

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

10th September 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166



*Fr Donal Neary, S.J ~Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew*

## Each Other's Keepers

In any group, small and big, things cause friction. Everyone thinks his or her way is right. We can fight over who is right. Some things are worth a fight, others not.

In the big questions of life, we need the advice, support and love of the other. Many people ask themselves, "Why I didn't give an honest opinion about a decision like marriage or a job or a course of studies which seemed ill-advised to everyone?" We all have good and not-so-good tendencies.

We can only advise as best we can, sensitively and wisely, and hope we get a hearing.

We are afraid to hurt, to be rejected. Why do we let so many people drink themselves into trouble and never tell them? The terror of a neighbourhood, no matter what age, needs to be con-fronted. The problem of drugs in a neighbourhood is not con-fronted. Crime is not reported.

In small and big things we are each others' keepers. Jesus is saying something like that today. Parents can find this difficult as they try to guide the family well and not lose them. We have social responsibility in the family and in the neighbourhood and even worldwide for the common good.

God wants the best for each of us. We can help each other to goodness, we can support each other, advise each other, pray for and with each other, and help each other on our way to God.

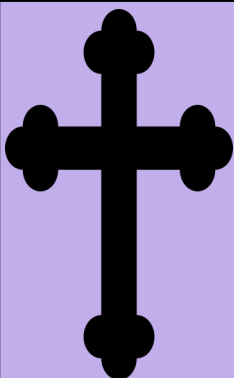
Recall an occasion when another gave good advice,  
even when you may not have liked it at the beginning. Be grateful!  
Give me wisdom, Lord, when others ask me for advice or an opinion.

*Sincere sympathy to the families of*

*Kathleen Marah late of Woodside, Rathnew*

*Hannah Ferguson late of Greenhill Rd*

*May Kavanagh late of Wentworth Grove*



# Mass Intention List



*This Weekend ~ 9th & 10th September*

*6.00pm*      *Mark Dunne (A)*

*9.00am*      *Special Intention*

*10.30am*     *Marion Redmond, James Malone (A)*

*12.00noon*   *Dunny Byrne, Thomas Kavanagh (50th ann)*  
*Joseph Whelan*

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

*11th - 15th September*

*Monday*      *Mary Brennan RD*

*7.00pm*      *John Arthur (In Rem)*

*Tuesday*     *Rita Byrne (In Rem)*

*7.00pm*      *Seamus Byrne (In Rem)*

*Wednesday*   *In grateful appreciation for a successful*  
*Pilgrimage to Lourdes*

*Thursday*     *Judy Fleming (In Rem)*

*Friday*        *Linda Sherwin (In Rem)*

*Next Weekend ~ 16th & 17th September*

*6.00pm*      *Grainne O'Toole, Joe & Eileen Delaney*

*9.00am*

*10.30am*     *Pat Henry, Grainne Byrne.*

*12.00noon*   *Martin Carr - Months Mind*

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## **PARISH CONTACTS**

**Fr Aquinas Duffy PP : 0404 67196**

**Fr Gerard Deegan CC: 0404 67133**

**Parish Office: 0404 61699**

[parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com)

**BBK Website: work  
in progress**

**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday:**

**10am – 12.30pm**

For all enquires and bookings

## **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**

## **PARISH FACEBOOK**

The Wicklow / Rathnew Parish have a Facebook for quite a while now - where we post general church events/ occasions. Please look us up and like and follow us on

**St. Patrick's Church Wicklow & St Josephs Church Rathnew**

Kilbride, Brittas Bay & Barndarrig have also got a new Facebook page where we are posting items to try to build up the page and get it out in the community. Please look us up and follow us on

**Parish of Barndarrig-Brittas Bay-Kilbride**

## **PARISH WEBSITE**

We are also in the process of updating the website at the moment. It will become a Pastoral Area Website, which will be a great addition to all the parishes in our area. Each parish will have its own platform within the website, and another section that will be common to all parishes.

Work started on it about a month ago but it is still a work in progress at the moment, however we are hopeful that its only a few weeks away now before we launch it.

Many thanks to William Doyle Undertakers for continuing to sponsor the website and agreeing to the review /update on the current site.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

The parish offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children who are attending non Catholic Schools.

Parents who wish to present their child for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation are invited to enrol them for a two year programme of preparation.

Classes take place in the De La Salle Parish Centre in Wicklow -  
3.20pm for First Holy Communion and 4.10pm for Confirmation classes.  
These classes commence on Tuesday 19th September 2023

Please contact the parish office on 61699 for further information.



## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

**3rd September 2023**

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 2450  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1225  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - go towards Diocesan Administration - € 875

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

First Reading : Ecclesiasticus 27:30, 28:7

Psalm 102

Second Romans 14: 7-9

Gospel : Matthew 18: 21-35

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 -14TH SEPTEMBER**

**AT 8PM**

**IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE**

## Sacred Scripture

*Every Wednesday from 13th September in the Dominican Ecology Centre from 10.45am till noon.*

*We reflect on the following Sundays Gospel, by going deeper into it. This helps us to live the word of God in our daily lives.*

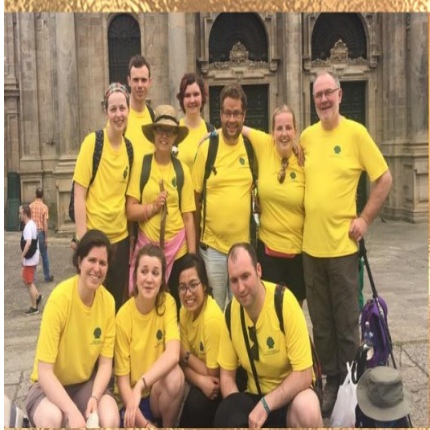
*Everyone is very welcome to come along and try these sessions!*



# YOUNG ADULT CAMINO

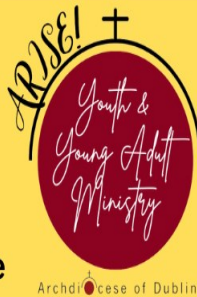
Summer 2024

Register your interest using the  
QR Code below



Full Details and Booking  
available from September.

Send all queries to:  
[natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie)



## The Pope's Intention for September



**For people living on the margins  
We pray for those persons living  
on the margins of society, in  
inhumane life conditions; may  
they not be overlooked by  
institutions and never considered  
of lesser importance.**

## **TOTUS TUUS CONFERENCE**

The Totus Tuus Men for Christ Conference 2023 – a Catholic conference for men – will be live and exclusive on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday, September 16, from 2pm. Speakers for this year's conference are Fr Billy Swan, Fr Chris Hayden, Anthony Crossey and Fr John Harris OP.

## **10AM WEEKLY FAMILY MASS**



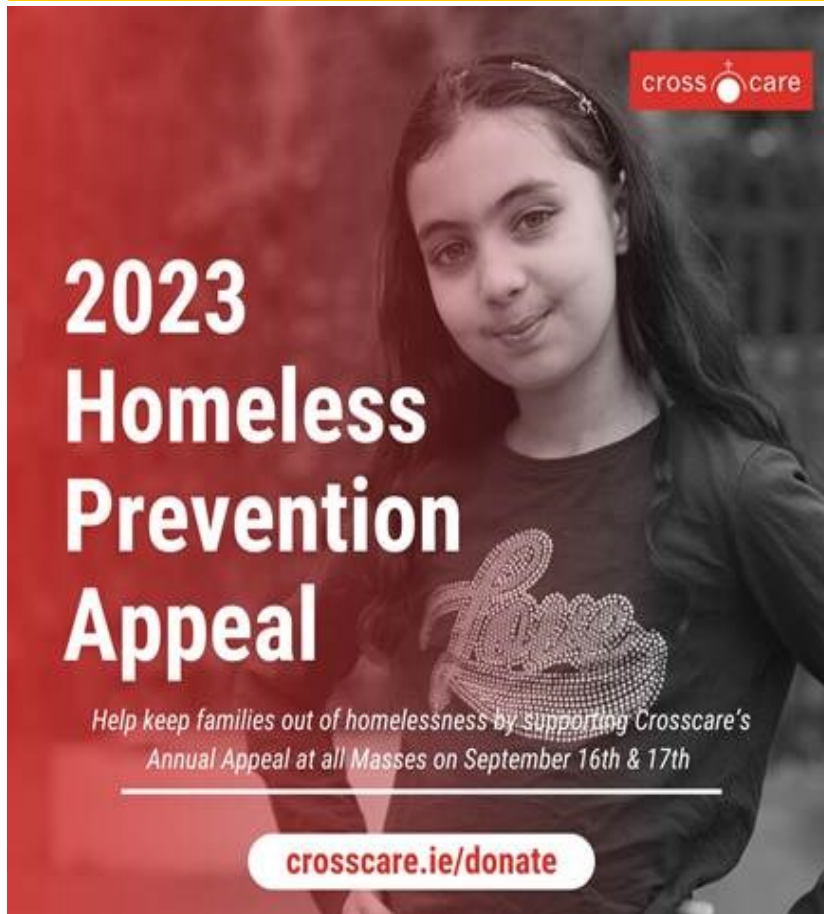
**Family Mass will be resuming on the 17th September. We are really hoping that families will volunteer and participate in this Mass. We are looking for families to read, bring up the gifts and of course, to join in the singing and maybe even join the choir.**

**You would be most welcome.**

**Anyone who is interested, please come along to the practices at 9.45am on the Sunday mornings. Contact Katie on 086 409 4013 for more information.**

**WANTED** .....the Parish are looking for volunteers who may be interested in providing a prayer/communion service to the local nursing homes. Full details still have to be worked out as we are in the very early process of checking out the availability of volunteers to allow us provide this service. Some Eucharistic Ministers have expressed an interest in this service– depending on days and times etc. If you haven't already been in touch and think you may be interested—please leave your name and number with the Parish Office. Please note you don't have to currently be a Minister of the Eucharistic or Word as there would be full training provided for this service.

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



**2023  
Homeless  
Prevention  
Appeal**

*Help keep families out of homelessness by supporting Crosscare's  
Annual Appeal at all Masses on September 16th & 17th*

[crosscare.ie/donate](http://crosscare.ie/donate)

## **CROSSCARE COLLECTION**

On the weekend of **September 16 and 17**, Crosscare will hold its **Annual Appeal for Homeless Prevention Services**. This will replace the Share collection at all Masses. Crosscare seeks your support to prevent more people from losing their homes as the housing and accommodation crisis continues.

The number of people in emergency accommodation in Dublin is now well over 9,000; sadly, this includes almost 3,000 children. As well as providing residential homeless services, Crosscare is working with hundreds of families and individuals who are at risk of losing their existing accommodation. Please support the Crosscare collection if you can next weekend at all Masses in the Archdiocese, or you can donate online at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie).

## **HONESTY POLICY, CARDS & CANDLES**

**We are introducing an Honesty Policy system to buy Mass Cards and candles in the Church after the weekend Masses. Initially there will be someone to help out with this.**

**The idea is that there will be envelopes left on a table on the Sacred Heart side of the Altar, black print for deceased and blue print for everything else, eg Get Well, Happy Birthday etc.**

**You write the intentions name on the space on the front of the envelope enclose the €5 for the Mass card, and pop it into the letterbox on the door at the confession box.**

**The candles are now a new style and are €2 each - again the money can be put through the letterbox. Unfortunately there is no change facility, so please use the accurate amount of money.**

**This will be done for a trial period to see how it goes.**

**Full Mass Cards are still available in the Parish Office along with other stock, feel free to come in and have a look around.**



## KNIT & STITCH CHAT GROUP

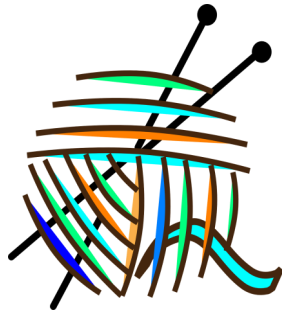
On Wednesdays from 2pm till 4pm  
beginning on the 13th September.

This group work on their own projects  
while helping others out.

This is an opportunity to take time out  
and relax while getting to know people  
over a cuppa and a  
chat.

Facilitators: Sr Pauline  
& Katherine Kavanagh

Donation of €5



# 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

Tuesday morning meetings have commenced

Mystery Tour on Wednesday 20th September

Holiday to Belfast on 16th October.

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

*You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte*



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

## PARISH SHOP

The Parish shop is situated in the lobby of the  
parish office. It has been restocked with new  
candles, cards and some new general stock.  
Drop in and have a browse, baptism candles  
small baby gifts, angel gifts, rosary beads, car  
medals, visor medals, cards and much more.  
There is also have a wide selection of Mass  
Cards and ordinary cards available.  
Shop open same time as office from 10am till  
12.30pm.

We are rolling out an honesty policy sale of  
€5 Mass cards in the church starting next  
weekend. Full details next weekend.

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

## WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

# *Congratulations*

## *SHANE CARROLL*

**7th September 2023: €50 raffle winner**  
**Weekly winning numbers: 11, 13, 25, 28**

*Please call into the office to collect your prize.*

*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](http://www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow)*

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.....

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“God is our refuge  
and strength, an  
ever-present help  
in trouble.”

—Psalm 46:1

