



PARISH NEWSLETTER

11th December 2022

Wicklow & Rathnew

Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday
RCN 20016166



Welcome

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

Donal Neary S.J. Gospel reflection for Sundays of Year A: Matthew

Good news of God

John the Baptist was a man of passionate commitment to what he believed in. He strongly believed in the coming of the Christ. This man of faith was being tested in that Jesus was a different type of Christ or Messiah from what he expected. He often wondered who the Messiah would be.

John was a man with a lot of conviction and truth. He preached what he believed. He practised what he taught.

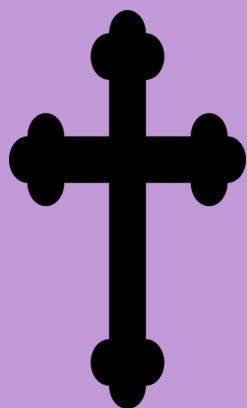
But he seemed to miss the point sometimes. He seemed to miss that Jesus would be found, not in preaching only but in helping others.

John preached repentance for sin; Jesus preached the coming of the kingdom. The blind would see, and the lame would walk - these were to be signs of the coming of the 'One to come'.

Pope Francis says:

'There is no prayer in which Jesus does not inspire us to do something/ Our faith in Jesus is seen in strong action. The poor are helped at our pre-Christmas collections. We might ask not what we might get for Christmas, but how our Christmas might help others. We might ask that Christmas will be happy for others because of us - happy in body, with enough food for every family, happy in mind that we know the truth of God's coming into the world, and happy in forgiveness, as that is one of God's biggest gifts.'

*Lord, let me believe that your life is good news and
share this good news in word and deed with all whom I meet*



*Sincere sympathy to the families of ...
Kathleen Reburn late of St Manntan's Road
Helen Russell, late of Dunbur Road
Kathleen Bunn late of Wicklow Town
Kathleen Faulkner late of High Street*

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 10th & 11th December

6.00pm Kieran Nicholls MM, Liam Kavanagh - 1st Anniversary, Patricia Dunne, Alice O'Rourke, John Casey, Declan Roberts, Brigid Turner, Juanita Santos

7.00pm Patrick Mitchell - MM, Valerie Quinn, Michael, Esther, Kate & Paul Doyle, Elizabeth Doyle, Margaret & Mary Doyle, Billy Doyle, Martin & Thomas Doyle, Ellen & Hugh Doyle, Peg & Seamus Costello, Ann & Paddy Kennedy, Linda Peake, Michael & Esther Knowles, Deceased members of the Knowles, Coyle & Rafter families

10.00am Helen, Jack, Jean & Thomas Murphy, Henry & Mai Smith, Tommy & Bridie Cleary, Molly & Tom Cummins

11.30am Jim & Gay Brennan, Dick Kavanagh BR, Rosanna, Ned, John & Eddie Hanlon, Bridie Moody, Pat Kavanagh, Anna & Noel Murphy, Carmel Wyatt, Jenny Earls, Mary Heaney, Betty Higgins

12th November ~ 16th December

Monday Matt & Mary Hynes, son Michael RD & grandchildren, Matthias, Shane & Carol

7.00pm Mary O'Hara RD

Tuesday Jack & Eileen Kinsella, Annie Byrne & Siobhan Byrne RD

7.00pm Ann Clare RD

Wednesday Mary-Ellen Hanrahan - 1st Anniversary, Patrick Power

Thursday Julie McCaughey, Dermott Ward

Friday Eddie Hanlon RD

Next Weekend ~ 17th & 18th December

6.00pm Nick Healy, Jim Vickers & June Doran - all 1st anniversaries Margaret Healy BR, Eileen Byrne, Pat Byrne, Jack, Nellie, John & James Flynn, Evelyn Kelly—nee Flynn, Hannah Carton, Tim & Carmel O'Donovan, Des Doyle, Teresa O'Neill, Patrick & Elizabeth O'Brien

7.00pm Neill & Agnes McGettigan

10.00am Liam Heffernan, Evelyn Kelly & Patrick Kelly RD, Tom & Delia Murphy, Kathleen & Andrew Hamilton

11.30am Helen Gorman MM, Bernadette Waldron, Denise Flahive, Betty & Patsy Byrne, Mary & Larry Donnelly snr, Ellen Whelan



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 - 12TH JAN. AT 8PM IN THE PARISH CENTRE**
Please contact the parish office to give your details

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

PARISH CONTACTS

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Office opening times -

Monday - Friday : 10am - 12.30pm

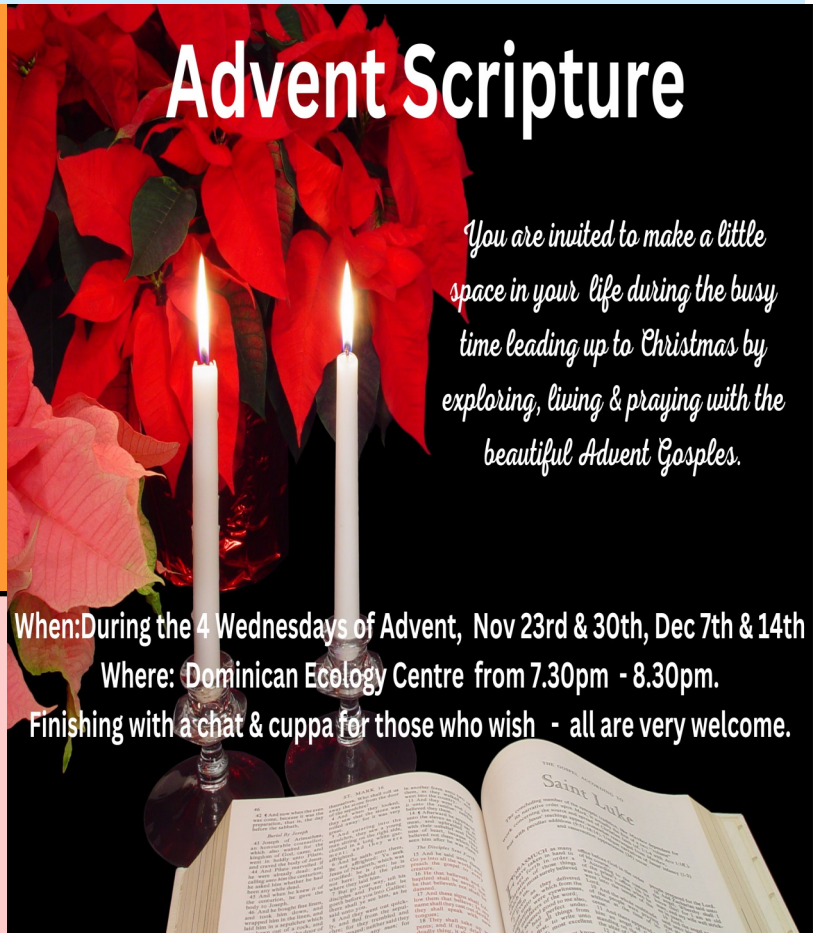
HOLY HOUR

Has been suspended until January

DAILY ROSARY

9:30am Monday to Friday before
the 10am Mass

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



Advent Scripture

You are invited to make a little space in your life during the busy time leading up to Christmas by exploring, living & praying with the beautiful Advent Gospels.

When: During the 4 Wednesdays of Advent, Nov 23rd & 30th, Dec 7th & 14th

Where: Dominican Ecology Centre from 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Finishing with a chat & cuppa for those who wish - all are very welcome.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS CARDS are now available in the Parish Office at €5 each. These are suitable for both the living and the dead. Each person named will be remembered in the nine novena Masses over the Christmas season.

St. Patrick's N.S.

A copy of the school's Admission Policy and the Application Form for Admission for the 2023/2024 is available as follows:

Pre Enrolment Form to download at: www.stpatsnswicklow.ie under Enrolment and submit online

On request: By emailing stpatswicklow@gmail.com or Phoning St Patrick's National School, St Patrick's Road Wicklow on 0404 67415

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

Application Forms for Admissions for September 2023 are available on our website: www.holyrosaryschoolwicklow.ie from Tuesday 8th November until 12pm on Monday 28th November 2022.

St. Coen's N.S., Rathnew

St. Coen's N.S. is enrolling for Junior Infants from November 8th - 28th inclusive.

Enrolment can be done on the school website www.stcoens.com or at the school reception between 9:00am and 2:30pm Monday to Friday.

ADORATION TEAM

The Adoration Team is there to provide a continuous presence during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which takes place on Wednesdays from 10.30am till 12 noon. So, for this purpose, two team members are rostered to be there all the time. If you would like to join the team, please leave your contact details in the sacristy or with the Parish Office.

The Pope's Intention for December

For volunteer not-for-profit organisations



We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 18TH DECEMBER 2022

First Reading : Isaiah 7: 10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23: 1-6

Second Reading : Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 4th Dec

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €660

2ND COLLECTION / SHARE - goes towards diocesan administration - €400

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €1935

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT

*Our annual Christmas Carol Service will be on
Sunday 18th December at 4pm in St Patrick's Church.*



This has become a very popular part of our Christmas schedule and is a lovely way to lead into the Christmas season.

Our Hospitality Group will be on hand in the De la Salle Pastoral Centre with the mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

*Why not take a little time out and join us?
Everybody is very welcome!*

Christmas Food Drive

**Up to Tuesday
13th December**

to help those who need some extra help this year.

In conjunction with the Wicklow Guide, Brigini & Cygnet group & the local Lions club.

All donations of non-perishable goods and toiletries welcome.

Donations can be left in the Parish Office or Sacristy

UNWANTED GIFT SALE 2022

On behalf of Maureen and her amazing group of girls, they would like to wish all the people who shopped, who donated gifts, cakes, raffle prizes a very big "THANK YOU".

Also - another huge "THANK YOU" to the Parish Hospitality group who were a fantastic support on the day.

The amount raised was €6400 with St Patrick's Church & Wicklow Cancer Support benefiting.

Wishing all our supporters and helpers a very Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to working with you all again in 2023.

There is a Meeting for Visually Impaired people in the Wicklow Town area on Tuesday the 13th December in the Wicklow Library.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS

We are hoping to start work on the Christmas nativities for Christmas Eve/Day. If you think your child would like to be involved in the plays or reading, please come along to the practice next Wednesday 7th December, at 3.30pm in St Patrick's Church. If you think you may be interested in becoming involved in any way — please contact Katie on 086 409 4013 for more information



RECENT UKRANIAN APPEAL

I would like to express my gratitude from the bottom of my heart to the Parishioners of St Patrick's Church Wicklow. With your help and God's blessing we raised a fantastic total of almost €5500 for the Christmas Toy Appeal for the Ukrainian children. You are the most incredible kind and understanding people, sympathetic to the grief of the Ukrainians. Everyone who took part made a huge effort to make this happen. We are delighted to announce that the van has started its route to Ukraine, filled to the top with wonderful presents for the children and some generators.

Finally a very special thank you to Fr Donal and Fr Pat for allowing me to speak at the Masses, & to Debbie, Joe, Geraldine, Michael, Siobhan & Conor who helped me with the collections. Tanya x



**St Patrick's Conference
Wicklow
01 855 0022**



As Christmas approaches, SVP is currently receiving 800 requests for help every day.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to support those seeking assistance to the best of our availability. The many families that are helped are faced daily with impossible choices, but at this time of year, for many, these impossible choices get harder, put oil in the tank or get a child's special present

This weekend the 10th/11th December, St Vincent de Paul will be holding a church collection in the hope to raise funds for people who are struggling this Christmas. For more information, please contact your local SVP Volunteers

Please support this very worthy cause to help someone from your neighbourhood who needs a helping hand at the moment. Your donation is very much appreciated and does make a difference within your community.

Active Retirement-Activities and Trips

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

Our meeting on Tuesday will have a Christmas theme, mince pies for all. We aim to start at 10.45a.m sharp. We are closed until Tuesday, 10th January

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 :
Jenny Murphy (Secretary) 087 6221766 ~ *You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte*



WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,
REAR OF BOOTS PHARMACY ABBEY 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.

DIARY DATES: DECEMBER

- 4th: Baptisms in Wicklow**
- 8th : Holy Day - Feast of the
Immaculate Conception,
Baptism Meeting**
- 10th/11th: St Vincent De Paul
annual collection**
- 17th: Baptisms in Rathnew**
- 18th: Parish Carol Service**
- 25th: The Nativity of the Lord**
- 26th: St Stephen's Day**
- 30th: The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

MINCE PIES, TEA AND HISTORY AT WICKLOW LIBRARY, WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14TH AT 11.30AM

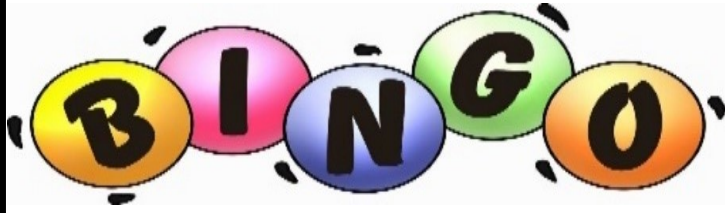
In 1947, most of Europe still lay in ruins. Within Ireland, rationing was still in operation for many goods and commodities, tuberculosis was rampant, & emigration to Britain was the only option for the thousands of skilled and unskilled workers needed to rebuild Britain's war ravaged cities and towns. Locally Christmas was 'make or break' for traders who prided themselves on the quality of their goods and services, while for many families, the arrival of funds from family members working in the United States of America or Britain decided the manner in which they celebrated the festive season. In this month's local history talk 'Christmas in Wicklow 1947', historian James Scannell will be using historical newspaper to explore how Christmas was celebrated only two years after the end of The Emergency. Mince pies, tea and coffee will be served and a selection of historical newspapers will be on display & available to browse.

Contact Wicklow Library on 040467025 or email Wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie to book your place.

FREE GENEALOGY ADVISORY SERVICE AT WICKLOW LIBRARY THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER 6.30 TO 8.30PM.

Are you interested in tracing your family tree and don't know where to start or maybe you've hit a brick wall in your research? Come along to our free drop-in advisory evening where accredited local expert genealogist will be on hand to guide you through your search, answer your family history questions and point you to the right resources. This free event takes place in the Local Studies Library, Salthouse Lane, Wicklow Town. No appointment necessary.

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

ELIZABETH DUNNE

€50 winner

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

5, 10, 23, 26

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€5,000

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*

CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Telephone number 087 123 8054

WICKLOW & RATHNEW

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

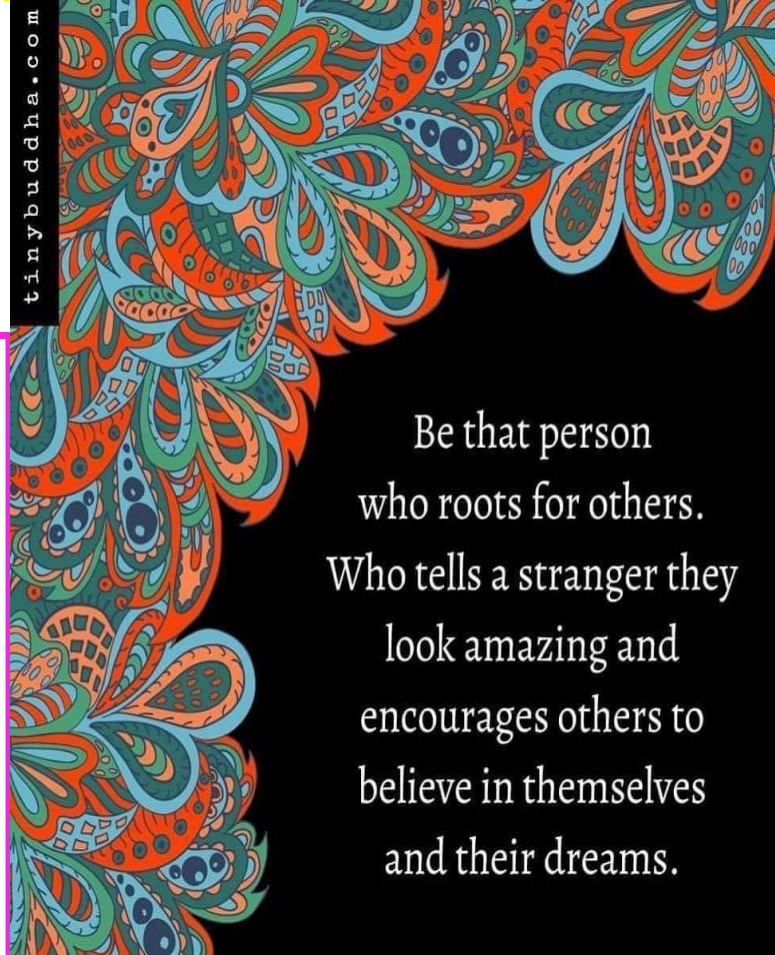
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who roots for others.
Who tells a stranger they
look amazing and
encourages others to
believe in themselves
and their dreams.