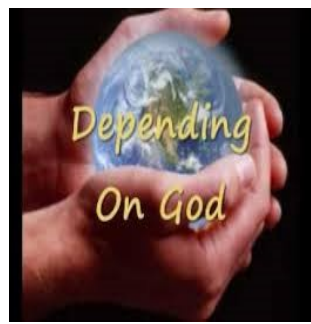




PARISH NEWSLETTER

16th January 2022
Wicklow & Rathnew
Baptism of the Lord
RCN 20016166



Welcome

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

Gospel Reflections *Cana: New wine for life* **Donal Neary SJ**

The human side of the gospel today is the huge need of a young couple on the best day of their lives. Jesus hears of their need and the result is the wine for the wedding, but more so, it is the promise of the fullness of God.

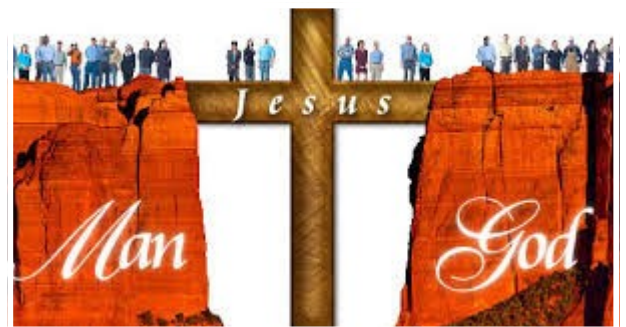
We look for the fullness of life in money, food, sex, travel, security, reputation-none last. Only the simplest joys of life really satisfy in the end, like the joy of love, the thrill of friendship, the caring in family and the ways we enjoy the goodness of creation.

A man asked once in the hospice at the end of his life -'what is happiness?' 'Find happiness now' was his answer -'be satisfied, be grateful, for what you have, for what you have received, for what God has given you.' There is a fullness of life in being happy with who I am, what I have... and asking God for what he knows I need.

No matter what our age, we can do good for others, we can share the graces of life and the soul can grow. That's what I hope can happen for me as life goes on. In any group of people, some look happy and some look miserable. The happiest are not always the ones who had or are having the easiest life. They are the ones who have found peace with themselves, others and God.

Because of the gift of the fullness of God in 'new wine', we always have a home, here and after - in the heart of our God in Jesus Christ now and for eternity.

*Jesus of the wedding feast of Cana,
give us the faith and hope to know that you can always
make a change for the better in our lives, and the love
to live by what we receive.*



Diocesan Synodal Pathway

**For a Synodal Church:
Communion, Participation and Mission**

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 15th & 16th January

- 6.00pm** Pat Hore & Liam Kavanagh - both Months Mind
John Porter, Mary & Richard Bell, deceased members of
the Porter & Bell families, Peggy Harbourne, Tommy Healy
- 7.00pm** Joe Hennessy, RD, Patrick, Annie & Thomas Marah
- 9.00am** Special Intention
- 10.00am** John Nolan
- 11.30am** Bridget & Nevin Thornton, Josie Marah

17th ~ 21st January

- Monday** - Brian Brennan, Molly Power, Cathy & Eileen Connolly,
deceased members of the Power & Connolly families
- 7.00pm** Special Intention
- Tuesday** - Sally Cahill- 1st Anniversary
- 7.00pm** Special Intention
- Wednesday** - Kathleen Dunne, Bert Vickers
- Thursday** - Deceased members of the Quinn family
- Friday** - Michael Brown - 1st Anniversary

Next Weekend ~ 22nd & 23rd January

- 6.00pm** June Doran - Months Mind, Bride Coffey
- 7.00pm** Aidan Lyons RD
- 9.00am**
- 10.00am** Seamus & Bridie Grant
- 11.30am** Nick Healy -Months Mind, Patricia Frost (nee Roche) - 1st Ann
Damien Doyle, Norman Mason, Ann Carney, Maria
Smullen, Joan O'Brien

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 09/01/2022

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 805
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 400
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €3280



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 23RD JANUARY 2022

First Reading : Nehemiah - 8 :12-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm 18: 18-10,15

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27

Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4, 4:14-21

PARISH CONTACTS

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Office opening times -

Monday - Friday : 10am - 12noon

PARISH OFFICE is open Monday to Friday from 10am till 12noon for general enquiries, mass / baptism bookings, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards. Contact number 61699.

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

Any groups using the De La Salle Pastoral Centre are asked to remember that Each group must comply with whatever the guidelines of the day are, but are also expected to comply with the centre's guidelines too

Follow the Government & DLS centres instructions/guidelines

- ◆ Do not attend the centre if feeling unwell, sneezing, coughing or compromised in anyway.
- ◆ Anyone entering the centre must wear a face-mask or visor and sanitise their hands on entering and leaving the premises.
- ◆ No waiting around on the corridors, come along just in time for your group meeting,
- ◆ Do not bring unnecessary equipment, into the centre.
- ◆ Ensure social distancing is adhered to at all times
- ◆ Take responsibility for your own safety, i.e. facemasks etc

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
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.

*Volunteers wanted to arrange
flowers for the main altar in
the church. This is done on a
monthly basis, and is a very
rewarding and attractive way
to help out in the churches.*

*If you would like more
information or think you would
like to give this a try - please
leave your contact details with
the parish office.*



DIARY DATES: January

2nd : Baptisms - Wicklow

6th : Feast of the Epiphany

16th: Baptisms - Wicklow

18th-25th: Prayer for Christian Unity Week

20th : Zoom Baptism Meeting - 8pm

22nd : Baptisms - Rathnew

23rd - 30th : Catholic Schools Week

Theme—Living life to the full.

THIS WEEK'S FEASTDAYS:

17th: St Anthony

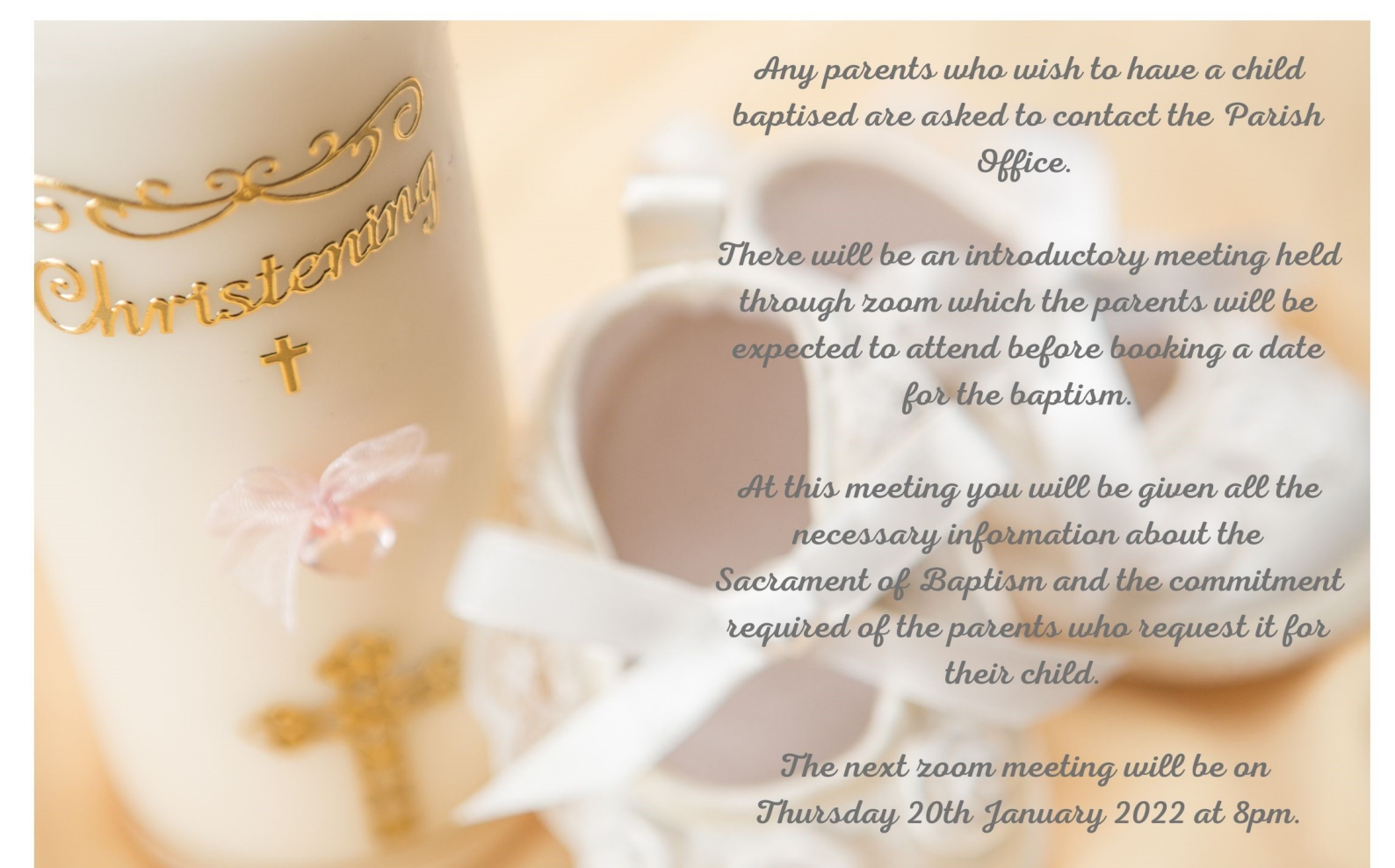
Died 356, 'Father of Monasticism' lived a life of
solitude but also attracted many others to
form communities of hermits.

21st: St Agnes

Wealthy and beautiful, was martyred for here
virginity in the last persecutions in Rome, in
the early fourth century. Patron of betrothed
couples, gardeners and young girls.

22nd: St Vincent

Deacon of the church of Saragossa, Spain,
martyred in 304 in Valencia after prolonged
torture.



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 Thursday 20th January 2022 at 8pm.

We welcome in Baptism

Sophía Carroll, Éabha Lowry, Alex Ryan, Mary Ryan, Jack Allen, Grace Beale, Séan Smullen, MJ Hodgkinson, Ellie Ryan, Bobby O'Connor, Marcás Blood, Jack Morris, Ellie Orr, Jake Clarke, Noah Thompson, Caelen Jameson, Ollie Devlín, Seán Flaherty, Oisín Ó Broín, Penelope Lynch, Lily Browne, Jason Cronin, Joseph Redmond, Chloé Byrne, Caleb Monahan, Ruairí McGettigan, Ollie McLoughlin, Lucy-Jane Ryan, Elara Roche, Isla Hobbs, Luca Fitzpatrick, Eleonora Norton, Jack Carton, Ollie Donoghue, Margot Cowell, Rían Gormley, Atticus O'Connell, Adéline Jameson, Ryan Doyle, Darcie Shea, Layla Bermingham, Érin Quinn, Fionn O'Flaherty, Kate Kinsella, Odhran Snell, Remí O'Neill, Luna Barnes, Marc Donnelly, Cillian Keenan, Lauryn Lester, Maisie Thomas, Brian Kazmierczyk, Isobel Merrigan, Beaux Newcombe, Harley-Quinn Newcombe, Timothy O'Shea, Michael Robinson, Rosa Scanlon, Olivia Kavanagh, Donal Breen, John Winters, Browyn Kelly.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022



Theme

The theme for the 2022 Week of Prayer is *'We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him'* (Mt 2:2), taken from the account of the visit of the magi to pay homage to the infant king (Mt 2:1-12). It is a call to unity, of those from the North and the South, from the East and from the West, old and young, men and women.

Introduction

The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is one very familiar to us. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

Serving the Gospel today requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. It requires from the churches transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other. This means churches need to cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve the burdened, and to build a just and honest society. This is a call for churches to work together so that young people can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice, and love.

WICKLOW SAVINGS CLUB - will re-open on Monday 17th 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.





CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

2022

Catholic Schools

Faith. Excellence. Service.

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated in schools across the island of Ireland from Sunday 23 January – Sunday 30 January.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2022 is 'Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full'.

During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society

Daily Themes and Resources

Monday: Living Life to the Full With God

Tuesday: Living Life to the Full Together

Wednesday (Grandparents' Day): Celebrating Being Together Again

Thursday: Living Life in Wonder and Awe

Friday: Living Life and Facing the Future

PARISH VISITATIONS ~ FIRST FRIDAY CALLS

On the First Friday of every month our priests visit Parishioners who are sick or housebound. During these visits, they have a chat, hear confessions and bring Holy Communion. There are also Masses in Blainroe Lodge, the Day Care Centre & Knockrobin Care Home.

Following on from that, our Eucharistic Ministers also visit the homes of those who are housebound every Sunday with the Blessed Sacrament. They always visit in pairs and provide a simple little prayer service, followed by Communion. They would normally leave the Newsletter and Sunday Mass leaflet with the Parishioner to allow them keep up to date with the parish.

This is a wonderful service provided by the Ministers and is greatly appreciated by those whom they visit.

As well as visiting the homes of individuals, some of the Ministers of the Eucharist provide a Prayer/Communion service in the Day Care Centre on a monthly basis and in Blainroe Lodge & Knockrobin Care Home every Sunday. *(Not during Covid times & always following the guidelines)*

If you know of someone who would appreciate any of these services, please get in touch with the Parish Office in order to include them on the current list. This service is also available on a short term basis, for those who may be just out of hospital or those who are unable to get to the church for whatever reason. This Ministry is a separate one from the weekly or weekend Ministers of the Eucharist - If you feel that this might be of interest to you and you would like to volunteer to be either a driver or a Minister of the Eucharist for the Sick and Housebound, again, please get in touch with the Parish Office. There is full training available before anyone commits to this Ministry. Your help would be appreciated and you would be very welcome to join this team!

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



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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

NEPTUNE BRIDGE CLUB

In accordance with the Government Guidelines of 8pm closure on social events, we regret that the Neptune Bridge Club will not be re-opening until this restriction is lifted.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS

CATHERINE CONWAY

€50 winner

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

7, 13, 21, 25

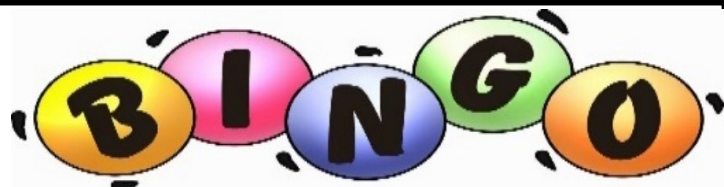
NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€1,100

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*



Will resume once the current guidelines allow.

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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Time decides who you meet in life, your heart decides who you want in your life, and your behavior decides who stays in your life.

Ziad K. Abdelnour

