



PARISH NEWSLETTER

17th April 2022
Wicklow & Rathnew
Easter Sunday
RCN 20016166



Welcome

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

Donal Neary S.J.

Gospel reflections

EASTER SUNDAY *Death is not final*

The first Easter parade was just a crowd of women going down the street where once they had sang Hosanna. Another time they had gone with him to death. Now it's just themselves - two Marys, Joanna and other women. The parade was dull, without the one they followed - but they wanted to care for the body with spices, using only the best.

And then it was all different. They saw no body, which frightened them more than any death could have. Then there were angels with strange messages, but their hearts believed quickly and they remembered what he had said. Often, he had talked of death and resurrection. He was the sort of man for whom evil and death could not be final.

They were then to go to the apostles, and they were to find out that caring for Christ's body now would be a different thing. The women announced this divine news to the men. This would have been contrary to the culture at the time, but Jesus went against a lot of beliefs and prejudices.

Caring for the body of Christ now means caring for each other. They would spend the rest of their lives caring for the new body of Christ, and we're the same in caring and being cared for. The risen Christ is in all of us.

We are his body. Not a word of God can be spoken without human words. God reaches us through each other.

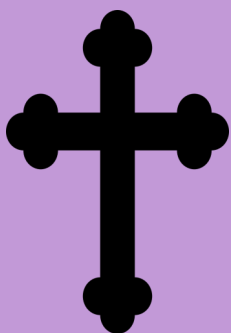
The Easter parade now is made up of all of us following our risen Lord, following life that never dies, and the truth of the gospel that can keep us going. This is the love of the risen Lord, which is the lifeblood of the Church.

*Jesus Christ you are risen ,you are risen indeed,
Alleluia, Alleluia.*

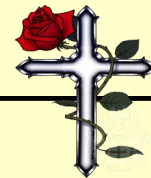


Sincere sympathy to the families of ...

*Veronica Devlin, née Doyle, late of Carrig
Court, Rathnew
Mary Johnston who died in Cavan &
formerly Dunbur Park*



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 16th & 17th April

9.00pm

EASTER VIGIL MASS - NO INTENTIONS

9.00am Josie Keane -Months Mind, Michael John Duffy (A) Mary-Ann Duffy & deceased members of the Duffy family, Leo Devlin. Carmel Culbert, Mark, Lily & Bill Clare, Tommy, Mary & James Murphy

10.00am Thomas & Bridget Cregg & deceased members of their families, Tom Porter, Sheila McGowan BR

11.30am John Bunn & Vera Rogan — both Months Mind, Betty Fitzpatrick, Philomena & Harry Briscoe

18th ~ 22nd April

Monday Peter Moloney RD

Tuesday Peter & Annie Vickers, Valerie Manns - Months Mind

Wednesday Margaret Byrne nee Dunne RD, Memorial Mass
Mary, Larry & George Kelly

Thursday Valerie Carroll RD

Friday Eileen & Patrick Ronan

Next Weekend ~ 23rd & 24th April

6.00pm Henry & Essie Shannon, Ginny O Reilly, Chelsea Kennedy,
Maria Coughlan, Johnny & Paul Murphy, Una Lockhart

7.00pm Ned Jameson

9.00am

10.00am Grainne & Pat Bolger

11.30am Margaret & Tommy Hogan, Kit & Ron Hagan

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

Easter 2022

If the last two years have been overshadowed by the Covid 19 pandemic, with lockdowns and restrictions, this Easter will be remembered for the terrible atrocities that are claiming so many lives due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. It is a frightening example of the depths of evil and darkness that humans are capable of, especially when we see the needless suffering of so many innocent women and children.

How do we celebrate Easter with joy when there is such darkness around us? Do we shut our eyes and ears to what is going on and retreat into our own 'secure' space and pretend everything is alright? The events we celebrate each Holy Week are reminders that the human race has always been capable of great evil and atrocity as well as extraordinary goodness and love. And that it is into the midst of this mixture of good and evil that the Son of God was sent to bring a message of peace, reconciliation and redemption.

Despite being innocent of all crime, he was subjected to a shameful, humiliating trial and death. And in the midst of his suffering, he forgave the very ones who tormented him and promised paradise to the criminal executed beside him.

The events of Easter remind us that, despite our sinfulness and weakness we are loved infinitely by God. Despite the darkness in the world, there is a light that cannot be overcome by darkness, a life that cannot be overcome by the forces of evil and death. As St Paul says in his Letter to Timothy: 'if we die with him then we will surely rise with him'. (2 Tim. 2:11).

As a Christian community we stand in support of one another in trying to reflect the light of Christ in the darkness of our world. There are numerous examples of extraordinary goodness, love and service in the parish of Wicklow and Rathnew. I thank all of you who continue to let the light of Christ shine through your service in this parish and wish you and all you love the joy and blessing of this holy season. Happy Easter.

Fr Donal

**Deadline for receipt of items for newsletter is
Wednesday at 3pm.**

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 LEONDARD & MULVEY (BUTLERS) 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.

DIARY DATES: APRIL

3rd : Baptisms - Wicklow

9th/10th: St Vincent De Paul Quarterly Collection

10th: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

13th: Spy Wednesday Chrism Mass – 7pm, Pro Cathedral

14th: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

15th: Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion

16th: Holy Saturday

17th: Easter Sunday / Baptisms - Wicklow

23rd: Baptisms - Rathnew

23rd: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Email Queries: knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

24th: Divine Mercy Sunday

28th: Zoom Baptism Meeting - 8pm

The Pope's Intention for April

For Health Care Workers

*We pray for health care workers
who serve the sick and the elderly,
especially in the poorest countries;
may they be adequately supported
by governments and local
communities.*

UKRAINE APPEAL

A further €240 was left into the parish
office last week, bringing the collection
up to €7800.

Contributions can still be left in the
parish office - and we will continue to
update the figure as it increases.



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 24TH APRIL 2022

First Reading :Acts 5: 12-16

Responsorial Psalm 117:2-4,22-27

Second Reading : Apocalypse 1 9-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 10/04/2022

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 575
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 300
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €3190
FUNDRAISING APPEAL ENVELOPES	- goes towards parish structural works	- €2531

Many thanks for your continued support.



Archdiocese of Dublin

Pilgrimage to Knock

11:00am - Meet & Greet

12noon - Workshops

- Synod,
- Laudato Si
- Prayerful Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

3pm - The Pilgrimage Mass celebrated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell

For more information, please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

Saturday April 23rd

PARISH PILGRIMAGES 2022

MEDJUGORJE - 4th May 2022 - 7 nights

€729 per person in accommodation close to St James Church

Direct return flights, Return airport transfers in Medjugorje,

Breakfast & dinner each day

Full religious programme

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR - Fr Pat O Rourke

More information from Marion O Meara 085 803 1751

LOURDES - 12th September 2022 - 5 nights

€799 per person sharing in the Hotel La Solitude

Direct return flights, Return airport transfers in Lourdes,

Full board, breakfast, lunch & dinner each day

Mass at grotto, anointing of the Sick, torchlight Procession

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR - Fr Donal Roche

More information from Nancy Colgan 086 1099 112 or Carol Kavanagh 086 060 1956



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

QUARTERLY COLLECTION

The quarterly collection for the local conference took place last weekend the 9th/10th April - a total of €3150 was collected and the society are very grateful to all who contributed .

PARISH OFFICE

The office is closed for Easter holidays and will re-open on Monday 25th April at 9.30am.



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 - 28TH APRIL AT 8PM

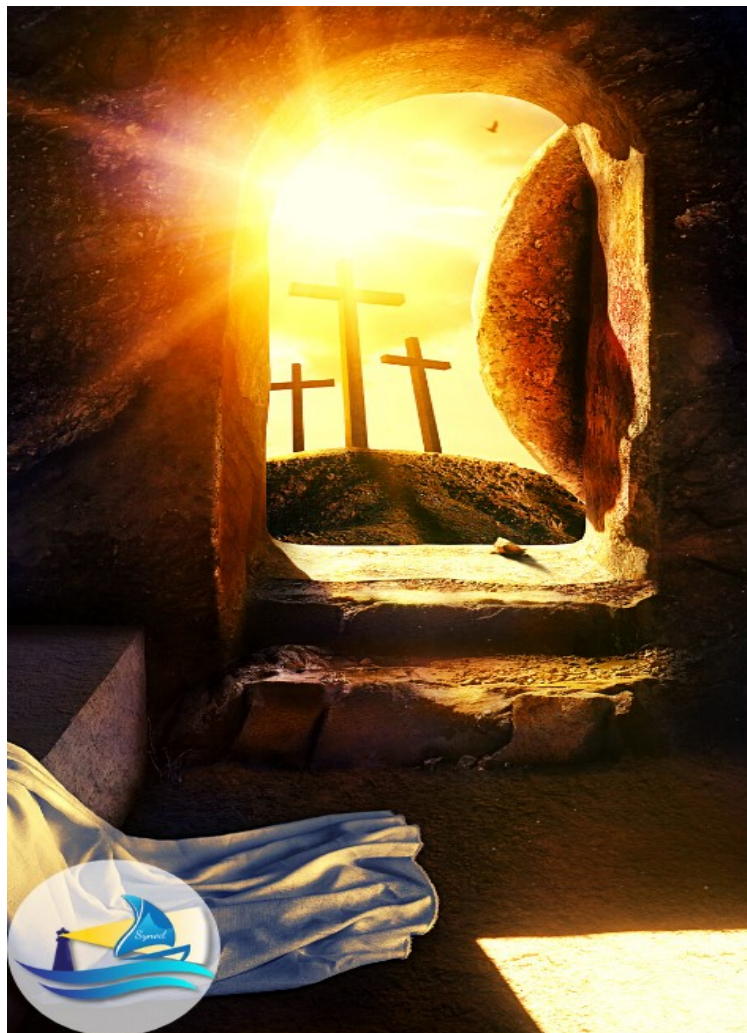
This meeting is via zoom.

Please contact the parish office to give your email address.

'Sunday Mass: an essential expression of faith'

"We pray in the Mass that it is 'indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation' to give thanks to the Lord, and the Sunday Eucharist is our greatest act of thanksgiving. During the Season of Lent, we encourage everyone to return to Sunday and weekday Mass in our churches, welcoming each other back as we gather once more together. From Easter Sunday, 17 April, this will once again be deemed an essential expression of faith for all in our Church in Ireland. As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass, and should keep themselves safe and pray at home until the

from the Spring statement of the Irish Bishops' Conference



Christ is risen! We are risen!

Each year, we celebrate the great events that give us new life in Christ and, each year, Easter is different because *we are different*. The great adventure of the synodal pathways has already begun to shape our way of being a community of faith and a solid foundation has been laid. Ultimately, it is not all about "church" but instead all about the Good News and how we may better proclaim the "yes" of God in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 1:19).

*We are an Easter people and
alleluia is our song!*

Active Retirement - Activities and Trips

Now with 96 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

NO Coffee Morning next Tuesday, 19TH April - short meeting ONLY;
FOR COLLECTION OF HOLIDAY MONIES AND MEDICAL FORMS - IN SMALL MEETING
ROOM AT 11AM.

No Coffee Morning TUESDAY 26TH APRIL AS WE ARE AWAY FOR OUR SPRING HOLIDAY in
Kilkenny.

Normal coffee mornings and activities resume on Tuesday 3rd May.
Where has this year gone? Glad I didn't bother taking the Christmas tree down

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 sure of a Cead Mile Fáilte.*

NEPTUNE BRIDGE CLUB

On Thursday 21 April we are having our AGM at 7.00 pm followed immediately afterwards (about 7.15) with Phyl Lalor's President Prize, which is an individual event. Remember if you have your name down to play and for some reason you cannot make it please notify a committee member immediately as the competition is pre set and we may have to import players from another club. The presentation will take place after play and light refreshments will be served. We would like to thank Fr. Donal and his team for making the Pastoral Centre available to us and hopefully we will be back to full strength in September.

A nationwide Grotto Rosary is due to place



every night for the month of May starting at 8pm at the Grotto in Rathnew - everyone is very welcome to join us.

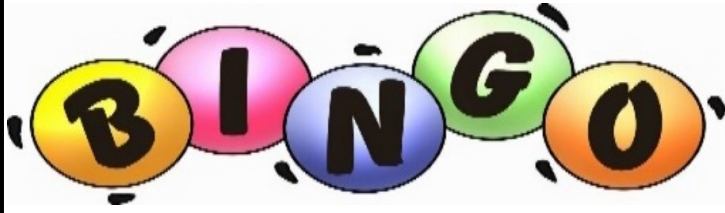


The Darkness into Light walks are back. Wicklow Town Darkness into Light Walk in aid of Pieta House will be held on 7th May 2022. Registration is open on line now. For those who don't have access to computers to register for the event the Wicklow Town DIL Committee will hold a Community Engagement Day on Saturday 23rd April 2022, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow Town, 11.00 am - 4 pm. If you would like a hand to register come along and the Committee will help you out. For any further enquires call 087 6557199.

In conjunction with Darkness into Light, there will be a special Mass in St Patricks Church to pray for those who have died or been bereaved by suicide at 7.30pm on Friday 6th May.

Everyone is very welcome to attend.

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



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.

RATHNEW BINGO WHO HAVE NOW RESUMED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 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

Con Hogan

€50 winner

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

16, 19, 24, 30,

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€2,300

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*

EASTER DUES

Easter Dues envelopes are now available. This collection is a vital source of support to the priests of the diocese. All donations go into the Common Fund which pays the salaries of all the priests, including those sick and retired.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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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A positive attitude
gives you power
over your circumstances
instead of your
circumstances having
power over you.