



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**8th May 2022**  
**Wicklow & Rathnew**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**RCN 20016166**

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# Welcome

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

Donal Neary S.J. **Christian love** Gospel reflections

'God, that's very true' – a remark at our liturgy meeting after the second reading. Jealousy kills, envy too, and isn't it great to rejoice in the good fortune of another?

Love is what we bring with us at the end of life. 'We will be judged in the evening of life by love (St John of the Cross). Love for those near and far, for love in the gospel is more than love for just the family, the friend, the attractive one, the neighbour, for all.

There are different calls to Christian love - near and dear daily love, friendship, marriage, relationships. The wider world like in our job where we live in a loving way, in justice with all, not using others for personal gain; the wider world where a universal love makes me want to make a difference in the bigger world. Love carries us into wide seas and waters. It involves us with everyone. It obviously doesn't mean we relate to everyone - nor that we even like everyone. Love is when others' lives become at least as important as our own; and in the deepest loves like marriage, family, and often friendship, others' lives become even more important.

Love changes – we look back and see how the people we loved make the difference. Life is too short to look love in the face and say no.

***'We are moulded and remoulded by those who have loved us, and though their love may pass, we are nevertheless their work'*** (F Mauriac).

The second reading today is hard to beat! We see it in action when we look at the life of Jesus.

***Dear Jesus whose heart is wide enough to love us all, make our hearts like yours.***



I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.  
John 10:11



# Mass Intention List



## *This Weekend ~ 7th - 8th May*

- 6.00pm* Liam Kavanagh RD  
*7.00pm* Jordan Quinn  
*9.00am* Margaret Cagney  
*10.00am* Owen Malone - 1st Anniversary  
*11.30am* Mick Marah, Ann Roche, Noel & Niall Mooney,  
Deceased members of the Thornhill family

## *9th ~ 13th May*

- Monday* Maureen O'Toole, Bill Phillips, Special intention,  
John Power & deceased members of the Power family.  
*7.00pm* Noel Mcgrath RD  
*Tuesday* Owen Malone - 1st Anniversary,  
Noel & Kathleen O'Flaherty, Fr Tony O'Farrell  
*7.00pm* Ita Kinsella RD  
*Wednesday* Peter Moloney RD  
*Thursday* Sean McSherry RD  
*Friday* Rita Scanlon - Months Mind - Gareth Dunne BR,  
Martin Murphy

## *Next Weekend ~ 14th - 15th May*

- 6.00pm* Cora Crennan, Coley Murley, Willie Earls & grandson  
Adrian Doyle  
*7.00pm*  
*9.00am*  
*10.00am* Dymphna & Óisín Cooney, Maeve Moloney, Vivien Moloney  
*11.30am* Don Marah, Jim Carney, May & William O'Neill,  
Noeleen Shortall, Winifred Lambert, Eddie Hanlon BR,  
Thomas Delahunt & his daughters Kathryn & Ashling

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

# St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



**01 855 0022**



## 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.

### CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

**Telephone number 087 123 8054**

**WICKLOW & RATHNEW**

## DIARY DATES: MAY

- 31st /1st: Collection for Parish Lourdes Group
- 1st : Baptisms - Wicklow
- 8th: Day of Prayer for Vocations.
- 14 /15: Collection to Support Lay Ministry in the  
Archdiocese of Dublin
- 15th : Baptisms - Wicklow
- 21st : Baptisms - Rathnew,
- 26th: Zoom Baptism Meeting - 8.00pm
- 29th: The Ascension of the Lord,  
World Communications Day - Theme: Listen!
- 31st: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## The Pope's Intention for May

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### For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young  
people, called to live life  
to its fullest; may they  
see in Mary's life the  
way to listen, the depth  
of discernment, the  
courage that faith  
generates, and the  
dedication to service.



### NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 15TH MAY 2022

First Reading :Acts 14: 21-27  
Responsorial Psalm: 144:8-13  
Second Reading : Apocalypse 21: 1-5  
Gospel: John 13: 31-35

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 31st April

- 1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 835
- 2ND COLLECTION / SHARE - goes towards diocesan administration - € 400
- ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 1775
- FUNDRAISING APPEAL ENVELOPES - goes towards parish structural works - € 0

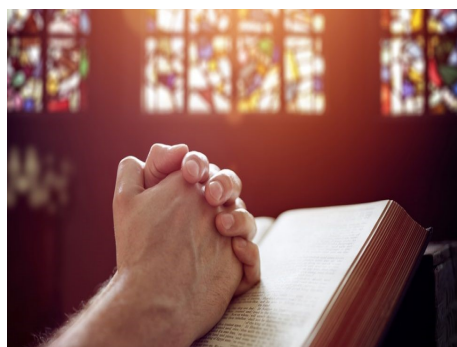
*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION – MAY 14th & 15th

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection takes place on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15. The Lay Ministry Collection will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future.

Donations can be made online at <https://pay-payzone.easypaymentsplus.com/customer/10012/product-list/>.

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



*“At the heart of the Christian vocation is an invitation, the same invitation Jesus extended to the first disciples, to ‘come, follow me... I will make you fish for people’.” – Archbishop Dermot Farrell.*

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, May 8. That weekend, priests and parishes are invited to pray for vocations to the priesthood in the Archdiocese.**

*LECTIO DIVINA Learning to live and love the Sunday Gospel. On Wednesday morning 11th May from 10.45 to 11.45 in the Dominican Ecology Centre. All are very welcome to attend.*

### PARISH PILGRIMAGES 2022

#### MEDJUGORJE - 24th August 2022 - 7 nights

€729 per person in accommodation close to St James Church

Direct return flights, Return airport transfers in Medjugorje,

Breakfast & dinner each day

Full religious programme

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR - Fr Pat O Rourke

More information from Marion O Meara 085 803 1751

#### LOURDES - 12th September 2022 - 5 nights

€799 per person sharing in the Hotel La Solitude

Direct return flights, Return airport transfers in Lourdes,

Full board, breakfast, lunch & dinner each day

Mass at grotto, anointing of the Sick, torchlight Procession

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR - Fr Donal Roche

More information from Nancy Colgan 086 1099 112 or  
Carol Kavanagh 086 060 1956 or Parish Office 61699

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

7th May: St Patricks NS at 11.00am

14th May: Holy Rosary NS  
at 11am & 12.30pm

15th May: Montessori NS 10am

21st May: Gaelscoil NS 11.30

28th May: St Coens NS  
at 11 & 12.30pm



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](http://www.alone.ie)



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 - 26TH MAY AT 8PM**

This meeting is via zoom.



## Breathing New Life into the Parish Music Programme

A hour of inspiration and encouragement:  
*Recovering the choir spirit*  
*New repertoire*  
*Choral techniques*  
*ICMA Music Tasters*

Organised and presented by members of the Advisory Committee on Church Music (ACCM)

Watch live from the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Dublin

[www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com)

Friday, May 13, at 7.30 p.m.  
(or watch recording later)



## ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO

The "Rosary at the Grotto" will take place at the Grotto in Rathnew, during the month of May.

We invite you to join us and thousands of people in Ireland during the month of May. The Rosary will be recited each evening at 8pm beginning on Sunday, May 1, and ending with a special devotion on Tuesday, May 31.

Please spread the word and let's honour Our Blessed Mother all over Ireland throughout the month of May

### RTE MASS

There will be a special Mass at 7am on Wednesday 11th May in St Patrick's Church which will be recorded by RTE for viewing on RTE news channel at 10.30am that morning.

*Congratulations to the children from St Patrick's National School who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend.*



**THE SALE OF THE YEAR IS BACK!**



**THE UNWANTED GIFT SALE  
& COFFEE MORNING**

Put the date in your diary!

**SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER, 2022.**

From 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Maureen & her team are starting to accept unwanted gifts on Wednesdays starting in June from 10am at The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town

This year we are also hoping to add an

**UNWANTED CLOTHES SALE**

but clothes must be new and with the tags still on

The sale proceeds will go to Wicklow Cancer Support & Wicklow Parish.

**(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT SECOND HAND OR USED ITEMS OR BOOKS OR CLOTHES**



**Village Players**

presents



**"SEPARATE BEDS"**

A hilarious comedy by Sam Cree.

In St. Brigid's Hall Rathnew.

On Thursday 12th, Friday 13th,  
Saturday 14th May at 8pm

Tickets online at [Gr8events.ie](http://Gr8events.ie)

**ALSO, TICKETS AVAILABLE EACH  
EVENING AT THE DOOR**

Don't miss this hilarious comedy.



WICKLOW BRIDGE CLUB



Wicklow Bridge Club annual charity night in aid of the local branch of St Vincent de Paul and the local Ukraine Appeal will be held on Tuesday 10th May at 7.30 in the Pastoral Centre. All bridge players are welcome to support this worthy cause.



Wicklow Bridge Club will remain open to all members and visitors until the end of May i.e. 31st May. Looking forward to meeting you all.



## Active Retirement - Activities and Trips

Now with 96 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Coffee mornings continue this Tuesdays 11 am

Irish teaching @ 10.30 before coffee morning Tuesday

Computer Training 12.15 after coffee morning

Line dancing 12 md after coffee morning

Choir, Friday upstairs, in the Pastoral Centre @ 3pm

Christmas Lunch at last ! 😊 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. A two-course meal plus coffee at €25 a head, with optional glass of wine included in the price

Trip booked to Bord Gais Theatre to see the musical "Anything Goes" - Thursday 26th May, matinee performance - Cost €30, includes ticket and coach from Wicklow town - this event is almost sold out !

More trips and activities planned

So, watch this space and updates 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 me:

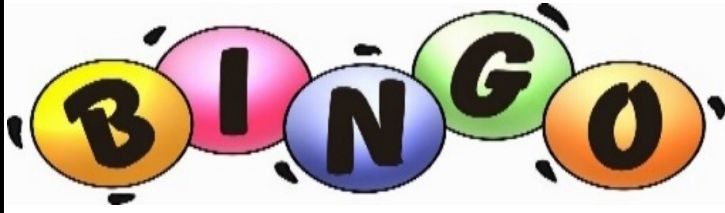
Jenny Murphy (Secretary) 087 6221766 ~ *You will be sure of a Cead Mile Failte.*

## WICKLOW DEMENTIA SUPPORT CLG

Wicklow Dementia Support CLG is registered charity set up to support people with dementia maintain their interests and independence and live life to the full in their community. We provide a number of programmes to support people with dementia living in east Co Wicklow including the Wicklow Activity group which takes place in An Tairseach, Wicklow town on Wednesdays from 11am to 12.30pm. This group provides people with dementia an opportunity to meet with their peers and take part in activities of interest to them. Other programmes include AlzPals, a befriending service, Musical Memories, a weekly music session that takes place in Greystones and Carer Support groups. For an application form, email: [info@wicklowdementiasupport.org](mailto:info@wicklowdementiasupport.org) or call 089 4286928

Wicklow County Council and Co Wicklow PPN invites you to come to a workshop to Develop Our Vision for the Wicklow Municipal District and input to The Local Economic & Community Plan. This is an important 6-year plan that will set out the aims, objectives and actions needed to promote and support economic and local & community development for Co Wicklow. The workshop will run in An Tairseach Ecology Centre, Wicklow Town A67 YX26 on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm to 9pm. To book Email: [info@countywicklowppn.ie](mailto:info@countywicklowppn.ie) or call Helen 087 1895145 or Grainne 086 0487434"

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



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.**

**RATHNEW BINGO WHO HAVE NOW RESUMED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 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**

**RUTH MACKAY**

**€50 winner**

**THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE**

**1, 5, 15, 16**

**NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE**

**€2,575**

*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*

### EASTER DUES

**Easter Dues envelopes are now available. This collection is a vital source of support to the priests of the diocese. All donations go into the Common Fund which pays the salaries of all the priests, including those sick and retired.**

**Your support is greatly appreciated.**

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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“Some of God’s greatest gifts are unanswered prayers.”

—Garth Brooks