

PARISH NEWSLETTER

6th August 2023



Transfiguration of the Lord ~ Year A
Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166

Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew – Donal Neary

MUSINGS: Being Transfigured

From the event of the Transfiguration I would like to take two significant elements that can be summed up in two words: ascent and descent. We all need to go apart, to ascend the mountain in a space of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. This we do in prayer. But we cannot stay there! Encounter with God in prayer inspires us anew to 'descend the mountain' and return to the plain where we meet many brothers and sisters weighed down by fatigue, sickness, injustice, ignorance, poverty both material and spiritual. To these brothers and sisters in difficulty, we are called to bear the fruit of that experience with God, by sharing the grace we have received.

Pope Francis

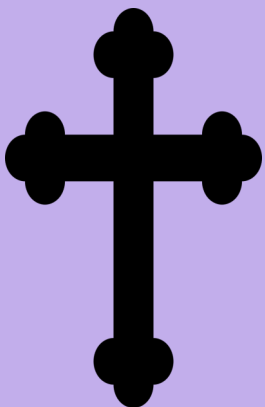


Like Jesus, we need places where we hear the words 'you are my son, daughter, and the beloved'. We know too that if we believe that, our lives will be challenged.

Whenever we climb the mountain of the Lord, make any journey with him, we are changed. As every mountain is different, every moment with the Lord is well worthwhile! Someone said, 'Every time I pray I think of ... and I know I must be kinder!'

Sincere sympathy to the family of

*Gediminas (Gedas) Globys
Wicklow Town and formerly of Lithuania.*



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 5th & 6th August

6.00pm Billy & Carmel Colgan - Months Mind, Sally Sculley, Chrissie & Michael Kinsella, Paul Jameson, Mary Fitzgerald, Mary Merrigan Fitzgerald, Michael Fitzgerald, Deceased members of the Thompson & Kennedy families.

9.00am *Mary Murphy*

10.30am Mary Kavanagh

12.00noon Anne Neiland.

Deceased members of the Wicklow Male Voice Choir - Bob Byrne, Sean Cannon, Joe Cumiskey, Peter Darcy, Joe Furlong, Norman Mason, Tom Porter, John Solon, Pat Teahan & former Musical Director Bernard Geary, who died last April.

7th - 11th August

Monday Margaret & Denis Buckley & Fr Sean Buckley

7.00pm *Special Intention*

Tuesday Richard Murphy

7.00pm *Michelle O'Shea RD*

Wednesday Memorial Mass for Frank Murphy RIP

Thursday Mick Merrigan - In remembrance

Friday Sean Gallagher - In remembrance

Next Weekend ~ 12th & 13th August

6.00pm Ann O' Neill - Months Mind

9.00am *Michael (Turkey) Doyle (A)*

10.30am

12.00noon James O'Toole - 1st Anniversary

James, Suzanna & Billy Dickenson (A)

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

30th July 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 1600
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1102
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - go towards Diocesan Administration - € 740

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

First Reading : 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13

Responsorial Psalm 84: 9-14

Second Reading : Romans 9: 1-5

Gospel : Matthew 14: 22-33

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 -14TH SEPTEMBER
AT 8PM
IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE

“A day of immersing ourselves and learning ways to celebrate the Season of Creation”

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home, the Oikos of God. The Season “Celebration” begins 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on the 4th October. This year we will unite around the theme, *“Let Justice and Peace Flow.”*

This day long programme will include input, ritual and practical resources. It will be facilitated by Sr Colette Kane OP (An Tairseach) and Sr Anne Curtis RSM (Mercy by the Sea, USA). A light lunch will be provided and teas and coffee.

Date: Friday 4th August 2023, Time: 10am to 4pm, Price: €60

The Pope's Intention for August

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH & MINISTRY PROGRAMME

Pathways is a two year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, on Thursday evenings in DCU, St Patrick's campus, Upper Drumcondra Rd, Dublin 9, September to May 7pm—9pm. Application is now open and early application is advised. Contact Pathways Director: Eileen Houlahan at 01 808 7594 or pathways@dublindioocese.ie

PARISH CONTACTS

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**BBK Website: work
in progress**

**Office opening times
Monday - Friday:**

10am – 12.30pm
For all enquires and bookings

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH RATHNEW

As parishioners will be aware, there was an ongoing problem with dampness and ingress of rainwater in and around the windows of St Joseph's Church Rathnew, leading to damage to the window frames, particularly the large stained glass window behind the altar.

The area has been assessed by an engineer and has now been treated by a specialist because of the delicate nature of the windows.

We are happy to say that great progress has been and the windows are almost complete now. We have been advised not to put flower vases or pots on the sills for the moment - they need to dry and harden completely.

We will be happy to add flowers/plants to the windows at a later stage once all the proper requirements are in place. Can we please ask parishioners to go along with this request for the foreseeable?

THANK YOU

The crew of RNLI Wicklow would like to thank the parishioners for their generous contributions last weekend

St Patrick's	€1815.37
St Joseph's	€363.55
Barndarrig	€317.00
Kilbride	€250.75
Brittas Bay	€310.60

we are hosting an open day in the station this Sunday and would love to see you there.

PLEASE
**MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE
PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF
WHILE IN THE CHURCH.**

WICKLOW COPD GROUP

COPD Exercise class to help improve your breathing every Monday in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre.

Fully qualified Instructors

Further information from Denis Teevan on 086 8174 703

TROCAIRE THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who donated to Trocaire during the Lenten season. The boxes and donations were collected from the office a few weeks ago and the total amount that was received from the area was €4,552.84

We welcome in Baptism.....

YOUNG ADULT CAMINO

Summer 2024

Register your interest using the
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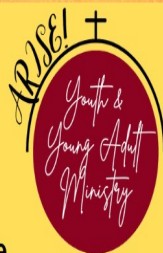
*Clodagh Carpenter,
Theo Thompson,
Louie Franey,
Mikaela Hollingsworth,
Zack Fitzgerald,
Finn Killilea,
Karter Murphy,
Isibéal Doyle,
Alex Redmond,*

*Everleigh-Mae O'Brien,
Ruby-Jean Jameson -Kavanagh*



Full Details and Booking
available from September.

Send all queries to:
natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie



Archdiocese of Dublin

Any notices for the newsletter need to be with the Parish Office by 12 noon on Wednesdays.

A massive thanks to the ICA ladies from Wicklow & Ashford guilds who so kindly did a wonderful repair job on the old Lourdes Banner. They ripped and repaired it to a wonderful standard.

The first time this banner was brought to Lourdes was in 1989, and it will be re-visiting Lourdes again this year. The banner was requested by Jim Rowan RIP, for the Rathnew /Wicklow Lourdes group and was made by Robbie Tyrrell from Arklow.

Robbie sadly died in 2010 and would have been 100 years old on Monday 24th July last. Currently there is an exhibition of his work in the Maritime museum in Arklow to celebrate his 100th birthday.

The banner will be on display this weekend in St Joseph's Church, Rathnew before travelling to Lourdes in a couple of weeks.

The 1989 Lourdes Pilgrimage Group with the new banner.



Sheila & Mary with the repaired banner

Front view



And the rear view



Unit 2, First Floor, Rear of Boots Pharmacy,
Abbey Street, Wicklow

*Have you, or a family member, been diagnosed with Cancer ?
We're here to help!*

Phone 0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Our office is open Mon-Fri from 10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

Volunteer Drivers Required:

Do you own a car and have some time on your hands ?

Wicklow Cancer Support are seeking to expand their Transport Team due the high volume of demand for this important service.

If interested you can ring our Centre on 0404 32696 or 085 7820916 for full details.

MEDJUGORJE



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

**Group Leader: Marian O'Meara
Led by Fr Pat O'Rourke**

**11 October 2023
7 nights**

€799.00 per person

- » 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
- » Optional Travel Insurance
- » Single room supplement €154.00

For information please contact:
Marian O'Meara: 085 8031751

GROW

mental
wellbeing
programs

GROW run peer support groups in Wicklow on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 to 4.30 in De La Salle Parish Centre.

They are self referral and no charge for anyone struggling with depression, anxiety, low mood or just the stresses of life. They offer a tried and tested method of self help and personal growth.

Experience new hope and meaning through working on issues together in a peer support setting

MEETINGS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.
Ring Trish for further info on 086 0129 082
And see Grow.ie to listen to stories of Hope and Recovery.

Active Retirement Activities & Trips

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

HAS CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

AND WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY 5TH OF SEPTEMBER

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
Pauline on 087 227 6760

You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations

JUSTIN DORAN

3rd August 2023: €50 raffle winner

Weekly winning numbers: 1, 3, 28, 30

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

Next weeks JACKPOT is €3,400

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

A sincere "THANK YOU" to all who support this Lotto!

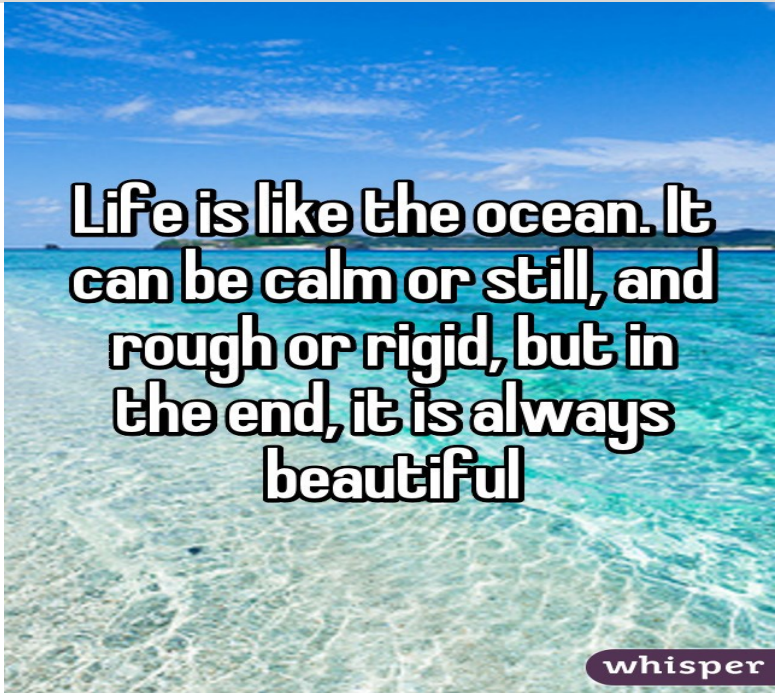
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Phone 0404 69000, 24 hours
www.mccrea.ie - info@niallmccrea.com

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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Life is like the ocean. It can be calm or still, and rough or rigid, but in the end, it is always beautiful

whisper