

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

8th January 2023  
Wicklow & Rathnew

**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
RCN 20016166



*Donal Neary S.J. Gospel reflection*      Year A: Matthew

## *You are beloved*

Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist had a different meaning from ours. It was more a baptism of sorrow for sin and of forgiveness; in this plunge into the river, Jesus identified with his people in his baptism.

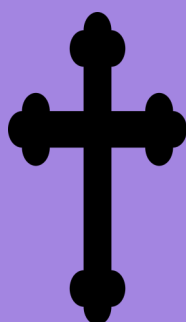
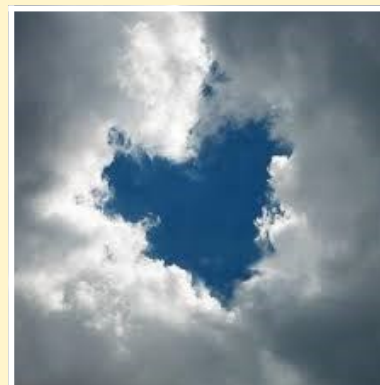
At the baptism he heard the best words he could hear; ***You are my beloved.*** God led Jesus to John to hear these words.

*One of us, one with us, he could now be one for us. Joy flooded his heart as he heard these words. Something happened for Jesus at that moment that only he could know – like bells ringing that only he could hear. Have you heard it in your life? At times we face the huge mysteries love, beauty, friendship, birth, death. And we know in the middle of it all, that we are beloved.*

*Our call is to be fully involved in life and love. The Christian is called to be involved with others at the times of need, of depth and mystery. Jesus did that – plunging himself into our humanity and with all of us. The feast of the baptism is something new for all. The son of God is one of us. We have a new way of knowing God not just in the laws of old but in the new Spirit of Jesus.*

*So let the bells of love ring for us in God; and wherever we find it; let's ring bells of love for all the most needy of God's people.*

***Let the word 'beloved' echo in your mind and heart.  
This is God's word for you today.  
Lord, thanks for calling me beloved***



*Sincere sympathy to the families of ...*

*Doreen Russell (née Lawless) Rathnew,  
Wicklow / Kilbride, Wicklow*

*Ann Brady (née Kearney)*

*Roundwood, Wicklow / Rathnew, Wicklow*

# Mass Intention List



## *This Weekend ~ 7th & 8th January*

**6.00pm** *Kathleen Reburn, Helen Russell & Don Hodgkinson - all Months Minds, Richard & Beth Gill, Ann Dunne, Liam O'Meara, Gerry O'Reilly*

**7.00pm** *Tommy Gregory & Fr Dermott Kavanagh*

**10.00am** *Robert & Peggíe Grant*

**11.30am** *Kathleen Bunn-MM, Dick Kavanagh, Graham Roberts, William, Ita & Jacinta Wright, Rita Vickers, Mike, Rosalie, William & Eileen McInerney, Monica Clarke, Ann Vickers, Kathleen Connolly, Pat O'Meara, Brendan O'Connor, Delia Costello, Edward & Brigid Cox*

## *9th ~ 13th January*

**Monday** *Christmas Novena Mass*

**7.00pm** *Christmas Novena Mass*

**Tuesday** *Christmas Novena Mass*

**7.00pm** *Tom Quinn, his wife Kate & deceased members of the Quinn family*

**Wednesday** *Jim & Jo Desmond, Andy O'Brien - 50th anniversary*

**Thursday** *Maureen Byrne, Jane Murphy (A)*

**Friday** *Special Intention*

## *Next Weekend ~ 14th & 15th January*

**6.00pm** *Ivor Evans - 1st anniversary, Patrick Sherlock, Brigid & Nevin Thornton, Jo & Kathleen O'Grady, John Porter & deceased members of the Porter & Bell families.*

**7.00pm** *Maura McCoy - Months Mind*

**10.00am** *Kathleen Fitzpatrick & Pauline Catalan nee Fitzpatrick*

**11.30am**

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



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 - 12TH JAN. AT 8PM IN THE PARISH CENTRE**

Please contact the parish office for more information

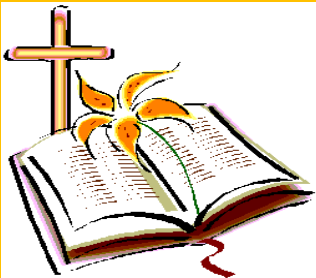
## **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 25th Dec**

**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 3,704  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - goes towards Diocesan administration - € 2,495  
**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 2,335

### **1st JANUARY 2023**

**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1,147  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - goes towards Diocesan administration - € 838  
**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 2,497

*Many thanks for your continued support.*



### **NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS - 15TH JANUARY 2023**

First Reading : Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 28: 1-4, 9-10

Second Reading : Acts 10: 34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

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**Website: work in progress**

**Office opening times**

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

**For all enquires and bookings**

## **Active Retirement Activities and Trips**

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

**We are re-opening on**

**Tuesday, 10th January**

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

Jenny Murphy (Secretary) 087 6221766

*You will be sure of a Céad Míle  
Fáilte*

## The Pope's Intention for January

*for true fraternity*

*We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family*



### WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,  
REAR OF BOOTS 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.

### GROW MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

every Wed afternoon at 2.30pm for  
anyone struggling with depression  
or anxiety or just the stresses of  
life. Experience new hope and  
meaning through working on issues  
together in a peer support setting.  
Call Trish Williams on 086 0129082  
for more information or just turn up  
at the Wicklow Parish Centre.  
Small donations for group running  
costs are welcome.

**Please note - Any notices for the newsletter need to be with the  
Parish Office by 12 noon on Wednesdays**

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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