

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th August 2023

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166



*Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew – Donal Neary*

## *A hand to be Held*

**A** most strange gospel story - **J**esus walks on the water. It's the type of gospel that suits a decision time, challenging us into deep trust - an invitation to come to the water; not to be afraid. It's about trusting in Jesus, when there is nothing else. If you have human help, it's great - but not the same as trusting in God.

**I**n time of death, the call is to trust in God's promise, because he is the way and the truth. Old age can be the same, or times in life when we just don't know what the future will hold. It sounds unusual, but what Jesus does in this situation is very human. He doesn't lecture or say a prayer, he just holds hands. Someone was given a book on bereavement after a family death - he said he needed a hand to be held, or his tears to be heard. That's Je-sus. He held Peter. Our God is a God with skin, with a human heart, who leaves big ideas behind when we are in trouble. Jesus just went across the lake, stopping his comfortable prayer.

There are times when we just need to hold on to God in trust. On another occasion Peter would jump into the lake again - after the resurrection. Always a water man! Then he would be asked not just to hold a hand, but to be the hand that would reach out to others. Peter was prepared for his mission in many ways. As Pope Francis says, 'When the Lord wants to give us a mission, wants to give us a task, He prepares us. He prepares us to do it well' (June 2014).

**Remember a time when all you seemed to have was God; thank him.**

**Or recall when all you needed was God, ask him now for help. Lord, in you I put my trust.**

Sometimes you don't realize that Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have.

# Mass Intention List



## *This Weekend ~ 12th & 13th August*

- 6.00pm** Ann O' Neill - Months Mind Mass  
**9.00am** Michael (Turkey) Doyle (A)  
**10.30am** Special Intention  
**12.00noon** James O'Toole - 1st Anniversary  
James, Suzanna & Billy Dickenson, Billy Winters (A)

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

## *14th - 18th August*

- Monday** Special Intention  
**7.00pm** Vigil Mass in Wicklow - No Mass in Rathnew  
Special Intention  
**Tuesday** Mary McCarthy - Months Mind Mass  
**7.00pm** Parishioners Intentions (Mass Card List)  
**Wednesday** Mick Merrigan RD  
**Thursday** William Murphy (A)  
**Friday** Maurice Dunne - Birthday Remembrance

## *Next Weekend ~ 19th & 20th August*

- 6.00pm** John Ferguson - Months Mind Mass  
Veronica Carroll, Patrick & Dorothy Murphy  
**9.00am**  
**10.30am** Mary & Noel Gallagher (A)  
**12.00noon** Mary McCarthy - Months Mind Mass,  
Bob Marah, May Mason (A)

# The Pope's Intention for August

For World Youth Day

*We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.*



## PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH & MINISTRY PROGRAMME

Pathways is a two year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, on Thursday evenings in DCU, St Patrick's campus, Upper Drumcondra Rd, Dublin 9, September to May 7pm—9pm. Application is now open and early application is advised. Contact Pathways Director: Eileen Houlahan at 01 808 7594 or [pathways@dublindioocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindioocese.ie)

## PARISH CONTACTS

**Fr Aquinas Duffy PP : 0404 67196**

**Fr Gerard Deegan CC: 0404 67133**

**Parish Office: 0404 61699**

[parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com)

**BBK Website: work  
in progress**

**Office opening times  
Monday - Friday:**

**10am – 12.30pm**

For all enquires and bookings

## PARISH FACEBOOK

The Wicklow / Rathnew Parish have a Facebook for quite a while now - where we post general church events/ occasions. Please look us up and like and follow us on

[St. Patrick's Church Wicklow & St Josephs Church Rathnew](#)

Kilbride, Brittas Bay & Barndarrig have also got a new Facebook page where we are posting items to try to build up the page and get it out in the community. Please look us up and follow us on

[Parish of Barndarrig-Brittas Bay-Kilbride](#)

## PARISH WEBSITE

We are also in the process of updating the website at the moment. It will become a Pastoral Area Website, which will be a great addition to all the parishes in our area. Each parish will have its own platform within the website, and another section that will be common to all parishes.

Work started on it about a month ago but it is still a work in progress at the moment, however we are hopeful that its only a few weeks away now before we launch it.

Many thanks to William Doyle Undertakers for continuing to sponsor the website and agreeing to the review /update on the current site.

## THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS TIMES IN THE PASTORAL AREA ARE

**VIGIL MASSES - 14th AUGUST 2023**

Wicklow at 7.00pm  
Barndarrig at 7.30pm  
Glenealy at 7.30pm

**HOLY DAY MASSES 15th AUGUST 2023**

Wicklow at 10.00am  
Ashford at 10.00am  
Rathnew at 7.00pm

**PLEASE ..... MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE CHURCH.**

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

**6th August 2023**

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 2025  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1370  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - go towards Diocesan Administration - € 1010

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

First Reading : Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

Psalm 66

Second Reading : Romans 11-13-15,29-32

Gospel : Matthew 15: 21-28

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 -14TH SEPTEMBER**  
**AT 8PM**  
**IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE**

**PLEASE .....**

**Do not park in the 'Disabled Parking Bays' unless you have a badge permitting this.**

**We do have Parishioners who need these spaces and unfortunately it makes it difficult for them to attend the Mass/ Service when these spaces are not available.**

**These parking spaces are regularly used by people with no badges, which is very unfair to those who genuinely need them.**



# YOUNG ADULT CAMINO

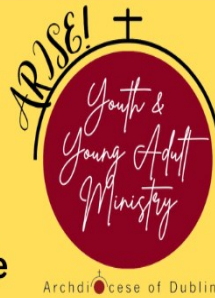
Summer 2024

Register your interest using the  
QR Code below



Full Details and Booking  
available from September.

Send all queries to:  
[natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie)



## WICKLOW COPD GROUP

**COPD Exercise class  
to help improve your  
breathing every  
Monday in the De La  
Salle Pastoral Centre.  
Fully qualified  
Instructors  
Further information  
from Denis Teevan on  
086 8174 703**

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

## Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group

**The death of a loved one is very devastating. Most of us are not prepared for the long journey of grief. At first we don't really believe it. Often by the time the reality hits us our friends and relatives think that we are or should be okay and they go back to their busy lives.**

**The Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary parish based ministry which aims to help the bereaved and grieving. Although grieving is a natural process which can be helped by the sympathy and understanding of friends there are times when one needs support to work through it in a positive way. Feelings need to be expressed rather than repressed. It helps the healing process to talk with a trained listener and confront the very strong feelings associated with grief.**

**Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group meet on the last Tuesday of the month in the De La Salle Centre at 8pm and if you are struggling with your grief and think you might like to talk with a trained listener, you are very welcome to attend this meeting. More information from 087 946 8971**

# Just to clarify .....

The TAP & GO Machines on the stands at Our Lady's Side Door and the Main Door are for Diocesan collections.

The donations received on these machines are for both the DIOCESAN COMMON FUND (which goes towards Priests salaries) & also the DIOCESAN SHARE FUND (which helps fund the workings of the diocese and poorer parishes).

There is an automatic 60:40 split on these donations.

**THIS MONEY DOES NOT STAY IN THE PARISH.**

The TAP & GO Machine on the table at the main double doors at the back of the Church, goes towards the running costs of the parish and the donations remain in the parish.

**THIS MACHINE IS NOW MARKED 'PARISH'**



## Calling all Gardeners!!

*Are you interested in Gardening?  
Have you got a few hours to spare?*

*Would you like to join a team of Parishioner's  
who help to enhance the look of our Church?*

*We'd love to hear from you - there is one flower bed  
that is looking to be adopted. Please contact the Parish  
Office on 61699 for more information.*







Unit 2, First Floor, Rear of Boots Pharmacy,  
Abbey Street, Wicklow

*Have you, or a family member, been diagnosed with Cancer ?  
We're here to help!*

Phone 0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Our office is open Mon-Fri from 10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

## **Volunteer Drivers Required:**

**Do you own a car and have some time on your hands ?**

**Wicklow Cancer Support are seeking to expand their Transport Team due the high volume of demand for this important service.**

**If interested you can ring our Centre on 0404 32696 or 085 7820916 for full details.**

**MEDJUGORJE**



### **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**

**Group Leader: Marian O'Meara  
Led by Fr Pat O'Rourke**

**11 October 2023  
7 nights**

€799.00 per person

- » Return flights from Dublin Airport
- » Transfer to Medjugorje & return
- » 7 nights' accommodation close to St James Church
- » Breakfast & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme
- » Joe Walsh Tours Representative: Philip Ryan
- » Optional Travel Insurance
- » Single room supplement €154.00

For information please contact:  
Marian O'Meara: 085 8031751

# **GROW**

mental  
wellbeing  
programs

**GROW** run peer support groups in Wicklow on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 to 4.30 in De La Salle Parish Centre.

They are self referral and no charge for anyone struggling with depression, anxiety, low mood or just the stresses of life. They offer a tried and tested method of self help and personal growth.

Experience new hope and meaning through working on issues together in a peer support setting

**MEETINGS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.**  
Ring Trish for further info on 086 0129 082  
And see Grow.ie to listen to stories of Hope and Recovery.

## **Active Retirement Activities & Trips**

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

**HAS CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

**AND WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY 5TH OF SEPTEMBER**

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  
Pauline on 087 227 6760

*You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte*

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

## WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

# *Congratulations*

## PATRICK EGAN

10th August 2023: €50 raffle winner  
Weekly winning numbers: 1, 8, 16, 19  
*Please call into the office to collect your prize.*

## *Next weeks JACKPOT is €3,400*

*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)*  
*A sincere "THANK YOU" to all who support this Lotto!*

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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"Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best."

BOB TALBERT