

PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th February 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166



Gospel reflection Donal Neary The heart of religion

This list of some of Jesus' sayings give an indication of what is important to him. He states the religious tradition of the people when he says that he has not come to abolish the old religion, and that religion must go much deeper and be an affair of the heart. He asks for forgiveness and reconciliation when he speaks about leaving a gift at the altar to go for reconciliation. He commends marriage, and faithfulness in marriage, in his views on divorce. He believes in the respect for sexuality that is shown in not using a person.

This collection of Jesus' sayings form a background to how he lived his life himself. He lived out these sayings in many of the events of his life, which we hear about on other Sundays. The Sermon on the Mount, of which this is part, is the backdrop to much of Jesus' life and mission, a sort of vision statement for his life and ministry.

Much of this went against the religious practice of his people, which was centred mostly on externals. He saw the ritual and the law of religion as important only if it came from the heart. This is the challenge always to religion - to live heartily what it enthusiastically believes. Practices in ritual and in religious custom and laws may change with different cultures and times; what is important is the way we live our lives, following Jesus and knowing that all our efforts to live like him are praised and rewarded. Pope Francis says, 'It is not enough to just respect the commandments and do nothing more. Christian life is not just an ethical life: it is an encounter with Jesus Christ' (9 May 2016).

*Repeat a favourite gospel phrase as you breathe in;
your outbreath is your thanks for this help in your life.
Lord, your will be done each day in my life.*



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 11th & 12th February

- 6.00pm** *Pauline Doyle - nee Carroll - Months Mind,
Valerie Manns - 1st Anniversary, Paddy Quinn,
Peter & Annie Vickers*
- 7.00pm** *Anne McDonald, Anthony Doyle, Peter Farrell
Maureen, Dick, Alan & David Farrell*
- 10.00am** *Aine Chambers, Patrick O'Connor,
Gary & Susan Turner & deceased members of the Turner
& Byrne families, Josie Vickers*
- 11.30am** *May Rice - Months Mind, Cathy O'Connell,
Michael Murphy, Edward Marah, Seamus McCarthy*

13th February - 17th February

- Monday** *Eddie Hanlon RD*
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- Tuesday** *Deceased members of the Vickers & Quinn families.*
- 7.00pm** *Beth Stone RD*
- Wednesday** *Leo Cullen & deceased members of the Cullen &
Lambert families*
- Thursday** *Teresa Aherne RD*
- Friday** *Seamus & Eleanor Caulfield*

Next Weekend ~ 18th & 19th February

- 6.00pm** *Rita White - Months Mind, Harry & Philomena Leonard
Maura Molly Kelly, Albert, Elizabeth, Peter (Barney), Patrick &
Noel White & deceased members of the White & O'Brien families.*
- 7.00pm** *Adrian Healy - Months Mind*
- 10.00am** *Dick Fitzpatrick*
- 11.30am** *Phil O'Sullivan - Months Mind,
Edward Hanlon - 1st Anniversary*

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



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 - 9TH MARCH AT 8PM
IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Please contact the parish office for more information

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 5th February 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 2390
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1130
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan administration - € 885

Many thanks for your continued support.



NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS - 19TH FEBRUARY 2023

First Reading : Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102: 1-4,8,10,12-13

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48

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

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Donal Roche : 0404 67196

Fr Pat O Rourke: 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

Website: work in progress

Office opening times

Monday - Friday:

10am – 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings



The annual collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this weekend of 11 & 12 February 2023.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:
Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups.
Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone.

A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.

Please give generously this weekend.

The Pope's Intention for February

For parishes - We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



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.

GROW MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

every Wed afternoon at 2.30pm for
anyone struggling with depression
or anxiety or just the stresses of
life. Experience new hope and
meaning through working on issues
together in a peer support setting.
Call Trish Williams on 086 0129082
for more information or just turn up
at the Wicklow Parish Centre.
Small donations for group running
costs are welcome.

DIARY DATES: February

- 1st: St Brigid's Day
- 2nd: Candlemass Day
- 3rd: St Blaise - Blessing of the Throats
Parish Coffee Morning
- 5th: Baptisms - Wicklow
- 9th: Baptism meeting
- 11th: World Day of the Sick
- 12th: Accord Dublin
(Catholic Marriage Care Service)
- 14th: St Valentine's Day
- 22nd: Ash Wednesday
- 25th: Baptisms in Rathnew

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
masses / baptisms / weddings,
to drop in envelopes, buy
mass cards etc .
Contact number 61699.*

**Any notices for the newsletter
need to be with the Parish
Office by 12 noon on
Wednesdays.**

WICKLOW HOSPICE HALF MARATHON & 10K



Saturday 25th February 2023

Join us on a beautiful looped course
from Avondale Forest Park, Rathdrum,
County Wicklow.

Half Marathon

Start: 8.45am

Price: €35*

10K

Start: 9.00am

Price: €20*

Register now

MyRunResults.com

*includes medal and postage



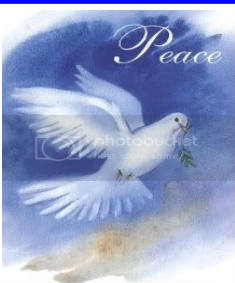
Harold's Cross
Blackrock
Wicklow

Respite Rehabilitation Reassurance



Information about the event is available on - <https://olh.ie/halfmarathon10km/>
We are currently seeking volunteers to help out on the day and would be very grateful if you could help us spread the word!

Volunteers will be assigned to direct runners for the duration of the event starting at 8am and finishing by 12pm. This is an outdoors event so volunteers are asked to dress warmly and would have to be willing and able to stand outdoors for 3-4 hours and be over 18. Free parking and refreshments will be supplied. If anyone is interested in helping out they can contact Allison at Wicklow Hospice on 087 0954137.



PARISH PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

To pray for peace and to end the conflict in Ukraine. This will take place on Saturdays at 3pm in St Patricks Church. The Rosary and some peace prayers will be recited. All are very welcome to come along on the day or call 087 6955 555 for more information.

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

Annual General Meeting 28th February

Valentines Day Dance on Sunday 12th February in the Pastoral

Centre from 3pm till 5.30pm. Admission €10, raffle & spot prizes.

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 Pam on 087 227 6760

You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte

Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara, Brittas Bay

Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara (Brittas Bay MXD N.S.), Brittas Bay is enrolling for Junior Infants from January 23^r – February 10th inclusive.

Enrolment Forms for Admission for September 2023 are available on our website: www.brittasbayns.com.

Application Forms are also available by emailing brittasbaynationalschool@gmail.com

or phoning

Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara on 0404 47488.

WICKLOW SAVINGS CLUB -
is open on Monday
afternoons at 1.30pm, in
the De La Salle Parish
Centre.

This is a great way to save
a little bit every week for
Christmas.

Everyone is welcome to
join this savings scheme.

There is a €10 fee
to cover the bank
charges on the
account.



Scripture Reflection

*Making time to pause & reflect
with others on the Sunday
Gospels, on Wednesday
mornings from 10.45am till
12noon in the Dominican
Ecology Centre. Tea & coffee
is provided and everyone is
very welcome to join us.*

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS

MATT TRACEY

10th Feb 2023: €50 winner 3, 7, 13, 15

*Please collect your winnings from the Parish Office.
There are still some unclaimed weekly raffle prizes waiting to
be collected in the office.*

JACKPOT IS €5000

*Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!
Join by texting the word WICKLOW to 51444*

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY PRAYER

O glorious advocate and protector,
St. Valentine,
look with pity upon our wants,
hear our requests, attend to our prayers,
relieve by your intercession the miseries
under which we labour, and obtain for us the
divine blessing, that we may be found worthy to
join you in praising the Almighty for all
eternity: through the merits of
Our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

@AshleyKiczek



St. Valentine was a bishop, and is thought to have been a physician. He was arrested for giving aid to Christian prisoners awaiting martyrdom, and while imprisoned he converted the jailer by restoring sight to the jailer's daughter. St. Valentine refused to deny Christ before the Emperor Claudius in the year 280 and won the jeweled crown of martyrdom by his faithful witness. The feast of St. Valentine was first established in 496 by Pope Gelasius I.

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.....

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The Sun challenges us to Shine,
the Clouds remind us to Move,
the Birds tell us we too can Fly
and the Sky tells us that
there is no limit to
our Dreams and Goals.

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HAVE A POSITIVE DAY