

PARISH NEWSLETTER

9th July 2023

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166



Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew– Donal Neary

A time for rest

The invitation of Jesus to find peace in his presence is one of the most popular of his sayings. He is contrasting his message with the burdensome law, which somehow had lost the heart of religion, over-emphasising the externals of laws and rituals. He is not devaluing laws and rituals but putting them in their place. He offers an invitation that everyone can hear; and at many times of life we really need to hear it. These may be times of illness, bereavement, anxiety, depression and/or worry. It is an invitation to come into his presence, which is a loving presence. It's not just an invitation to enjoy a restful time, but to rest in the presence of love.

Any notion we have of Jesus that is harsh is false: he is 'gentle and humble in heart'. This is the atmosphere he asks us all to spread. 'Once you have received the refreshment and comfort of Christ, we are called in turn to become refreshment and comfort for our brothers and sisters, with a meek and humble attitude, in imitation of the Master' (Pope Francis, July 2014).

The church is a place of rest for the weary; the place where we find encouragement in the ordinary situations in our lives, where we are called to respond to those who suffer through poverty, homelessness and many other unjust social situations that are part of our world, near and far.

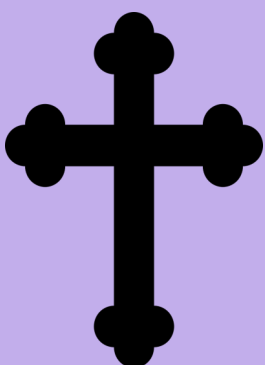
Recall last week where you needed to hear these words or met someone else who needed to hear them, maybe through you. Speak to the Lord in your own words.

*Take into your hands,
Lord, the burdens in my life; help me to trust in you.*



Sincere sympathy to the family of

Timmy Murphy, Ballinabarney, Wicklow.



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 8th & 9th July

- 6.00pm** Billy & Carmel Colgan both Recently deceased
Ann Earls
- 9.00am** Paddy McNabb - Months Mind, Tony Flaherty
- 10.30am** Betty & Neddy Fox, Denis Whelan, Agnes Malone BR
- 12.00noon** Ann Coffey & Breda Kinsella - 1st Anniversaries,
Jim Neilan, Agnes McInerney, Kay Quill
Anne Byrne, Sarah Kitson, Doreen Wilson
& deceased members of the Fox family

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

10th - 14th July

- Monday** Aidan Gallagher - In remembrance
- 7.00pm** Bridie Kilcoyne (A)
- Tuesday** Jimmy Jordan, Maura O'Brien, Mick & Maura Finlay
- 7.00pm** Bridie Jameson (A)
- Wednesday** John O'Rourke, Mary Carroll (A)
- Thursday** Nessa Delaney - In remembrance
- Friday** Rose-Anne Murphy - In remembrance

Next Weekend ~ 15th & 16th July

- 6.00pm** Mary Hernon (A) & Desmond Hernon (RIP)
Donal Kinney, Bill Byrne
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Evelyn Kelly (BR), Paul Doyle, John & Cora Flood,
Augustus & Mary Cullen, May & Francis Cullen, Kathleen &
Patrick Cannon, Rose, John & Matthew Ryan, Sr Mary Dominic
- 12.00noon** William Murphy, Mary Conway, Iris Stephens,
Bill & Alice Stephens

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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 JULY
AT 8PM
IN THE PARISH CENTRE



ADORATION ~ BLESSED SACRAMENT

Continues on Wednesdays in St Patrick's 10.30 am to 11.30 pm, usually finishing with Benediction. **Please note the change of time!!**

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is located in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and is open Monday through to Friday from 10am till 12.30 pm for all general parish enquiries, to book in masses /baptisms /weddings, to drop in weekly envelopes, to buy mass cards etc .

Contact number 61699.

We are very happy to help!

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**

BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES 2023

THREE MILE WATER CEMETERY ~ MONDAY 10TH JULY AT 7.30PM
CASTLETIMON CEMETERY ~ MONDAY 17TH JULY AT 7.30PM
RATHNEW CEMETERY ~ WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY AT 7.30PM

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

2nd July 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 2110
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1090
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - **ANNUAL PETERS PENCE COLLECTION**- € 1175

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 : Isaiah 55: 10-11

Responsorial Psalm 64: 10-14

Second Reading : Romans 8: 18-23

Gospel : Matthew 13: 1-23

The Pope's Intention for July

For a Eucharistic life.

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



PETER'S PENCE

ANNUAL CHURCH COLLECTION

Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father, as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter, for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

The annual Peter's Pence collection was taken up last weekend Saturday and Sunday, July 1st and 2nd, and it replaced the normal SHARE collection.

A total of €1175 was collected from the parish for which we are truly grateful.

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

DID YOU KNOW ?

St. Patrick's Church Wicklow

In Porter's guide to Co. Wicklow appeared the following:-

“The Catholic Church is a magnificent structure situated on an eminence overlooking the town and bay, and is a lasting monument to the tiny munificence and sacrifices of the Catholic Community of Wicklow. There are many beautiful Churches in the Diocese of Dublin, but very few can compare with Wicklow. Viewed from Church Hill, it looks like a continental Cathedral, and the interior decorations are very artistic, a special feature of which is the beautiful ceiling”.

The Foundation Stone was laid in 1840. Archbishop of Dublin, Daniel Murray in the presence of a large and distinguished congregation celebrated the first Mass in 'St. Patrick's Church' on Sunday, October 13. 1844. The High Altar of Caen stone was erected to the memory of Archdeacon Grant whose mortal remains together with those of his successor Father Patrick O' Doherty (1864-76) rest in the vault in front of the high altar. The event for which Fr. O' Doherty, is best remembered, and for which the parish will be forever indebted to him is the bringing of the Dominican Community to Wicklow. The Church Organ is dedicated to his memory.

St. Joseph's Church Rathnew

The village of Rathnew is associated with St. Ernan who studied at Clonmanoise. On the site of the old burial ground in Rathnew is the remains of an ancient church, however, only a fragment remains. Two notable Parish Priests of Wicklow are buried there, side by side. Rev. William Cavanagh (1704-17) and his nephew the Rev. Stephen Cavanagh (1747 -). St. Joseph's Church Rathnew was completed in 1882 by Canon William Dillon, Parish Priest of Wicklow.

The first Mass was celebrated on Easter Sunday of the same year.

The school in Rathnew opposite the Church was built by V. Rev. Michael Canon Hoey PP Wicklow (1923-49). In 1965 during Fr. John Kingston's incumbency as parish priest of Wicklow (1964-70), a second school was built, providing separate accommodation for boys and girls in the village. In 1941 John Charles McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin, appointed Fr. Patrick Lavelle as Rathnew's first resident curate. In recent years, there was a complete re-decoration of St Joseph's, together with the installation of new stained glass windows, which are been worked on again now.

Meals on Wheels Wicklow



The local branch of the Meals on Wheels provide and deliver meals to people who, for social or medical reasons are unable to provide a meal for themselves. Meals are delivered on Tuesdays and Thursdays to Wicklow town and the environs. Wicklow Meals on Wheels was established over 30 years ago by the Wicklow Meals on Wheels Committee. They provide between 75 & 80 main meals and desserts every Tuesday and Thursday, from September through to July for a very small nominal donation.

This service is provided by local volunteers, both in the kitchen and also driving to the clients homes. This is a vital service to the community both locally and nationally. The Meals On Wheels services around the country enable older people to remain in their homes within the community and allow them to return there following periods of hospitalisation or sickness. Without the existence of the meals on wheels there would be a measurable impact on caring for older members of the community.

This service provides a range of benefits to those who use them, which goes far beyond the basic primary requirement of providing regular and nutritious meals to those who might otherwise struggle to obtain them. For many using these services the visit of the meals on wheels provider might be their only social contact during a day. Meals on wheels not only provides their meal, but also human contact and inclusion in the community.

The local Meals on Wheels group are holding a Church Door collection next weekend the 15th & 16th July after all Masses and your support would as usual be very much appreciated

Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The death of a loved one is very devastating. Most of us are not prepared for the long journey of grief. At first we don't really believe it. Often by the time the reality hits us our friends and relatives think that we are or should be okay and they go back to their busy lives.

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary parish based ministry which aims to help the bereaved and grieving. Although grieving is a natural process which can be helped by the sympathy and understanding of friends there are times when one needs support to work through it in a positive way. Feelings need to be expressed rather than repressed. It helps the healing process to talk with a trained listener and confront the very strong feelings associated with grief.

Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group meet on the last Tuesday of the month in the De La Salle Centre at 8pm and if you are struggling with your grief and think you might like to talk with a trained listener, you are very welcome to attend this meeting. More information from 087 946 8971



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

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

Fridays - Choir 3 to 4pm

Trip to Ferns Visitor Centre/Castle and Wells House on Wednesday 19th July.

Wednesdays - Walking - meet at 11.00am on the Murrough

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

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations

TOM MULVIHILL

6th July 2023: €50 raffle winner
Weekly winning numbers: 5, 6, 7, 18
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

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HAPPINESS

is not the absence
of problems;
it's the ability to
deal with them.

-DR. STEVE MARABOLI