



PARISH NEWSLETTER

6th March 2022
Wicklow & Rathnew
First Sunday of Lent
RCN 20016166



Welcome

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

Donal Neary SJ ~ Jesus tempted off course

Jesus was brought out of the ordinary into a place where he was tempted off course with three temptations - to comfort, power, and wealth - three things that can take us over.

Money, power and comfort can lead us astray....when we want wealth, to be no. 1 and prioritise comfort in various ways.

He goes back to the word of God to find strength and insight to fight off evil - to the words he learned at home, and at school.

A big source of energy for us is the word of God. On Ash Wednesday the invitation was to believe the good news. That is where we may find life and strength.

We remain in the Church because of Jesus Christ. The word of God in his gospel remains life-giving and strong. Today's scripture shows us that temptations happen often to take us off the path. So too does the unexpected, and scandals have happened in many of the national institutions. Church life may leave us down and weak, but the spirit who kept Jesus strong in the desert will do the same for us.

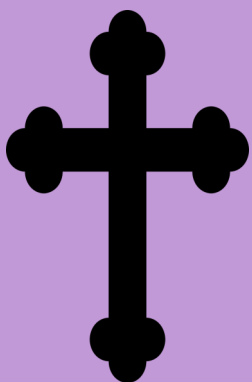
A Lenten thing to do could be to read a bit of the gospel every day. Look up Sacred Space on the web and pray from that. Or Pray-as-you-go. Pray your own favourite gospels. Read the gospel to the children. Hear the word at weekday Mass. We look to the word of God to build us up as God's children and community and find strength to use all in the service of God and others in love.

Speak your word O Lord, and we shall be the better for it.



Sincere sympathy to the families of ...

*Mark Clare late of St Brigid's Terrace Rathnew
Leonard Kelly late of Darragh Park, Wicklow*



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 5th & 6th March

- 6.00pm** Michael Fitzgerald & Aggie O'Brien - both months minds
John Wilson - 1st Anniversary, Adele Doran, Sham Furlong,
Mary & Edward Canavan, Joey Kelly, Monina Nagle
- 7.00pm** Mark Clare RD
- 9.00am** Maire O'Hanlon
- 10.00am** Myles, Edward & Maureen Byrne, Betty & Joe Dickenson,
Bernard Welstead, Andy Galligan
- 11.30am** Carmel Wyatt - Months mind, Muriel Whyte - 1st anniversary & her
husband Des, Bob Jackson, Michael & Teresa Grace, Ann Hanlon &
deceased members of the Hanlon & Scully family, Jim Cox,
Mary Delahunt, Maria Dunne

7th - 11th March

- Monday** - 8.00am Fr John Lalor
- 10.00am** - Kathleen Blood, BR
- Tuesday** - Tom Vickers - celebrating his 90th birthday
- 7.00pm** - John O'Neill
- Wednesday** - 8.00am Davy Macken
- 10.00am** - Mary Delahunt
- Thursday** - Nell Kennedy
- 7.00pm** - Brendan Casey
- Friday** - 8.00am Kathleen Henry
- 10.00am** - Special Intention

Next Weekend ~ 12th & 13th March

- 6.00pm** Colm (Pajo) Haughton RD, Jimmy Fitzpatrick - 1st Anniversary
- 7.00pm**
- 9.00am**
- 10.00am** Jack Burke
- 11.30am** Betty Vickers, Jimmy Doyle, Kathleen Doyle, Eileen & John O'Brien,
Patricia & James O'Brien & deceased members of the O'Brien family.

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



MASS TIMES FOR LENT

St Patrick's : Mon, Wed & Fri 8am Mass

Daily 10am Mass continues Mon to Fri

St Joseph's: Tuesday & Thursdays at 7pm

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAYS IN RATHNEW FOR
LENT

MEMORIAL MASS

There will be a special mass on Tuesday 22nd March at 7pm to remember all those who have died during the past two years, when numbers at funerals were restricted. We invite ALL families who have had a bereavement during that time to join us to pray for their loved ones, light a candle in the memory and join us as a community in prayer.

NEW GUIDELINES FROM MONDAY 28th FEBRUARY

Under the new guidelines - all restrictions have now been lifted.

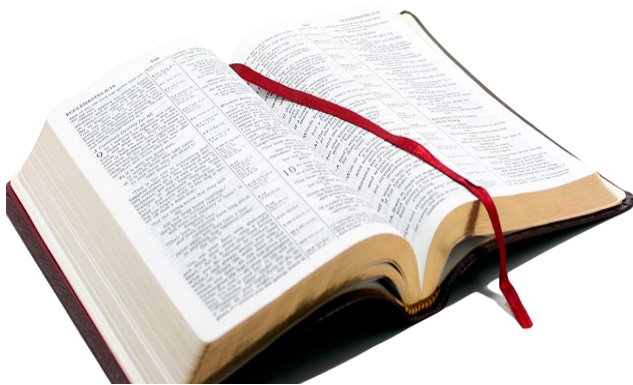
We are however advising people to still be careful and be respectful of others, taking whatever precautions are necessary.

Hand sanitising is still advised.

Masks are optional and no longer obligatory.

Choirs and singing are permitted again.

Please stay away from the Church and Centre if not feeling well or displaying any sort of Covid/Flu symptoms



Living the Gospel in Lent

Journeying together towards Easter joy through the Sunday Gospels, each Wednesday evening of Lent - March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th & April 6th, in the Dominican Ecology Centre from 7.30pm till 8.30pm.

Why not join us in person or via zoom by emailing the parish office on parishofficewicklow@gmail.com to receive the link. Everyone is very welcome.

St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



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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.

THIS WEEK'S FEASTDAYS:

8th March ST JOHN OF GOD - 1495-1550, devoted his life to the care of the poor and the sick. He is patron saint of nurses, the sick, heart patients, printers and booksellers.

9th March ST FRANCES OF ROME, d. 1440, lived a happily married life and founded a society of women with the Rule of St Benedict and became a member of it after her husband's death.

DIARY DATES: MARCH

2nd: Ash Wednesday

3rd: St Mantann

6th: Baptisms - Wicklow

17th: St Patrick Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland, Day of Prayer for Emigrants.

19th: St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

20th: Baptisms - Wicklow

24th: Zoom Baptism Meeting - 8pm

26th: Baptisms - Rathnew

25th: The Annunciation of the Lord



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 13TH MARCH 2022

First Reading : Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm 26: 1, 7-9,13-14

Second Reading : Phillipians 3: 17- 4 :1

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 27/02/2022

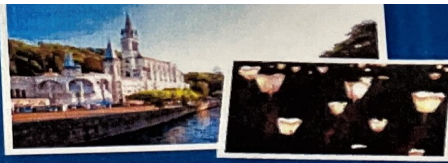
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 835

2ND COLLECTION / SHARE - goes towards diocesan administration - € 450

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €1520

Many thanks for your continued support.

LOURDES



Joe Walsh Tours

WICKLOW RATHNEW LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022

Spiritual Director: Fr Donal Roche

12 September 2022

5 nights

€ 799 per person sharing

Complimentary Group Travel Insurance

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » Return airport transfers in Lourdes
- » 5 nights in the Hotel La Solitude
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Fully escorted pilgrimage, accompanied by Spiritual Director
- » Mass at Grotto, Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession & International Mass

For information please contact:

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Catherine Marah 0404 68389

Parish Office 0404 61699

Carol Kavanagh 086 0601956



An Invitation

You are warmly invited to two Synodal gatherings in the parish of Wicklow/ Rathnew. The word “synodal” means journeying together & these gatherings will be an opportunity to share and listen to each other’s experience of Church, in an organised, gentle and prayerful environment.

Why are you being invited?

Pope Francis has asked all of us to take part in sharing and listening to each other and to the Spirit. In this way we are beginning to lay foundations for what our future Church will be. The invitation is to all the baptised. We would particularly like to hear from those who do not attend church on a regular basis. All the responses will be collected in time for the 2023 Synod in Rome.

What will happen at the gatherings?

Parish Animators have been trained to lead the gatherings in a reflective, prayerful atmosphere. Questions will be presented each afternoon and people will gather in small groups to share on each question and listen to each other.

These gatherings will happen in the De La Salle Parish Centre

Date: Sunday 13th March

Time : 3.00pm -4.30pm

Date: Sunday 3rd April

Time: 3.00pm -4.30pm.

Your attendance and feedback will be greatly appreciated.

Church Repairs

Work on repairing the damage due to dry rot and dampness in St Patrick's Church has been ongoing for the past couple of months. A large part of the work in the gallery/ belfry/ shop area has now been completed but there is still some work to do replacing lead flashing around the roof to ensure that the building is damp-proof for the years ahead. (See notice board at back of church for further details).

Thanks to a heritage grant from Wicklow County Council, as well as some parish reserves, we have been able to manage to pay for the work so far. However, in order to complete the work, we are asking parishioners if they can afford it, to make a donation to the building fund in the envelopes provided at the church doors. I know that the people of Wicklow are very proud of our beautiful church and that you will agree that it is our duty to preserve this important part of our heritage for future generations.

*Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.
Fr Donal*

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST—NEW ROSTERS

New rosters have been emailed to all Eucharistic Ministers on the emailing list. There are print outs of the rosters in the sacristy for those who don't receive them

Learning and Sharing our Faith

Come and meet new people, talk about faith and what it means to you, and learn more about the Church in a relaxed setting. Connect with others; discover the Church's social teaching; discuss the big topics in small conversation groups; and more!

Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre beginning on the 23rd of March.

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 24th March 2022 at 8pm.

Please contact the parish office with your email address

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 10.30am - no prior knowledge required
- ♦ Line dancing follows the coffee morning at 12md, beginners welcome
- ♦ Choir continues Fridays, upstairs in the Pastoral Centre 3-4pm - no audition and you don't need to read music - come along and sing for fun. Its medicine for the soul with no side effects
- ♦ Another fun day trip in the planning - so watch this space for an update !!!
- ♦ Spring holiday in Kilkenny - 4 nights, 25th-29th April - Spaces filling fast.
Price includes: Bed, breakfast and evening meal at the River Court Hotel, in the Heart of Kilkenny City. Coach transport from Wicklow town, with optional visits to places of interest during the trip are all included in the price of €375 per person sharing.

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 Mile Failte.*

HOLY HOUR - is now on Monday evenings from 7.30pm till 8.30pm. Please note the change of day.

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



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



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.
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
SHARON GREGORY

€50 winner

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

17,19,25,26,

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€1,750

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

**Wanted card players for 45s,
25s, Whist & Bridge please contact
0404 61539 if you are interested in
playing.**



Happy
Life
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**A satisfied life is better
than a successful life. Because
our success is measured by
others, but our satisfaction
is measured by our own
Mind, Heart & Soul.**

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.....

Address.....

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