

PARISH NEWSLETTER

16th July 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166



Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew— Loyola Press

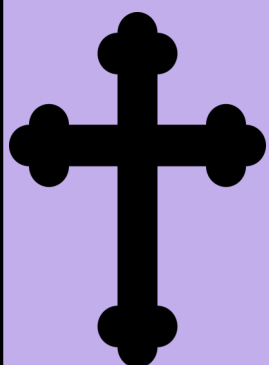
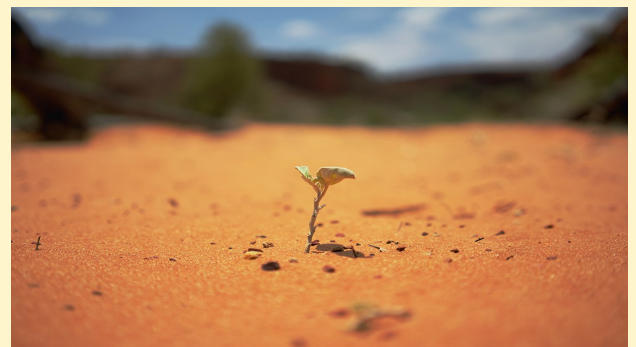
Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.



Sincere sympathy to the family of

Ann O'Neill late of Rosehill

Mary Guinan late of Glebemount

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 15th & 16th July

6.00pm Mary Hernon (A) & Desmond Hernon (RIP)
Donal Kinney, Bill Byrne, Etta Byrne,
Frank, Mary & George Newsome & Tommy Marah

9.00am *Special Intention*

10.30am Evelyn Kelly (BR), Paul Doyle, John & Cora Flood,
Lillian, Augustus & Mary Cullen, May & Francis Cullen, Kathleen &
Patrick Cannon, Rose, John & Matthew Ryan, Sr Mary Dominic,
William & Matthew O'Brien BR, Maureen O'Sullivan

12.00noon William Murphy, Mary Conway, Iris Stephens,
Bill & Alice Stephens, Brian Miley

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

17th - 21st July

Monday Deceased members of the Liston & Keane Families

7.00pm *Special Intention*

Tuesday Ann Mc Dermott RD in Canada

7.00pm *Special Intention*

Wednesday Joseph & Stella O'Carolan

Thursday Kathleen Reburn RD

Friday Michael Lambert Jnr, Marie Dempsey,
Marie Johnston—funeral in Birmingham today

Next Weekend ~ 22nd & 23rd July

6.00pm Terry Fox & deceased members of the Fox & Keddy families

9.00am

10.30am Tom Long

12.00noon Seb Maguire - Months Mind Mass,
Maureen Marah Joan Fox

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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 - 10TH AUGUST
AT 8PM
IN THE PARISH CENTRE



ADORATION ~ BLESSED SACRAMENT

Continues on Wednesdays in St Patrick's 10.30 am to 11.30 pm, usually finishing with Benediction. **Please note the change of time!!**

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 in masses /baptisms /weddings, to drop in weekly envelopes, to buy mass cards etc .

Contact number 61699.

We are very happy to help!

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**

BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES 2023

CASTLETIMON CEMETERY

~ MONDAY 17TH JULY AT 7.30PM

RATHNEW CEMETERY

~ WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY AT 7.30PM

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

9th July 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 2205
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1185
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - go towards Diocesan Administration € 920

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

First Reading : Wisdom 12: 16-19

Responsorial Psalm 85

Second Reading : Romans 8: 26-27

Gospel : Matthew 13: 24-43

The Pope's Intention for July

For a Eucharistic life.

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



There have been some additions made to the parish website gallery section. The recent photos from the Wedding Anniversary Mass courtesy of Eileen Earls and the Priests Farewell afternoon courtesy of Tim Thornton photos - many thanks to both Eileen & Tim for the photos. Go into the website, click on the Galleries tab and choose the photos you want to view.

Please note the Parish Privacy Notice is currently under review. A new version will be published very soon. If you have any questions or require further information, please email Noelle Dowling at dataprotection@dublindiocese.ie.

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

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



Friends of Calcutta

Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta (CHY No. 13218) on Tuesday July 25th. All items of wearable clothing, footwear, curtains etc most welcome. Collection that day up to 4pm outside Rathdrum Church and 5pm outside Wicklow Church. All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087-9073074 who will be delighted to arrange a home collection if requested.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH RATHNEW

As parishioners will be aware, there was an ongoing problem with dampness and ingress of rainwater in and around the windows of St Joseph's Church Rathnew, leading to damage to the window frames, particularly the large stained glass window behind the altar.

The area has been assessed by an engineer and has now been treated by a specialist because of the delicate nature of the windows.

We are happy to say that great progress has been and the windows are almost complete now. We have been advised not to put flower vases or pots on the sills for the moment - they need to dry and harden completely.

We will be happy to add flowers/plants to the windows at a later stage once all the proper requirements are in place. Can we please ask parishioners to go along with this request for the foreseeable?

“A day of immersing ourselves and learning ways to celebrate the Season of Creation”

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home, the Oikos of God. The Season “Celebration” begins 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on the 4th October. This year we will unite around the theme, “*Let Justice and Peace Flow.*”

This day long programme will include input, ritual and practical resources. It will be facilitated by Sr Colette Kane OP (An Tairseach) and Sr Anne Curtis RSM (Mercy by the Sea, USA). A light lunch will be provided and teas and coffee.

Date: Friday 4th August 2023, Time: 10am to 4pm, Price: €60

Meals on Wheels Wicklow



The local branch of the Meals on Wheels provide and deliver meals to people who, for social or medical reasons are unable to provide a meal for themselves. Meals are delivered on Tuesdays and Thursdays to Wicklow town and the environs. Wicklow Meals on Wheels was established over 30 years ago by the Wicklow Meals on Wheels Committee. They provide between 75 & 80 main meals and desserts every Tuesday and Thursday, from September through to July for a very small nominal donation.

This service is provided by local volunteers, both in the kitchen and also driving to the clients homes. This is a vital service to the community both locally and nationally. The Meals On Wheels services around the country enable older people to remain in their homes within the community and allow them to return there following periods of hospitalisation or sickness. Without the existence of the meals on wheels there would be a measurable impact on caring for older members of the community.

This service provides a range of benefits to those who use them, which goes far beyond the basic primary requirement of providing regular and nutritious meals to those who might otherwise struggle to obtain them. For many using these services the visit of the meals on wheels provider might be their only social contact during a day. Meals on wheels not only provides their meal, but also human contact and inclusion in the community.

The local Meals on Wheels group are holding a Church Door collection this weekend the 15th & 16th July after all Masses and your support would as usual be very much appreciated

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



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

Tuesdays, from 10.45am till 1.00pm / Line Dancing 12 noon

NO CHOIR TILL SEPTEMBER

Trip to Ferns Visitor Centre/Castle and Wells House on Wednesday 19th July.

Wednesdays - Walking - meet at 11.00am on the Murrough

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

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations

COLLETTE VERDES

13th July 2023: €50 raffle winner
Weekly winning numbers: 1, 12, 20, 22
Please call into the office to collect your prize.

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

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


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

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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Do your best
and let the rest go.
You can't be perfect, no matter
how hard you try, so give
yourself credit for making
an effort, and try to stop
stressing about the outcome.

Lori Deschene

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