

PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th March 2023

Third Sunday of Lent, Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166



Gospel reflection Donal Neary The well is deep

A famous picture has the Samaritan woman looking into the well and seeing there her image - and the image of Jesus. In the depths of the well of her life is the presence of Jesus.

In the depths of the well, when we are in love, pain, death, decision, joy, we find God. God is near when we are near to our-selves, even in shame and sin. We thirst for meaning in life, for knowing we are totally loved, for community and companion-ship - and God offers all this.

This is the offering of God - the living water is the Holy Spirit. We thirst for inclusion - the disciples in this story did not want Jesus talking to a woman. So much of the religion of the time separated people. In the depths of the well we are all equal.

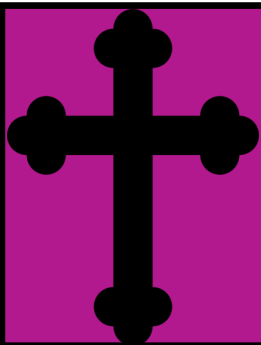
We find the mercy of God in the well. As we go into the depths of prayer and ourselves we are open to mercy. We may put con-conditions on God's mercy - naming our sins, or numbering them. At the bottom of the well is the water of mercy.

Of the mercy of God, Pope Francis says that '*there is no sin or crime of any kind that can erase from the mind or heart of God even one of the children he has created*' (November 2013).

*Imagine yourself looking into a well;
see the face of Jesus looking at you from its depths.
He looks at you with love.
Lord, send me the living water of the Holy Spirit.*



*Sincere sympathy to the families of
Sheila O'Driscoll (née Dunleavy), The Rise,
Friars Hill, Wicklow
Leo Byrne late of Urban Villas, The Murrough*



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 11th & 12th March

- 6.00pm** Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Myles Byrne, Ned & Maureen Byrne, George & Kathleen Newsome
- 7.00pm** *Enda McGowan RD*
- 10.00am** Jack Burke & deceased members of the Burke & Kiranne families, Michael Breen.
- 11.30am** Betty Vickers, Bob Jackson, Kathleen Doyle, Malachy & Alice Dunne, Eileen & John O'Brien, Patricia & James O'Brien, Myra & Matthew O'Brien & deceased members of the O'Brien family

13th - 17th March

- Monday** **8am** Margaret & Nick Healy - In remembrance
- 10am** Tom Moran RD
- Tuesday** **10am** Stephen Langton RD
- 7pm** *Pat O'Brien RD*
- Wednesday** **10am** Concepta Connolly RD
- Thursday** **10am** Maurice Dunne (A)
- 7pm** Deceased members of the O'Reilly, Monaghan & Hodgkinson families
- Friday** **9am** *Leo Devlin (A)*
- 11am** RTE Mass

Next Weekend ~ 18th & 19th March

- 6.00pm** Ann Cullen, Billy & Lucy Colgan & deceased members of the Colgan family. Frank, Mary, George & Kathleen Newsome, Tommy Marah. (A)
- 7.00pm** *Anne Ronan - Months Mind & her husband Denis. Sarah Quinn*
- 10.00am** Thomas Duffy (A)
- 11.30am** Patrick Curley, Ned Lynch, Gerry Walsh, Jack Hagan, Jimmy Doyle, Myles Rowan (A)



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 APRIL AT 8PM

IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Please contact the parish office for more information

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

5th March 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 2110
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 1295
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 1125

Many thanks for your continued support.



NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS - 19TH MARCH 2023

First Reading : 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22

Second Reading : Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel : John 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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

DIARY DATE : - ST PATRICK'S DAY - 11AM



RTE will be broadcasting Mass live from St Patrick's Church on St Patrick's Day at 11am. This is the first time that they will have been here in the church to broadcast live.

There is a huge amount of background work/ planning & preparation going on at the moment for this Mass with the RTE recording team, our adult choir and priests.

Anyone wishing to attend this Mass will need to be in the church by 10.45am. Please note that there will also be reduced seating to facilitate cameras and our choir who will be downstairs. Once broadcasting commences, all the Church doors will have to be closed in order to have no interruptions to the broadcast.

Please note the full list of Masses in the parish and surrounding parishes

Thursday 16th - Vigil Mass at 7.00pm in Wicklow & Barndarrig, 8.00pm in Glenealy

Friday 17th - Mass at 9.00am in Rathnew & Kilbride

10.00am in Brittas Bay

11.00am in Wicklow & Ashford

The change of time which is to do with the RTE scheduling.

This is not the same as the recorded Masses that have been done in the parish for the RTE News channel.

The Pope's Intention for March

For the victims of abuse:

*Let us pray for those who have suffered because of the wrongs done to them by members of the Church.
May they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.*



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: March

- 3rd: St Mantann
- 5th: Baptisms - Wicklow
- 9th: Baptism meeting 8pm
De La Salle Centre
- 17th: St Patrick's Day
Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland,
Day of Prayer for Emigrants.
- 18th/19th: Quarterly Collection for
St Vincent De Paul - Local Conference
- 19th: St Joseph,
Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 19th: Baptisms in Wicklow
- 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/RATHNEW LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

19TH AUGUST - 5 NIGHTS

€879 – PER PERSON SHARING

More information from Nancy 086 1099 112,
Catherine 68389, Carol 086 0601 956 or the
Parish Office 61699



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.*

**Booking for this years pilgrimage
is now open -
easy pay schedule available**

TROCAIRE BOXES

**Are available in the Churches
and Parish Office, please
feel free to take one home
with you. They can be
sreturned to the Parish Office
or Sacristies after Lent.**

Praying Together for Peace in Ukraine

**Prayers for peace in Ukraine will continue on the first
Saturday of each month, in St Patricks Church at 3pm.**

**Everybody is very welcome to
attend this prayerful half hour
of praying for peace to end the
conflict in war torn Ukraine.**

Lent.
A SEASON OF RENEWAL



ST VINCENT DE PAUL QUARTERLY COLLECTION

**The quarterly collection for the local
conference will be taken up next
weekend the 18th –19th March - as
usual your support for this collection
is vital and very much appreciated.**

B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Next Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place on Saturday 1st April 2023 in Carmelite Community Centre, 56 Aungier St, Dublin 2. D02 T258

Next residential Programme will take place in Avila Carmelite Centre Donnybrook, Morehampton Road Dublin 4. For further information please phone Dublin Team

086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com

Three week Wellbeing course

'Transform your 'negative' feelings into character strengths'

Wednesdays 8th, 15th & 22nd at 11am-12.15pm at Healthy Habits Studio, Quarantine Hill.

€30 or €12 or single session. FREE for unemployed.

Faciliator - Michaela Avlund, wellbeing author and speaker.

Phone 086 1692506 email avlund.dk@gmail.com

Study looking for adults (70 + years) to take part in our Protein and Online Exercise classes for 12 weeks by PhD student Catherine Fallon from the University College Dublin.

All appointments and classes will be done from your own home.

For more information, please contact 0867240910

or

Catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie

Many thanks to all who contributed to Fr Pat's MOVEMBER 2022, he raised a total of €1020 for which he is very grateful for.



*May your troubles be less
and your blessings be more
And nothing but happiness
come through your door*

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

Spring Holiday to North Wales 15th -19th May.

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



10AM WEEKLY FAMILY MASS

We are delighted to be having the Family Mass again; and 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 is very welcome to come along and give it a try!

Contact Katie on 086 409 4013 for more information.

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Donal Roche : 0404 67196

Fr Pat O Rourke: 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

**BBK Website: work
in progress**

**Office opening times
Monday - Friday:**

10am – 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings

MASS TIMES FOR LENT

DAILY 10 AM MASS IN WICKLOW

**MONDAY & FRIDAYS 8AM MASS
IN WICKLOW**

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 7PM
MASS IN RATHNEW**

**WEDNESDAYS 10AM MASS IN
BARNDARRIG**

PARISH EASTER MASS CARDS

There are a beautiful range of Easter Mass cards available in the Parish Office, costing €5. The intentions will be remembered at the monthly masses in Rathnew.

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS

PATRICIA O'NEILL

9th March 2023: €50 raffle winner

Weekly winning numbers: 4, 5, 11, 18,

Please collect your winnings from the Parish Office.

JACKPOT IS €5000

Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!

Join by texting the word WICKLOW to 51444

St. Patrick's Prayer

May the Strength of God pilot us.

May the Power of God preserve us.

May the Wisdom of God instruct us.

May the Hand of God protect us.

May the Way of God direct us.

May the Shield of God defend us.

May the Host of God guard us
Against the snares of the evil ones,
Against temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us!

May Christ be before us!

May Christ be in us,

Christ be over all!

May Thy Salvation, Lord,

Always be ours,

This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.

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.....

If an egg is broken by
an outside force, life ends.
If broken by an
inside force, life begins.
**Great things always begin
from the inside.**

