



PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th March 2022
Wicklow & Rathnew
First Sunday of Lent
RCN 20016166



Welcome

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

The real Jesus

Things are not always as they seem. Underneath a church that I worked in, are a series of underground passages that go on for about a mile! People are the same - when you are talking to someone and they tell you they are very ill, or recovered from addiction, you see more to them. Or you may find out that someone you thought little of visits an elderly person every week. People are not always as they seem. The mountain visit was the same: the apostles saw Jesus - son of God, radiant in prayer, and in the middle of it all the Passion was announced. They saw the person behind the face.

The big truth of Jesus is that he is intimately united to God the Father. So following him is not just action, but prayer that leads to action. We say someone is a great Christian - he or she helps the poor. Christianity is more - it is also prayer and the Eucharist. While we are thankful for the good lives of many people, we also can say that the full Christian life includes prayer and Mass.

It also involves community - the three were called to witness and help each other remember the Lord Jesus. Community brings the word of God alive in a real way. The community of the Church brings us to fuller faith.

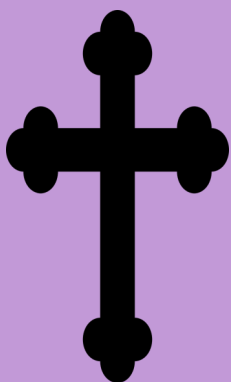
Prayer leads to action for others, and action leads back to prayer. We can be so close to heavenly things that we are no earthly good! Lent brings us into this mystery of the death and resurrection of the Lord - we are part of this, and we try to make life a grace for others. We can transfigure the lives of others, or disfigure. Let's be people of the transfiguration.

Lord show me your face - in myself and in others. Amen.



Sincere sympathy to the families of ...

Joe Earls late of St Manntan's Road, Wicklow
Teresa Aherne late of Castle Avenue, Wicklow
Maura O'Brien late of Glenview Road, Wicklow
Kathleen Newsome late of Dunbur Park, Wicklow



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 12th & 13th March

- 6.00pm** Colm (Pajo) Haughton RD, Jimmy Fitzpatrick - 1st Anniversary, Deceased members of the Ryan & Dooley family
- 7.00pm** Paddy Sullivan RD
- 9.00am** Claire Pegg, Recently deceased in England
- 10.00am** Jack Burke, Alice & Malachy Dunne
- 11.30am** Betty Vickers, Jimmy Doyle, Kathleen Doyle, Matthew & Myra O'Brien, Eileen & John O'Brien, Patricia & James O'Brien & deceased members of the O'Brien family.

14th - 18th March

- Monday** - **8.00am** Valerie Carroll RD
- 10.00am** - Funeral mass of Kathleen Newsome R.I.P.
- Tuesday** - Nell Kennedy, Seamus, Kathleen & Eleanor Caulfield
- 7.00pm** - Leo Devlin
- Wednesday** - **8.00am** Davy Macken RD
- 10.00am** - Maurice Dunne, Elizabeth Balbontin
- ST PATRICK'S DAY** **7pm Vigil mass** Jimmy McDonald RD
- Thursday** - **9am** - Leo Devlin
- 10.00am** - Deceased members of the O'Reilly & Monaghan Family, Mary Hodgekinson
- 11.30am** - Myles Rowan, Ambroise & Philomena Mangan
- Friday** - **8.00am** Hannah O'Gorman laine RD
- 10.00am** Ann Cullen, May Quinn M.B.

Next Weekend ~ 19th & 20th March

- 6.00pm** Mary Finlay, Sid, Sis & Ann Dunne
- 7.00pm** Thomas Duffy, Thomas (Tommy) Merrigan—1st anniversary, his son Tommy and father Edward, James & Bernadette Jacob
- 9.00am** Ned Lynch
- 10.00am** Mass of thanksgiving
- 11.30am** Eddie Hanson, MM, Gerry Walsh, Jack Hagan, Kevin Kearns, Paddy Curley, Lucy Mackle, Deirdre O'Reilly BR

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

FOR PEACE

As the fever of day calms towards twilight
May all that is strained in us come to ease.

We pray for all who suffered violence today,
May an unexpected serenity surprise them.

For those who risk their lives each day for peace,
May their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history.

That those who make riches from violence and war
Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.

That we might see through our fear of each other
A new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression.

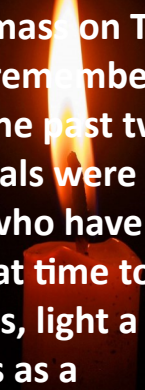
That those who enjoy the privilege of peace
Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters.

That the wolf might lie down with the lamb,
That our swords be beaten into ploughshares

And no hurt or harm be done
Anywhere along the holy mountain.

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MEMORIAL MASS



There will be a special mass on Tuesday 22nd March at 7pm to remember all those who have died during the past two years, when numbers at funerals were restricted. We invite ALL families who have had a bereavement during that time to join us to pray for their loved ones, light a candle in the memory and join us as a



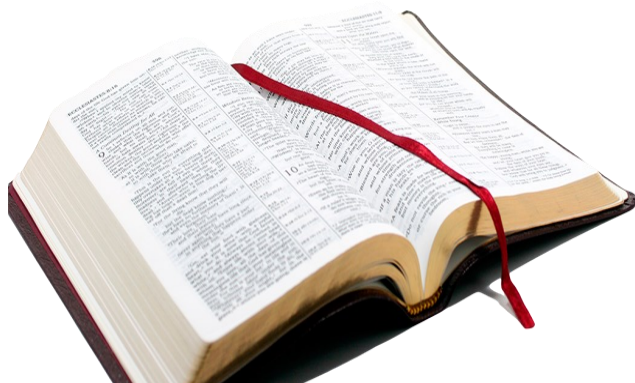
MASS TIMES FOR LENT

St Patrick's : Mon, Wed & Fri 8am Mass

Daily 10am Mass continues Mon to Fri

St Joseph's: Tuesday & Thursdays at 7pm

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAYS IN RATHNEW FOR LENT



Living the Gospel in Lent

Journeying together towards Easter joy through the Sunday Gospels, each Wednesday evening of Lent - March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th & April 6th, in the Dominican Ecology Centre from 7.30pm till 8.30pm.

Why not join us in person or via zoom by emailing the parish office on parishofficewicklow@gmail.com to receive the link. Everyone is very welcome.

St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



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CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Telephone number 087 123 8054

WICKLOW & RATHNEW



WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,

REAR OF LEONARD & MULVEY (BUTLERS) PHARMACY
ABBAY 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.



Why are you being invited?

Pope Francis has asked all of us to take part in sharing and listening to each other and to the Spirit. In this way we are beginning to lay foundations for what our future Church will be. The invitation is to all the baptised. We would particularly like to hear from those who do not attend church on a regular basis. All the responses will be collected in time for the 2023 Synod in Rome.

What will happen at the gatherings?

Parish Animators have been trained to lead the gatherings in a reflective, prayerful atmosphere. Questions will be presented each afternoon and people will gather in small groups to share on each question and listen to each other.

These gatherings will happen in the De La Salle Parish Centre

Date: Sunday 13th March

Time : 3.00pm -4.30pm

Date: Sunday 3rd April

Time: 3.00pm -4.30pm.

Your attendance and feedback will be greatly appreciated.



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 20TH MARCH 2022

First Reading : Exodus 3 : 1–8. 13–15

Responsorial Psalm 102 : 1–4. 6–8. 11

Second Reading : Corinthians 10. 1–6. 10–12.

Gospel: Luke 13. 1–9

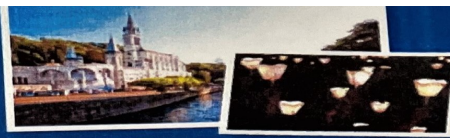
To reflect on the readings please check catholicireland.net / sacredspace.ie / universalis.com

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 06/03/2022

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €1,025
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- €500
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €3,160

Many thanks for your continued support.

LOURDES



Joe Walsh Tours

WICKLOW RATHNEW LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022

Spiritual Director: Fr Donal Roche

12 September 2022
5 nights

€ 799 per person sharing
Complimentary Group Travel Insurance

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » Return airport transfers in Lourdes
- » 5 nights in the Hotel La Solitude
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Fully escorted pilgrimage, accompanied by Spiritual Director
- » Mass at Grotto, Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession & International Mass

For information please contact:

Nancy Colgan 086 1099112
Catherine Marah 0404 68389

Parish Office 0404 61699
Carol Kavanagh 086 0601956

Launch of Guided Walk for Wicklow Town Heritage Trail

Plans have now been put in place to hold the inaugural guided walk of the Wicklow Town Heritage Trail. The walk will commence at 11am on Saturday 19th March from the first stop on the Heritage Trail, which is at St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town.

The walk will be led by local historian, John Finlay, whose detailed knowledge of local history was central in creating the Wicklow Town Heritage Trail.

To complete the Heritage Trail, it will take around 2 hours, allowing participants to spend some time at each location.

The Heritage Trail features 24 points of interest – detailing the history of Wicklow Town, from the landing of St. Patrick in 432, to the end of the Civil War in 1923.

There are 7 story-boards (lecterns) with beautifully illustrated artwork showing the following:

The construction of St. Patrick's church, which commenced in 1839.

The story of the Franciscan Abbey, which dates back to the 12th Century.

Robert Halpin's achievement in laying the first Trans-Atlantic cable.

The story of Billy Byrne and the 1798 rising in Wicklow Town.

The history of the Black Castle.

The attempted landing by St. Patrick at the Travelahawk Beach.

The history relating to the Barrow Green, including stories of the secret burials that took place there.

After the inaugural guided walk, plans are now being put in place to have a weekly guided walk of the Wicklow Town Heritage Trail with effect from Saturday 16th April 2022.

For further information on the Wicklow Town Heritage Trail, visit www.wicklowtown.ie.

Church Repairs

Work on repairing the damage due to dry rot and dampness in St Patrick's Church has been ongoing for the past couple of months. A large part of the work in the gallery/ belfry/ shop area has now been completed but there is still some work to do replacing lead flashing around the roof to ensure that the building is damp-proof for the years ahead. (See notice board at back of church for further details).

Thanks to a heritage grant from Wicklow County Council, as well as some parish reserves, we have been able to manage to pay for the work so far. However, in order to complete the work, we are asking parishioners if they can afford it, to make a donation to the building fund in the envelopes provided at the church doors. I know that the people of Wicklow are very proud of our beautiful church and that you will agree that it is our duty to preserve this important part of our heritage for future generations.

*Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.
Fr Donal*

Learning and Sharing our Faith

Come and meet new people, talk about faith and what it means to you, and learn more about the Church in a relaxed setting. Connect with others; discover the Church's social teaching; discuss the big topics in small conversation groups; and more!

Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre beginning on the 23rd of March.



Daffodil Day coffee morning and cake sale

D.C.W. will host a coffee morning for visitors in Fatima Hall from 11.30 to 1 on Wednesday

16th March. Members of the public are free to come and make a donation, have a cup of tea/coffee and cake or buy some of our cakes at this time.

Thank you for your support.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST—NEW ROSTERS

New rosters have been emailed to all Eucharistic Ministers on the emailing list. There are print outs of the rosters in the sacristy for those who don't receive them by email

MEDJUGORJE



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Group Leader: Marian O'Meara
Accompanied by Spiritual Director

4 May 2022
7 nights

€729.00 per person*

(*€50 discount when paid in full by 31 January 2022)

- » Return flights from Dublin Airport
- » Transfer to Medjugorje & return
- » 7 nights' accommodation close to St James Church
- » Breakfast & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme
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For information please contact:
Marian O'Meara: 085 8031751

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Active Retirement – Activities and Trips

- ♦ Tuesday 11 am Coffee Mornings continue - come along and find out about us !
- ♦ Learning Irish for fun - Tuesday 10.30am - no prior knowledge required
- ♦ Line dancing follows the coffee morning at 12md, beginners welcome
- ♦ Social dancing returns, 2pm Friday afternoon, in the Pastoral Centre
- ♦ Choir continues Fridays, upstairs in the Pastoral Centre 3-4pm - no audition and you don't need to read music - come along and sing for fun. Its medicine for the soul with no side effects
- ♦ Thursday 24th March, trip to Christchurch Cathedral and The Phoenix Park
- ♦ Spring holiday in Kilkenny - 4 nights, 25th-29th April - Spaces filling fast.
Price includes: Bed, breakfast and evening meal at the River Court Hotel, in the Heart of Kilkenny City. Coach transport from Wicklow town, with optional visits to places of interest during the trip are all included in the price of €375 per person sharing.

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring me:

Jenny Murphy (Secretary) 087 6221766. *You will be given a Cead Míle Fáilte.*

HOLY HOUR - is now on Monday evenings from 7.30pm till 8.30pm. Please note the change of day.

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



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



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.
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

MARIAN BYRNE

€50 winner

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

9, 17, 20, 30

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€1,850

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)*

BOATHOUSE SETDANCERS, set dancing has
resumed in the GAA Hall each Tuesday
evening from 8.15—10pm, fee €7. Looking
forward to seeing faces, old and new!!

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**DO NOT SET ASIDE YOUR
HAPPINESS. DO NOT WAIT
TO BE HAPPY IN THE FUTURE.
THE BEST TIME TO BE HAPPY
IS ALWAYS NOW.**

Roy T. Bennett



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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