

Gospel reflections The teller of the Story Donal Neary S.J

Is this the best story ever written! Because we know it so well, we may gloss over it. It challenges us on many levels - the inclusiveness of everyone as our neighbour; the way we can pass by human needs, and how the most rejected people can respond positively. It is a story of how many of us miss tragedy under our noses, and how many suffer because of the cruelty of others. It's mainly a story to ask us to respond as positively as we can to all human need.

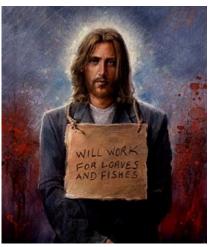
It also points to the person who told the story. Jesus could tell this story because he was the good Samaritan himself. His heart went out to those who were suffering most at the hands of others. He could tell it also because he knew what it was like to be an outcast - rejected by his own people, and in danger all the time of being victimised even to death like this man at the side of the road.

He brings it farther also - saying that the commandment of God is seen in the way the good Samaritan responded. The second great commandment is to love the neighbour, and the neighbour is the one of any colour, nationality, age or family.

We can ask who are the ones thrown to the side of the road today? The former prisoner, the asylum seeker and refugee, the forgotten young person, the addict, among others. All can be helped to their feet and to carry on in life through the help and care of another.

The final words to take from the gospel today are simple yet difficult - 'go and do the same yourself.'

Lord, may I go and do the same myself.



Mass Intention List

	Thís Weekend ~ 9th & 10th July
6.00pm	Mary Geraghty - Months Mínd, Ann Earls,
	Nína Marah, Míchael Lambert Jr, Mary, Frank &
	George Newsome, Tommy Marah
7.00pm	Bridie Kilcoyne
10.00am	Special Intention
11.30am	Jím Neílan, Kathleen & Patríck Cannon, Rose,
	Matthew, & John Ryan, Sr Mary Domíníc.
	Nuala O Connor, Bíll Lee, Sarah Kítson

	11th July ~ 15th July	
Monday	Míck & Maura Fínlay, Jímmy Jordan	
7.00pm	Katríona Rowan RD	
Tuesday	John O'Rourke, Antoínette Mullany	
7.00pm	Díarmuíd Fawsítt RD	
Wednesday	Jím Víckers RD	
Thursday	Charlie Graham - 1st Anniversary	
Fríday	Irís Stephens	

Next Weekend ~ 16th & 17th July

6.00pm	Concepta Connolly - Months Mínd, James Sherlock,
	Joseph & Stella O'Carolan, Etta Byrne, Paul, Míchael,
	Esther & Kate Doyle
7.00pm	
10.00am	Mary Conway - 1st Anníversary,
	Míchael & Míchael Jnr & Ríta Doyle
11.30am	Willie Murphy, Christine Merrigan, Carmel Byrne,
	Irís Stephens, Bíll & Alíce Stephens
Please note that the Masses in green type are in St Joseph's Rath	



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 - 4TH AUGUST AT 8PM IN THE PARISH CENTRE Please contact the parish office to give your details

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

For the parishes of Wicklow, Ashford and Barndarrig

Saturday Vigil: 6pm Wicklow 6pm Ashford 7pm Rathnew 7pm Barndarrig

Sunday Morning:

9am Kilbride and 9am Glenealy 10am Wicklow and 10am Brittas Bay 11.00. Ashford 11.30 Wicklow

Mass & Blessings of Graves in Rathnew Cemetery

will be on Wednesday

BLESSING OF GRAVES 2022

THREE MILE WATER -MONDAY 11th JULY at 7.30pm

CASTLETYMON MONDAY 25TH JULY AT 7.30PM

Silent Meditation 7pm to 7.30 pm every Friday night, followed by a cuppa, in Healthy Habits Studio Quarantine Hill, Wicklow Town Contact Seamus 086 0549816

SUMMER OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church for the next few weeks. This collection is for the support of all the priests in the Diocese - this supplements the Common Fund which suffered during Covid times. Your contribution to this collection would be very much appreciated.



We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 17TH JULY 2022

First Reading :Genesis 18: 1-10

Responsorial Psalm: 14: 2-5

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 24-28

Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: **3rd July** 820

2ND COLLECTION / **ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION**

- **1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € PETERS PENSE - ANNUAL COLLECTION - €
- 412 3070

- goes towards maintaining our parish - €

Many thanks for your continued support.



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

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Donal Roche :040467196Fr Pat O Rourke:040467133Wicklow Sacristy:040469031Parish Office:040461699Email:parishofficewicklow@gmail.comWebsite:www.wicklowparishOffice opening times -

Monday - Friday : 10am - 12.30pm

THIS WEEK'S FEASTDAYS:

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The great virtue of charity is put before us today. It is the virtue by which we love God above all things for his owns sake, and ourneighbour as ourselves for the love of God. We are told to love one another as God as told us. The story of the Good Samaritan is to show is that this is a virtue well within our reach.

<u>11TH JULY : ST BENEDICT, ABBOT,</u> <u>PATRON OF EUROPE</u>

480-547, after living as a hermit at Subiaco, founded the monastery of Monte Cassino. His Rule, observed by Benedictines & Cistercians, is distinguished by its wisdom and balance and those who lived by it did much to shape the Europe of today. Named the Patron of Europe in 1964

15TH JULY : ST BONAVENTURE

1221-74, born in Tuscany, Minister General of the Franciscans, Cardinal Archbishop Albano, theologian of the Council of Lyons.

16TH JULY : OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The Carmelite communities inherit the early hermits' devotions to Elijah and his solitary prayer, and to Mary under this title of Mount Carmel.

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

Please note that all balances must be paid in full by Tuesday 28th June

PETERS PENCE 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 and supporting the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need. Many thanks to all who contributed last week a total of \leq 412 was collected from this parish.



SUNDAY FUNDAY - an invitation to all our parishioners to come and help us in welcoming Ukrainian families to our local parishes. This event will be a family day and will take place in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow on Sunday 24th July from 2pm till 4.30pm.

We hope to have Face painting, Dancing, Games, Bingo, Music, Refreshments and much more. Free Admission and all are very welcome.

A warm 'welkam' to our Ukrainian families !

If anyone would like to help out with this event please get in touch with the parish office on 61699

A TIME TO RENEW FUNERAL MINISTRY TEAMS - A message from the Diocese.

The celebration of funerals in our churches during Covid lockdowns was affected in many ways. Restricted numbers, social distancing and the uncertainty about the various public health recommendations took their toll on the quality of our celebrations, who could be present and inevitably the participation of Funeral Teams.

It is time to look now at refreshing our Funeral Ministry Teams. As more people work from home, with flexibility, it could be possible to engage some of them in this ministry of service and compassion. Other people have taken early retirement and might be happy to be invited to contribute to parish life in a new way.

We will offer training for new members of funeral ministry teams in the coming months. Venues will be announced nearer the dates with a possibility of face to face and/or zoom.

Save the Dates: 'New Funeral Team Members' Training Dates: 28 Sept, 19 Oct and 23 Nov '22 This programme is a continuation of our formation work over the years.

Active Retirement-Activities and Trips

Now with 102 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland Follow us on our facebook page: Wicklow Active Retirement

Tuesday coffee morning as normal at 11 am in the Pastoral Centre Irish at 10.30, sorry no line dancing or computer training this week Social dancing continues Friday at 2pm upstairs in the Pastoral Centre Choir Friday upstairs, in the Pastoral Centre @ 3pm - More New Songs to learn this week for our upcoming "mini concert" in July - don't miss it October Holiday booked in Westport, 4 nights Westport Coast Hotel, The Quays; Departing Monday 3rd Oct, home Friday 7th - €405 per person sharing, €505 single. This price includes: Bed, Breakfast and Evening meals, all transport and trips every day, including Achill Island. Tips are included in this price. Almost fully booked.

July trip before we have our summer break in August. Mystery Tour in September and a fund raiser in the planning. Keep watching for updates.

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.

ARCHDIOCESE SEEKING TO APPOINT PROPERTY ASSET MANAGER

The Archdiocese wishes to appoint an experienced Property Asset Manager to devise and deliver a comprehensive property strategy. The Property Asset Manager will assist parishes to:

• Develop an asset management strategy, in collaboration with all stakeholders, to reflect emerging requirements.

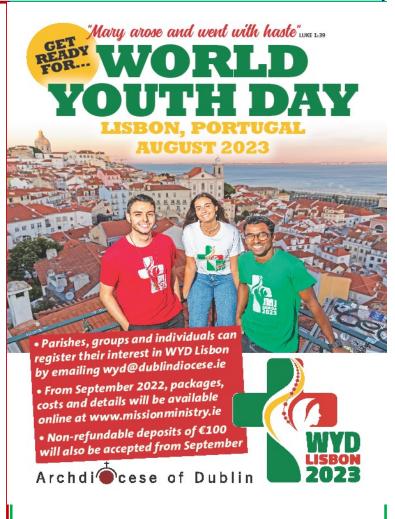
• Develop efficient and effective property management tools to deliver appropriate support and quality service to parishes and other end users.

• Provide and deliver a property consolidation plan.

• Develop a residential model to reflect the future needs of the diocese.

Manage all property related stakeholder relationships.

Full details can be found at <u>https://</u> <u>dublindiocese.ie/vacancies/</u>. Please contact <u>ide.finnegan@dublindiocese.ie</u> with enquiries.



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

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS

PAULA CONWAY

€50 winner THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

> 4, 10, 15, 21 NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

> > <u>€3,275</u>

Remember...íf you aren't ín you can't wín!

Join by texting the word WICKLOW to 51444

or go to the website : www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/ wicklow

CHIME IN & PLAY (formerly known as Gymboree) Summer Pop-Up Classes in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Thursdays 7th & 21st July and 4th & 18th August. Teach your child a love of music through songs, dance, instruments and fun - suitable for all babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers from 6mths-4yrs. Contact Rachel on 086 8330212 for more info or to book your place. Booking is essential as places are limited.

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 Address	What money can buy: A bed but not sleep. A clock but not time. A book but not knowledge. A position but not respect. Medicine but not health. Amusements but not happiness. Acquaintance but not friendship Obedience but not faithfulness. A house but not a home.