunleavy late of Ballynerrin Upper  
Michael (Mick) Fitzgerald late of Dunbur Glen*

# Mass Intention List



## This Weekend ~ 5th & 6th February

- 6.00pm** Billy Earls, Mons. Gerard Finnegan, Leo Cullen & deceased members of the Lambert & Cullen families.
- 7.00pm** John Quinn - 1st Anniversary & Nan Quinn
- 9.00am** Angela Doherty RD
- 10.00am** Thomas & Agnes Grant, Bill & Lucy Colgan & deceased members of the Colgan family
- 11.30am** Joan Hastings - Month's Mind, Noel Murphy - 1st Anniversary  
Gillian Stanley-Byrne, Rose Flaherty, Margaret Ronan  
Dick & Teresa Turner & deceased family members.

## 7th February - 11th February

- Monday** - Funeral Mass of Michael (Mick) Fitzgerald RIP
- 7.00pm** Special Intention
- Tuesday** - Valerie Carroll RD
- 7.00pm** Ann McDonald
- Wednesday** - Jim & Kate Coffey
- Thursday** - John Norris RD
- Friday** - Josie Vickers - 1st Anniversary

## Next Weekend ~ 12th & 13th February

- 6.00pm** Harry & Philomena Leonard
- 7.00pm**
- 9.00am**
- 10.00am** Denis & Kathleen Scanlon - both 1st Anniversaries
- 11.30am** Michael Murphy, Edward Marah, Seamus McCarthy

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

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 30/01/2022

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €1015
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 475
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €1920



### NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 13TH FEBRUARY 2022

First Reading : Jeremiah - 17:5-8

Responsorial Psalm 1: 1-4, 6

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

### PARISH CONTACTS

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Parish Office: 0404 61699

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

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

Office opening times -

**Monday - Friday : 10am - 12noon**

PARISH OFFICE is open Monday to Friday from 10am till 12noon for general enquiries, mass / baptism bookings, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc.

Contact number 61699.

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

**Any groups using the De La Salle Pastoral Centre are asked to remember that each group must comply with whatever the guidelines of the day are, but are also expected to comply with the centre's guidelines too.**

### **Follow the Government & DLS centres instructions/guidelines**

- ◆ Do not attend the centre if feeling unwell, sneezing, coughing or compromised in anyway.
- ◆ Anyone entering the centre **must wear a face-mask or visor** and sanitise their hands on entering and leaving the premises.
- ◆ No waiting around on the corridors, come along just in time for your group meeting,
- ◆ Do not bring unnecessary equipment, into the centre.
- ◆ Take responsibility for your own safety, i.e. facemasks etc

*HOLY HOUR - will commence on Monday 14th February from 7.30pm till 8.30pm. Please note the change of day.*

# St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



**01 855 0022**

## CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

**Telephone number 087 123 8054**

**WICKLOW & RATHNEW**



## 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.



*Volunteers are needed to arrange flowers for the main altar in the church. This is done on a monthly basis, and is a very rewarding and attractive way to help out in the churches. If you would like more information or think you would like to give this a try - please leave your contact details with the parish office.*

### The Pope's Intention for February

*For religious sisters & consecrated  
women*

**We pray for religious sisters and  
consecrated women; thanking  
them for their mission and their  
courage; may they continue to find new  
responses to the challenges of our times.**



## DIARY DATES: FEBRUARY

1st: St Brigid's Day

2nd : The Presentation of our Lord -

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

3rd: St Blaise – Blessings of Throats

6th: Baptisms - Wicklow

11th: World Day of the Sick

13th: Annual Accord Collection

17th : Zoom Baptism Meeting - 8pm

20th: Baptisms - Wicklow

26th : Baptisms - Rathnew

## THIS WEEK'S FEASTDAYS:

**7th ST MEL** - died in 488. He is said to have been a Briton who came to Ireland with Patrick, with whom he worked until he was ordained in Ardagh. He is one of the earliest Irish saints and gave the religious veil to Brigid.

### 11th: OUR LADY OF LOURDES


On this day in 1858. Our Lady first appeared to the fourteen year old Bernadette Soubirous.

Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, 'I am the Immaculate Conception'.

In 1992, Pope John Paul 11 instituted the World Day of the Sick to be held on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

## MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

**New rosters will be sorted out over the next couple of weeks for the six months of March to August. If you are not going to be available to go on duty during that time due to holidays etc - please let Debbie know as soon as possible via text message.**



*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 Baptism zoom meeting will be on Thursday 17th February 2022 at 8pm.*

## **LECTIO DIVINA**

*Learning to love and live the Sunday Gospels.*

*On Wednesday mornings at 10.45am in the Dominican Ecology Centre and all are very welcome.*

## **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**



**The Parish Lourdes Team are hoping to arrange the pilgrimage to Lourdes for Monday 12th Sept 2022, for 5 nights.**

**The hotel is Hotel La Solitude Price €799 which includes all meals, transfers & full religious programme. Deposit €250 with the balance due 12 weeks before travelling. Single supplement €190. The organisers are trying to gauge interest in this trip and see if its feasible to go ahead with committing to it. So, if you think you may be interested in travelling—please get in touch with the office and express your interest.**

# Annual Collection

12/13th February

The annual Collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of 12 & 13 February 2022.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

*Marriage Preparation courses - online, small groups.*

*Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone.*

*A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.*

**ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.**

**Please give generously on 12 & 13 February**



**WICKLOW BINGO IS BACK IN THE DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE ON MONDAY NIGHTS STARTING 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.**

Covid guidelines are still in place in the Parish centre, please do not attend if feeling unwell or have been a close contact.

"The NCBI charity shop in Wicklow Town, raises funds to help people who experience sight loss within our community & all across Ireland. We are looking for volunteers to join our friendly team. Have you a morning or afternoon free? Would you like to learn a new skill? Working in the shop or in our sorting room? Please call into the shop or call 0876894172 for more information."

**PIONEER MAGAZINE** - has unfortunately ceased publication in magazine form and will be doing an online version in the future. The operating costs have been greater than the income for many years and the PTAA is no longer in a position to subsidise the magazine. The annual online subscription will be €20 per annum and can be arranged by getting in touch with Fr Robert McCabe in St Mary's Parish in Navan, or via the website on [www.pioneers.ie/newsletter](http://www.pioneers.ie/newsletter)

*WICKLOW SAVINGS CLUB - has re-opened on Monday's at 1.30pm, in the De La Salle Parish Centre. This is a great way to save a little bit every week for Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join this savings scheme. There is a €10 fee to cover the bank charges on the account.*



# MEDJUGORJE



## Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

**Group Leader: Marian O'Meara**  
**Accompanied by Spiritual Director**

**4 May 2022**

**7 nights**

**€729.00 per person\***

(\*€50 discount when paid in full by 31 January 2022)

- » 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
- » Group Travel Insurance

For information please contact:

**Marian O'Meara: 085 8031751**

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## ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

### Active Retirement – Activities and Trips

- Tuesday 11 am Coffee Mornings continue – come along and find out about us !
- Learning Irish for fun – Tuesday 11am – no prior knowledge required
- Line dancing follows the coffee morning at 12 md, beginners welcome
- Choir returns Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February, upstairs in the Pastoral Centre 3-4pm
- Trip to Altamont Gardens and Rathwood Shop & Café – Wed 16<sup>th</sup> February
- Spring holiday planned in Kilkenny – 4 nights, 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> April

AGM 22<sup>nd</sup> February 11am

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring me:

Jenny Murphy (Secretary) 087 622176. *You will be given a Cead Míle Fáilte.*

*Please excuse the appearance of St Patrick's Church at the moment; the Church is in the middle of getting necessary works done to it, but it is causing a lot of dust which inevitably ends up on the seats and ground. Although its cleaned every morning, it is proving difficult to win the battle of the dust.*

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



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



Bridge

**NEPTUNE BRIDGE CLUB** - We are back, hopefully this time for good. Covid restrictions are still in place, ie. masking wearing at the table and regular hand sanitizing. We expect all restrictions to be lifted at the end of February. If your club has not yet reopened, the Neptune Bridge Club welcomes visitors so why not come along and enjoy a game of bridge in a friendly atmosphere. All grades are welcome. We play every Thursday night in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre at 7.30 and are fully insured to accept visitors.

**WICKLOW BRIDGE CLUB** - has re-opened upstairs in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre. Please be seated by 7.20pm. Facemasks must be worn by everyone for the foreseeable future.

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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WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS  
CONGRATULATIONS

LIZ RYAN

€50 winner

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

15, 23, 24, 26

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€1,375

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)



Line dancing with Miriam in Ernie's bar (upstairs) on Thursday evenings. Beginners welcome from 7-8pm advanced from 8-9.30pm! Great fun for all ☺ enquiries to 087 2875337.

