

parish newsletter

7th March 2021 Wicklow & Rathnew





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

Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections www.messenger.ie/bookshop/

God's building

Why is Jesus angry? – they have missed the point and the religious leaders are allowing this to happen! Religion has come down to ritual, and the centre is missing. Jesus was not much at home in the temple. He went there sometimes, and always caused trouble. The finding in the temple, the words – my body is the temple. Jesus is more at home at the table – the loaves at the lake, the fish on the beach, the last supper in a home. This is where he is most himself.

The falsity of the occasion was the using of the temple to be entrapped by riches. The poor were being overcharged to pay for the materials for sacrifices. This caused the anger of Jesus.

The temple has disappeared. We are God's building. If we do not make God's presence real in our area, then maybe we should knock down the church! Only if God is alive in us all the time, will he be alive in the building. If God is not alive all week in us, God will not be alive on Sunday. If he is not alive in our hearts – well, maybe that's sometimes why religion can be so boring – it's religion only from the neck up.

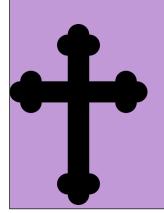
The forty six years are over, and the three days of the rebuilding have been going on for years, in the hearts of all who are faithful to God's love. The building continues still and we are the living stones.

Think of what is most central to your life.

Is that a concern of God too?

The burning heart of Jesus is the New Temple of God





Sincere sympathy to the families of

Kathleen Forkin late of Abbey Field

Shane Kinsella late of The Bank Rathnew

John Wilson late of Leitrim Place

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 6th & 7th March

6.00pm Joey Kelly - 1st Anniversary, Adele Doran Eileen & John O Brien, Patricia & James O Brien & all deceased members of the O'Brien family. James & Bernadette Jacob, Henry Fleming & his son Albert

11.30am Caroline Hayes, Teresa & Michael Grace, Jim Cox, Monina Nagle, Betty Dickenson, Ann & Michael Hanlon

8th ~ 12th March

Monday - Dan, Pat, Molly, John & Catherine Byrne,

Catherine Reid

Tuesday - Andy Galligan, Peter & Lil Byrne & deceased

members of the Byrne & Douglas famílies

Wednesday - Eileen & Patrick Rowan, Special Intention

Thursday - Thomas Doyle who is unwell, Special Intention

Friday - Mary Sylvester & Kathleen Delahunt,

Arthur & Syl Delahunt

Next Weekend ~ 13th & 14th March

6.00pm Baby Florence Jameson - 1st Anniversary. Jack Burke & deceased members of the Burke & Kirrane families, Maurice Dunne, Brendan & Katie Jacob, Thomas Jacob

11.30am Josie Vickers & Nick J Thermes - both Months Minds Tommy & Pat McAulay, Nell Kennedy, Jimmy Doyle Martin Tierney, Grania Tierney BR, Mary Delahunt

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: up to 28/02/2021

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese 2ND COLLECTION / SHARE

€ 610

- goes towards diocesan administration -

280

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION

- goes towards maintaining our parish

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 14TH MARCH 2021

First Reading: Exodus 36: 14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm 136

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

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





As we are unable to attend our normal Lenten Masses we will be doing services slightly different this year.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS -

On Friday evenings instead of the Rosary, we will have the Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.

LECTIO DIVINA FOR LENT -

continues on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm until 8.30pm on ZOOM. Please leave your name and email with the Parish Office and a link will be sent for the Zoom meeting.

TROCAIRE BOXES - are available in the Church and the Parish Office, please take one home

ROSARY & BENEDICTION

will continue on Mondays & Wednesdays at 7.30pm including the Holy Hour on Wednesday evenings. On Fridays, there will be Stations of the Cross for Lent

IDEAS FOR THE 40 ACTS CHALLENGE

Always remember social distancing & staying safe while doing any activity at this time

Bake or cook something delicious as a qift

Leave a generous tip with a nice note

Donate what you can to a charity

Make a gift instead of buying one

When you finish reading a book you know someone would enjoy, pass it along to them

Pick wildflowers for someone on the way to see them

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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PARISH WEEKLY LOTTO

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARION BRENNAN OUR WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER!

Unfortunately, we will not have public Mass on St Patricks Day again this year, we will have our normal 10am Mass on the day and will do a virtual Blessing of the Shamrock during the Mass.

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS

4, 7, 8, 27

Next weeks jackpot will be €1625

Remember - if you aren't in you can't win!!

Its hard to believe that we have lived with Covid 19 for almost a year now. It's been such a very strange year for everyone.

Very lonely for a lot of people.
Very challenging, both mentally and financially for others.
Very testing for children & parents

schooling and working from home.

Happy Easter

Again, it is highly unlikely that we will have public Easter ceremonies his year.

We will however do our best to reach out to parishioners over the Easter season. In the meantime continue to stay strong and safe and remember the days are getting brighter and longer!

Its also been an incredibly sad year for all those who have lost family members from COVID, over 4300 families in Ireland and over 770,000 in Europe. This weekend let us take time out to remember.

Let us remember all those who have been affected in any way by Covid 19 — but especially those families who have been bereaved. Let us keep them all in our prayers at the moment and maybe even visit the church and light a candle for them all over the next few days.

May they all rest in peace.





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