

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

15th January 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christian Unity Week

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166



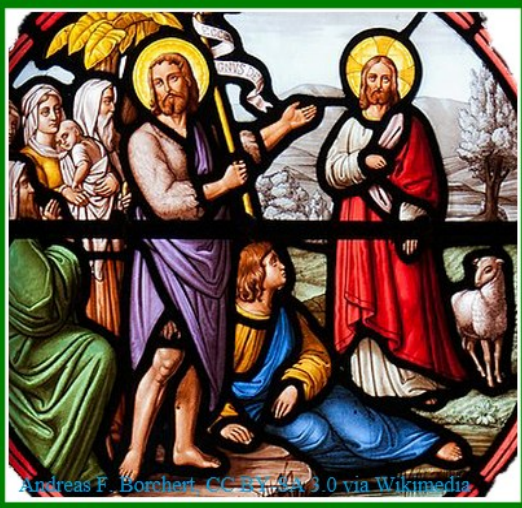
Fr Michael McCabe SMA

Gospel reflection

Year A: Matthew

Today's gospel reading highlights John the Baptist's role as a witness to Jesus, *'the Chosen one of God'* (Jn 1:34). Humbly, the Baptist directs the attention of his disciples to Jesus, not to himself. He affirms that Jesus precedes him in dignity and status, because, he, the Word of God, existed before him. He knows that he has no other purpose than to point to Jesus. In the words of St John's gospel prologue, *'He was not the light but came to bear witness to the light'* (Jn 1:8).

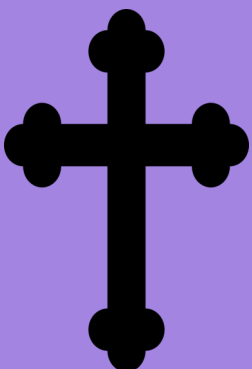
John is therefore an ideal model for all of who have been baptised in the Spirit and called to witness to Jesus. We are challenged to point away from ourselves and to lead people to focus on Jesus. In meeting this challenge we have much to learn from the Baptist, who recognised that he must decrease to let Jesus increase. The following story is told about the great artist, Michelangelo. When he was at work, he wore over his head, fastened to his cap, a lighted candle, so that no shadow of himself might fall upon the marble or the canvas. In our role as witnesses to the light of Christ, we need to be careful that no shadow of ourselves, our personal ambitions, our self-seeking, clouds our witness to the light of Christ.



In this regard, we also have much to learn from the example of our Pope emeritus, Benedict XVI. He described himself as *'a humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord'* and that indeed he was. As Pope, he never projected himself, never played the crowd nor sought approval. What was important for him was the office, not the person holding it. It was this clear subordination of himself to the august office he held that gave him the freedom to retire when he felt no longer able to exercise that office. Let us pray that, like John the Baptist and Pope Benedict, we, too, may be transparent witnesses to the Light of Christ, never permitting our own shadows to cut across it.

*Sincere sympathy to the families of ...*

*Pauline Doyle nee Carroll late of Bray & formerly Darragh Park*



# Mass Intention List



*This Weekend ~ 14th & 15th January*

- 6.00pm** Ivor Evans - 1st anniversary, Patrick Sherlock, Brigid & Nevin Thornton, Jo & Kathleen O'Grady, John Porter & deceased members of the Porter & Bell families.
- 7.00pm** Maura McCoy - Months Mind, Richard McCarthy RD, Veronica Smyth, Dora Jameson, Tom Doyle & deceased members of the Jameson, Doyle & Marah families, Elizabeth & Joe Kearney, Rita Jameson & Sean 'Gus' Kearney, Elizabeth O'Brien
- 10.00am** Kathleen Fitzpatrick & Pauline Catalan nee Fitzpatrick
- 11.30am** Sheila Olahan DeCourcy, Josie Marah

*16th ~ 20th January*

- Monday** Funeral Mass of Pauline Doyle nee Carroll RIP
- 7.00pm** Helen Moody RD
- Tuesday** Ellen O'Gorman RD
- 7.00pm** Will Ryan (A)
- Wednesday** John McDonald RD, William & Betty Conway (A)
- Thursday** Ann Redmond - 1st Anniversary, Kathleen Dunne (A)
- Friday** Special Intention

*Next Weekend ~ 21st & 22nd January*

- 6.00pm** Bride Coffey
- 7.00pm**
- 10.00am** John & Eileen Nolan, Seamus & Bridie Grant
- 11.30am** Mick Merrigan & Ann Molloy - both Months Mind, Damien Doyle, Maria Smullen, Joan O'Brien
- 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 FEB. AT 8PM**  
**IN THE PARISH CENTRE**

Please contact the parish office for more information

## **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:** **8th JANUARY 2023**

**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1115  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - goes towards Diocesan administration - € 1140  
**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 3150

*Many thanks for your continued support.*



### **NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS - 22ND JANUARY 2023**

First Reading : Isaiah 8:23, 9:3

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26: 1,4,13-14

Second Reading : Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4.:12-23 or 4:12-17

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

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

**Fr Donal Roche : 0404 67196**

**Fr Pat O Rourke: 0404 67133**

**Parish Office: 0404 61699**

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

**Website: work in progress**

**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday:**

**10am – 12.30pm**

**For all enquires and bookings**

## **PARISH PRAYER GROUP**

*To pray for peace and to end the conflict in Ukraine. This will take place on Saturday 21st January at 3pm in St Patrick's 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.*



## *The Pope's Intention for January*

*for true fraternity*

*We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family*



### 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.

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

### **DIARY DATES: January**

3rd : Baptisms - Wicklow  
6th : Feast of the Epiphany  
12th: Baptism Meeting - 8pm  
17th: Baptisms - Wicklow  
18th-25th: Prayer for Christian Unity Week  
28th : Baptisms - Rathnew  
29th - February 5: Catholic Schools Week  
Theme: 'Walking Together in Faith & Love'  
31st: Baptisms - Wicklow

### 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.*



# We welcome in Baptism.....

*Mílo Byrne, Isaac Davey, Kayleigh Byrne, Kayden Byrne,  
Lexi-Rose O'Toole, Clodagh Conlon, Ava Clarke,  
Liliannia Stepite, Penny Dunne, Aoibhe Mernagh,  
Amelia Mernagh, Mia-Rae Byrne, Tadgh Byrne,  
Jimmy Smyth, Billie Keating, Clodagh O'Brien, Lily Healy,  
Emilia Hogan, Chloe Sheane, Reilly Boyce, Finn Fitzgerald,  
Kayleigh Dunne, Brogan Byrne, Jacob John, Taylor John,  
Alexandra Horden, Harry Waldron, Riley Fitzpatrick,  
Liam Liddy, Harry Canavan, Johnny O'Brien, Skyler Lyons,  
Theodore Ring, Noel McFadden, Jacob Nolan, Reggie Rowan  
-Haide, Ronnie Rowan-Haide, Tiger Rowan, Zoe Ford,  
Isabelle Gillespie, Abbie Bryan, Caoimhe Dickenson,  
Jackson Tucker, Michael Flaherty, Adam Jameson,  
Isabella O'Briain, Luke O'Toole, Noah O'Toole,  
Kenzie Davitt, Evan Shannon, Ayda O'Meara,  
Cillian Smullen, Éabha Casey, Freya Flynn, Faye Dignam,  
Naoise Anderson, Keegan O'Mahony, Joseph Anderson,  
Samuel Anderson, Maria McCormack, Louise Connors.*





**Week of Prayer  
for  
Christian Unity**

## Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. However, some areas observe it at Pentecost or some other time

### Introduction

For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. Through this resource, the CTBI writers' group has also focussed our attention on the 30th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence, which we mark in 2023. The work of restoring hope through justice undertaken in Stephen's memory continues to inspire and change lives for the better. As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.

### Christian Aid

Each year Christian Aid provides the Go and Do action points for each of the daily reflections – linking into the important work of Christian Aid in the relief of poverty and advocacy of justice.

### Social media

Show your support for Christian Unity by posting unity messages and details of your events to our Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Twitter wall – simply add the #wpcuwall hashtag to your Twitter post (note there is a delay before they appear). You can also find updates about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Twitter by following the #wpcu2023 hashtag.

## Bayside Alpha

are running a free 7-week Zoom course on **Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit**. The course starts on Wednesday the 1st of February 2023 at 7.30pm and features Franciscan Friar, Fr Dave Pivonka, and other speakers. It consists of a one hour weekly meeting on Zoom which includes a video presentation, a time for sharing for anyone who wishes, and short Scriptures to reflect on at home.

The full course is 14 episodes but we are just doing the first seven and we will do the second half at a later stage if people wish. The trailer for the course is at <https://youtu.be/ptWtIhcRC9E>

The following themes are covered on the course: God's Love Poured Out, The Breath of God, Baptism in the Spirit, The Spirit and Our Lady, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, The Spirit and the Eucharist, The Spirit of Adoption.

If you would like to take part please email Paul at [alphabayside@gmail.com](mailto:alphabayside@gmail.com)

# Active Retirement Activities & Trips

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

We are back on Tuesdays, from 10.45am till 12.30pm

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

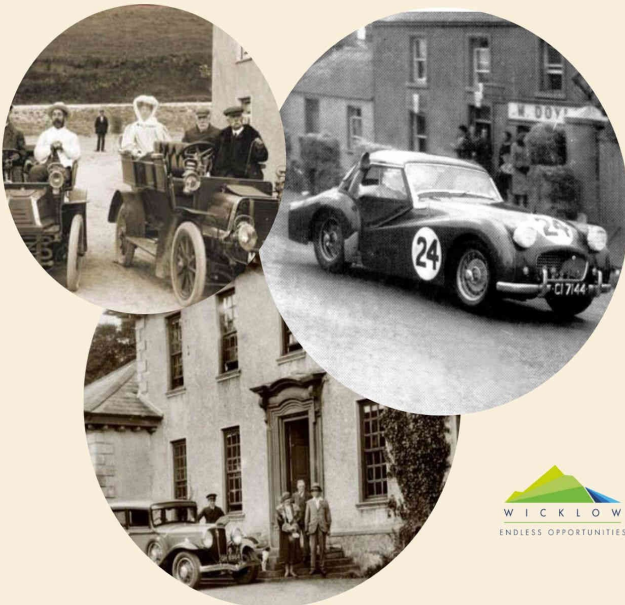
Pam O Donoghue (Secretary)

*You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte*

## THE FREEDOM OF THE ROADS

EARLY MOTORING IN COUNTY WICKLOW

Talk with Historian  
Brian White



**WICKLOW LIBRARY**

**THUR 26TH JANUARY 7PM**

TO BOOK CALL WICKLOW LIBRARY 040467025 OR

EMAIL [WICKLOWLOCALSTUDIES@WICKLOWCOCO.IE](mailto:WICKLOWLOCALSTUDIES@WICKLOWCOCO.IE)

The Wicklow Library talk with Historian Brian White 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 7pm.

The 1903 Motor Car Act allowed County Councils to register motor cars and motor bikes and to issue applicants with a driving licence. By 1915 there were only 106 cars and 103 motor cycles registered in County Wicklow. At this time, motor car drivers had to purchase petrol in cans and one particular Bray resident imported a steam car that could achieve a distance of 150 miles on one fill. The hilly terrain of the County provided unique and challenging circuits and, between 1950 and 1957, hill climb rallies around The Wicklow Town Circuit were regularly organised by the Motor Cycle Union and the Automobile Association. In his talk titled "*The Freedom of the Roads*", historian Brian White will be displaying old photographs to explore early motoring in County Wicklow. Some questions that will be answered include:

Who was the first person to register a car in County Wicklow

Who was the first woman to own a car in County Wicklow.

Which County Wicklow Car owner had a car buried under Hill 16 in Croke Park, Dublin.

A selection of old motoring artefacts will be on display during the talk.

The talk will take place at Wicklow Library, in the Exhibition Space on the third floor on Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Contact Wicklow Library on 040467025 or email [Wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:Wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie) to book

*WICKLOW SAVINGS CLUB - will re-open on Monday 16th January 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.*



# WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

## CONGRATULATIONS

### LILLIE LAMBERT

12th Jan 2023: €50 winner 10, 12, 23, 24

### MARY FLYNN

5th Jan 2023: €50 winner 4, 9, 12, 28

### ELLEN CULLEN

29th Dec 2022: €50 winner 18, 19, 23, 28

### KIERA KAVANAGH

22nd Dec 2022: €50 winner 3, 12, 18, 24

*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  
or go to the website : [www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow](http://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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No place is more secure than to be in GOD's hands.



The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the Word of our God shall stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8

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