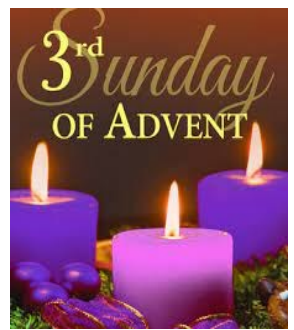




PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th December 2021
Wicklow & Rathnew
[Third Sunday of Advent
RCN 20016166



Welcome

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

Gospel Reflections *Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday* **Donal Neary SJ**

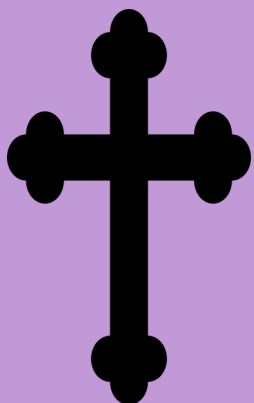
This mid-point of Advent alerts us to issues of justice and equality. The prophet John has been asked as a sort of trick by people who exploited others with tax bills,, and soldiers who often used their brute force on others,, how they should repent. His words were tough but quite ordinary - don't overcharge,, share your surplus with the needy and don't exploit people. It's another, but more figurative way, of stating the basic demands of 'Love one another'.

Christmas can bring out the best in us to care for the needy. We are surrounded by charities looking for aid. We know that Jesus hears the cries of the poor, and he joins every carol singing group trying to help.

Christmas also asks us to consider our honesty and integrity, for we know that many are poor, at home and abroad, because of the greed of others. Christmas is a reminder and a challenge that all can live with the dignity we have come to regard as human rights - education, safety, shelter, food, water, employment, freedom. The Christ child who was born poor represents all the poor of the world, especially children. As he was born ordinary, he represents that God meets, greets and helps us in the ordinary aspects of life.

The one who is to come is the one who will live and love according to these truths of human dignity and equality.

*Come, Lord Jesus, child of the earth, child of God.
Come into our world of joy and sorrow.
Stay with us always,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*



*Sincere sympathy to the family of ...
Maggie Condron Late of Arklow - teacher in CCM
Pat Hore late of Mount Carmel Avenue
Joe Hennessy - son of Sheila & Richard - Rathnew,
who died suddenly in Germany
Frances O'Byrne formerly of Yachtsmanpoint who
died in Dublin*

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 11th & 12th December

6.00pm Jamesie Doyle Months Mind, William Barret-1st anniversary
Jenny Earls, Alice O'Rourke, Patricia Dunne, John Casey, Michael O'Sullivan

7.00pm Valerie Quinn, Ann Doyle

9.00am Terry, Thomas, Christopher & Anne Corkish

10.00am Henry & Mai Smith, Bridie & Tommy Cleary, Helen, Jack,
Jean & Thomas Murphy, Tom & Molly Cummins, Joe Parle, Kathleen &
Andrew Hamilton, Ned, Rosanna, John & Eddie Hanlon, Bride Moody

11.30am Mary Heaney -1st anniversary, Betty Higgins, Pat Kavanagh
Noel & Anna Murphy, Kathleen Merrigan, Dick Kavanagh BR,
Patricia Carroll, Siobhan Murphy, Ann & Tommy Murphy

13th ~ 17th December

Monday - Rosaleen Phillips & deceased members of the Phillips family
Patrick Power & deceased members of the Power family

7.00pm Sally Scully RD

Tuesday - Sarah Manifold, Mabel Hubbard, Henry Hubbard,
Florence O'Regan & Martin O'Regan

7.00pm Matt Crotty RD

Wednesday - Special Intention for someone who is having an operation

Thursday - Special Intention for someone who has had a serious operation

Friday - Dermot Ward

Next Weekend ~ 18th & 19th December

6.00pm Peter Moloney - Months Mind, Eddie O'Neill - 1st Anniversary
Pat Byrne, Timmy O'Donovan, Eileen Byrne

7.00pm

9.00am Special Intention

10.00am

11.30am Jim & Gaye Brennan, Bernadette Waldron,
Des Doyle & his son Adrian

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 5/12/2021

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 800
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 400
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 2,395



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 19TH DECEMBER 2021

First Reading : Micah 5:1-4

Responsorial Psalm 79

Second Reading : Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-44

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

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to contact the Parish Office. There will be an introductory meeting held through zoom which the parents will be expected to attend 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 zoom meeting will be on Monday 13th December 2021 at 8pm.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & HOLY HOUR
are both suspended for the moment

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Donal Roche : 0404 67196

Fr Pat O Rourke: 0404 67133

Wicklow Sacristy: 0404 69031

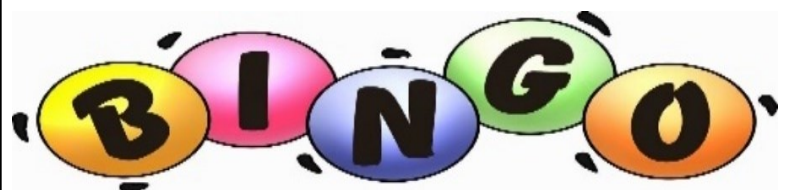
Parish Office: 0404 61699

Email: parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

Website: www.wicklowparish

Office opening times -

Monday - Friday : 10am - 12.30pm



Has closed for Christmas and will resume in 2022

PARISH OFFICE

Is open Monday to Friday from 10am till 12.30pm for general enquires, mass bookings, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc.

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

St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



01 855 0022

CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Telephone number 087 123 8054

WICKLOW & RATHNEW

WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,

REAR OF LEONDARD & MULVEY (BUTLERS)
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.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGMENTS 2021

Once again, this year, there will be a need to book a place for Mass over the Christmas season. In order to comply with the most recent government covid guidelines, numbers will be limited within the churches.

Please note that masks will need to be worn while inside the churches.

In order to reserve your seat, please ring the parish office with your details.

CONFESSIONS:

Every Saturday before Christmas Day from 11am-12noon, and Christmas Eve from 10.30am till 12.30pm in St Patrick's Church Wicklow

MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE: FRIDAY 24th DECEMBER

5pm SERVICE - ONLINE ONLY

7pm Mass in St Joseph's Rathnew & 7pm & 9pm Masses in St Patrick's Wicklow

CHRISTMAS DAY: SATURDAY 25th DECEMBER

9am Mass in St Joseph's Rathnew & 10am & 11.30am Masses in St Patrick's Wicklow

ST STEPHENS DAY: SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER

NO VIGIL MASSES IN THE PARISH


10am Mass In St Joseph's Rathnew & 11.30am Mass in St Patrick's Wicklow

All our Masses / Services in St Patrick's will be available to view online at

www.wicklowparish.ie

*Will host their
National
Collection
this
weekend
11th & 12th
December.*

*This collection
will replace
the normal
SHARE
collection*



Many families will face impossible choices this Christmas.

*This year,
more than
ever, your
help is
needed to
make sure
that
children &
families
have what
they need to
share in the
magic of the
season.*

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 11th & 12th 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.

Parish Shop & Christmas Novena Cards

The Parish Shop will be in a temporary space in the De La Salle Centre up till Christmas. It will open from 10.30am till 11.30am - Monday through to Friday and also on Sunday mornings. Access will be via the steps at the office entrance. It will have a range of Christmas items, gifts and cards. The Parish Christmas Novena Cards, will also be available in the shop & in the Parish Office. These cards are suitable for both the living and dead and cost €3 each. The intentions will be remembered at nine masses during the Christmas season in both Wicklow and Rathnew.

CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS
APPEAL

Help us help Families

Support our appeal to end food poverty

DONATE ON LINE AT WWW.CROSSCARE.IE
OR CALL 01-8360011



On line appeal for families in food poverty - December 2021

We in Crosscare need your support to help families experiencing food poverty this Christmas. We are working with hundreds of families and children in Dublin who struggle to get basic food supplies.

Families need our help this Christmas, but not just for Christmas in the months after Christmas, which many people find challenging.

Crosscare helps people with food parcels and meals in our cafes and food banks in the short term, and we work with them to move out of food poverty in the long term.

We keep in touch with families, helping them to help themselves. We help them with budgeting, healthy eating, and long-term housing and welfare support they may need, giving them the dignity and independence to provide for themselves.

Due to Covid restrictions, the online appeal for donations replaces the food collection in parishes in previous years. Your ongoing support for Crosscare makes a huge difference to those most in need.

We are asking for donations to continue this vital work at Christmas and into 2022.

Please help us to help them.

Support our appeal to end food poverty by giving what you can online at www.crosscare.ie/donate or call 01 8360011

Thank you for your ongoing support from all in Crosscare, working for those most in need with love, respect and excellence.

Preparing our hearts for Christmas 2021.

This Advent you are most welcome to join us in the Dominican Ecology Centre, Wicklow Town, to reflect and pray the Gospels of the 3rd & 4th Sundays of Advent.

Hopefully this will help us to prepare for the wonderful feast of Christmas. There will be a cuppa available after the sessions for those who would like to stay on a while. If you would prefer to join us via zoom, please email the parish office at parishofficewicklow@gmail.com nearer the time and the link will be forwarded to you.

7.30pm till 8.45pm on Wednesday 14th December.



Congratulations
to
Simone Duffy
on winning the
Parish Lotto Jackpot

(On Thursday 9th December 2021)

€2,800.00

Next week's jackpot will be
€625.00

Winning Numbers - 5, 14, 16, 29

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

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

DIOCESAN INITIATIVE ADVENT
BE STILL – DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The Office for Mission and Ministry are offering daily reflections for the Advent Journey. The theme of these reflections is 'Be Still'.

This is a great opportunity for everyone to take time during advent to be still. The reflections will be posted each morning on the Facebook page for the office of Mission and Ministry

www.facebook.com/officeformissionandministry



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CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

0818 222 024

If you have concerns or queries about COVID-19
call ALONE's dedicated support line everyday, 8am - 8pm.

To volunteer your help, visit www.alone.ie

Our Fundraiser
Christmas Draw
Fantastic Prizes!

Super Family Break
Center Parcs Holiday Village

3 PlayStation 5's
Get it before Christmas!



DRAW

Thursday 16th Dec.
To join please visit

+ Parish prizes!

Parish Jackpot *plus*

1st Prize - €50

2nd Prize - €50

3rd Prize - €50

4th Prize - €50



<https://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.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

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**I DON'T PRAY TO GET THINGS EASY
I PRAY FOR THE STRENGTH
TO DEAL WITH ANY CHALLENGE
THAT COMES MY WAY**

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#bossbabe