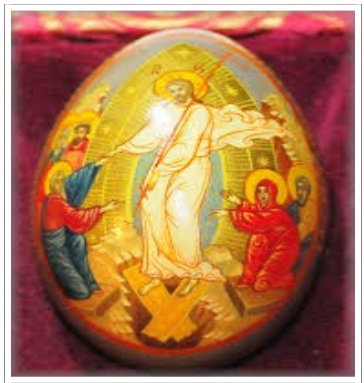


PARISH NEWSLETTER

9th April 2023

Easter Sunday Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166



Gospel reflection Donal Neary Alleluia - for singing, not for humming!

The reason for the joy of Easter is that Christ is risen - the women who came to the tomb found their joy in this. They may have found joy also in a beautiful dawn in the garden, or in their friendships, but the joy of Easter is a joy of faith, which nothing need take away.

The joy of the resurrection is a joy in giving the life we have received from God: 'Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others' (Pope Francis).

The Alleluia is for singing, not for humming; it is to be heard from the voice of the heart, and should lift the hearts of those who hear:

'Jesus Christ is risen. *He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*'

We often see great joy in the middle of huge poverty: often the poor can live for the present moment and enjoy it to the full. Sometimes in the middle of illness we find a peace we don't know from where it comes. The grace of the risen Jesus can touch our lives at any time. Let's not be like Christians 'whose lives seem like Lent without Easter' (Pope Francis). Having lived through the joyful season of Lent, our hearts are wholly lifted now in joy received and joy given.

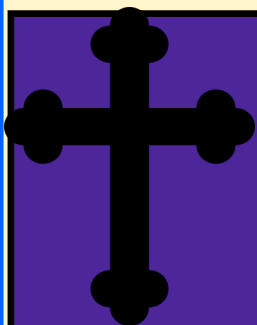
Breathe in and out:

*on the inbreath echo the word 'joy';
on the outbreath echo the word
'thanks'.*

Risen Christ, raise our lives in joy.



*Sincere sympathy to the families of
Josephine Carraher late of Glebemount
Anthony Clare late of Clare's Hill*



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 8th & 9th April

9.00pm *EASTER VIGIL*

9.00am *Parishioners Intentions*

10.00am *Seamus Dunne, Thomas & Bridget Cregg & deceased members of the Cregg & Hurley families. Thomas & Anastasia Duffy & deceased members of the Duffy & Corrigan families.*

11.30am *Fr Tom Scully, deceased members of the Scully & Hanlon families, Michael White, Gerry Mulvihill.*

10th ~ 14th April

Monday *Liam Turner, Jimmy Gallagher (A)*

Tuesday *Special Intention*

Wednesday *Teresa Enwright (A)*

Thursday *Sean Kelly (A)*

Paul & Helen O'Brien—25th Wedding Anniversary

Friday *Eddie, Kate & Jack Kavanagh (A)*

Next Weekend ~ 15th & 16th April

6.00pm *Johnny & Paul Murphy, Una Lockhart,
Jack Fox & deceased members of the Fox & Robinson families*

7.00pm *Kitty Jameson - Months Mind, Carmel Culbert*

10.00am *James & Mary Grant*

11.30am *Leo Byrne - Months Mind, Tom Porter,
Kit & Ron Hagan*

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

Easter: A time to hope

‘Christ throws a party at dawn and splashes water in the face of unbelief’ – Patrick Henry Ryan

One of my favourite parts of Easter Sunday Mass is the sprinkling of baptismal water over the congregation after they have renewed their baptismal promises. It is meant as a reminder of baptism but there is something almost playful about the splashing of water that brings out the child in all of us. Who hasn't splashed water over someone on a trip to a beach or a river?

This ritual takes place after the people have renewed their baptismal promises. It is not a thing that we should take lightly; it is more than a formula of words. We are proclaiming publicly that, despite times of darkness and doubt, despite fears and anxieties, illness and bereavement, we are prepared to make a statement of faith; to commit ourselves again to following Christ as his witnesses in the world and being signs of hope and light in a world where there is so much despair and darkness.

It is a leap of faith. It is a challenge. But, for those of us who have been blessed with the gift of faith it is a source of great joy and hope. So, as we are sprinkled with Easter water on Sunday, receive it as a gift: a sign of God's love, a symbol of hope. It is given in joy; receive it with joy.

I wish you all the joy and peace of Easter and I thank you for all the countless ways that you, as members of this community, have been living signs of hope and comfort to those who walk in darkness and have shown the caring face of Christ by your words and deeds of kindness and compassion.

Fr Donal

The Pope's Intention for April

For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

2nd April 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €1970
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €1020
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards diocesan administration - € 880

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 : Acts 2: 42-47

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117: 2-4,13-15,22-24

Second Reading : 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Gospel : John 20: 19-31

De La Salle Pastoral Centre

*Will be closing for Holy Week
on Wednesday 5th April at
10pm and will re-open on
Tuesday 11th April at 10am.*

*Wishing all our patrons a very
happy Easter.*



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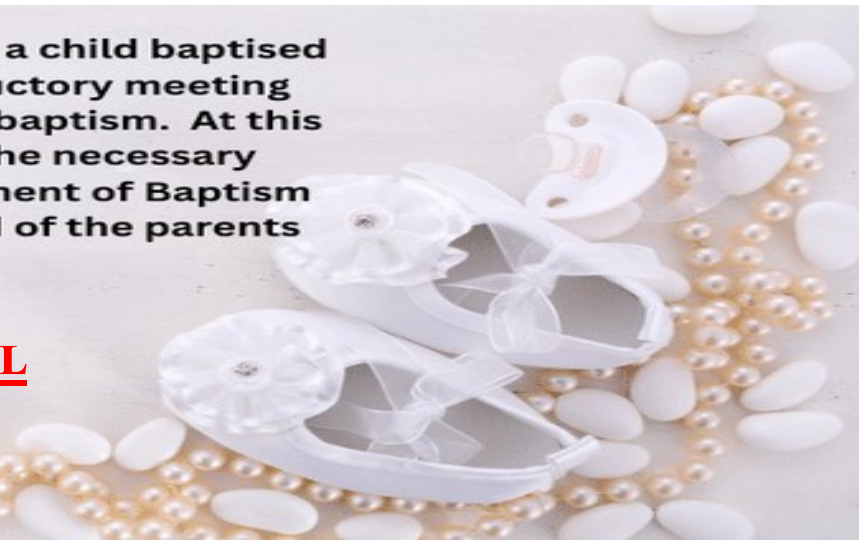
*is closed for
the Easter
break and
will re - open
on Thursday
13th April
at 10am.*

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 - 13TH APRIL

AT 8PM

IN THE PARISH CENTRE



**WICKLOW BRIDGE CLUB
CHARITY NIGHT
in aid of S.A.D.S.
(SUDDEN ADULT DEATH SYNDROME)**

is being held in The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow
on Tuesday 18th April 7.30pm.

This is an open night and everyone is welcome.
Your support for this very worthy cause would
be greatly appreciated.

TAP & GO MACHINES

During the month of March
2023 the Tap and Go
machines in Wicklow Church

Collected a total of
€1,183.00

from 146 transactions.

This is split

60% to the Common Fund
and 40% to Share.

Many thanks for your
continued support.

WICKLOW DEMENTIA SUPPORT is a registered charity providing support to people living with dementia in Co. Wicklow to enable them maintain their identity, interests and independence to live life to the fullest in their own home and community, while also meeting the needs of family carers for a break.

It provides a number of programmes to support people with dementia living in east Co Wicklow including AlzPals, a befriending programme.

Wicklow Dementia Support is seeking volunteer befrienders, ALZPALS, for 2 hours per week to provide social contact for a number of people living with memory loss in Bray, Greystones, Enniskerry, Newtownmountkennedy, Rathnew, Wicklow town and Arklow, like

Anne

"I enjoy going out for a walk, but I don't feel as confident now. A companion to walk with and chat to over coffee would really make a difference"

and John

"I used to enjoy a game of cards, a chat about the football, but I don't like to go out alone now. I would love for someone to visit me and play a few hands of cards"

If you are interested in becoming an AlzPal,
email: admin@wicklowdementiasupport.org or call: 087 6346399

LOURDES



WICKLOW RATHNEW LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

Accompanied by Spiritual Director
Group Organiser: Nancy Colgan

19 August 2023

5 Nights from Dublin Airport
€879 per person sharing

- » Direct return flights
- » Return airport transfers in Lourdes
- » 5 nights in the Hotel La Solitude
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Mass at the Grotto, Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Full assistance of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives throughout the pilgrimage and at airports
- » Optional travel insurance from €39 per person

For information and bookings, please contact:

Nancy Colgan 086 1099112 Parish Office 0404 61699
Catherine Marah 0404 68389 Carol Kavanagh 086 0601956

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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

**Booking for this years pilgrimages are now open -
easy pay schedule available**

PARISH CONTACTS

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Fr Pat O'Rourke: 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

**BBK Website: work
in progress**

**Office opening times
Monday - Friday:**

10am – 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings

DIARY DATES: APRIL

1st/2nd: Lourdes Collection

2nd: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Baptisms - Wicklow

6th: Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper

7th: Good Friday
Celebration of the Lord's Passion

8th: Holy Saturday Vigil at 9pm

9th: Easter Sunday

16th: Baptisms - Wicklow /
Divine Mercy Sunday

22nd: Baptisms - Rathnew

29th: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Email Queries: knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

Active Retirement Activities & Trips

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

Tuesdays, from 10.45am till 1.00pm/ Line Dancing 12 noon

Trip to Custom House & EPIC - The Immigration Museum - Wed 19th April

Spring Holiday to North Wales 15th -19th May.

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



**For information on the Wicklow Town Heritage Trail,
visit www.wicklowntown.ie**

**JOIN OUR FREE GUIDED WALK EACH SATURDAY MORNING at 11am
commencing from outside the Tourist Office in Fitzwilliam Square,
Wicklow Town. Walk will take approximately 2 hours, spending some
time at each key location.**

**These guided walks will take place each Saturday until Saturday 30th
September 2023.**

Join us for this very informative and entertaining trail through Wicklow Towns past telling
it's rich history from the landing of St. Patrick in 432 to the end of the Civil War in 1923.

**The Heritage Trail is an initiative of The Wicklow Town Team and Wicklow
Municipal Council and was funded by Wicklow County Partnership.**

VOLUNTEER GUIDES REQUIRED

Would you have an interest in volunteering to join our team of guides, who work in pairs?

**Can you commit to assist in leading 1 Tour per month on Saturday mornings, until the end of
September? Full Training will be provided.**

**No previous experience required – but an interest in History & Heritage would be an ad-
vantage.**

To volunteer, contact Pascal on 087 2533742 or pascalburke2015@gmail.com.

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations

KIARA KAVANAGH

6th April 2023: €50 raffle winner

Weekly winning numbers: 1, 16, 20, 27

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

JACKPOT IS €5000

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!

Please note the Parish Privacy Notice is currently under review. A new version will be published very soon. If you have any questions or require further information, please email Noelle Dowling at dataprotection@dublindiocese.ie.

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

Name.....

Contact Number.....

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HAPPY EASTER



LIFE

IS GOD'S MYSTERY CRACKED OPEN