

PARISH NEWSLETTER

18th June 2023

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus sends the twelve apostles to proclaim the kingdom of heaven.

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church.

Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word *apostle* when referring to the Twelve. The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed.

As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission.



CONFIRMATION & COMMUNIONS

As we approach the end of the season for Sacraments a very sincere thanks to all who helped out in any way with the Sacraments in our Parish. To our Sacristans, caretaker and cleaners for having the church look so well and for looking after the traffic/parking. To our teachers for all the work and effort that had been put in over the past two years. To our Parish Hospitality team who make a fantastic effort and prepare the wonderful refreshments, to the parents who donate and help out on the days of the ceremonies. To our two Geraldine's - Geraldine Lynch for all her help with the zoom meetings during the year, and to Geraldine Egan who is our Sacramental Co-Ordinator and has put a huge amount of effort into organising all of the special days for our Communion and Confirmation candidates.

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 17th & 18th June

6.00pm *Concepta Connolly - 1st anniversary, Hugh Corrigan
Michael White, Helen Fitzgerald - 90th birthday remembrance*

9.00am *Esther Doyle - Birthday Remembrance,
Michael, Kate & Paul Doyle, Paddy Duffy*

10.30am *Eddie Doyle, Bridie Cardiff, Patrick Keating,
Ellen & John Malone, John Nolan - (Fathers Day Rem)*

12.00noon *Richie Quinn -Months Mind, Margaret Earls,
James O'Toole, Margaret Earls, Frank Conway (A & BR)*

19th - 23rd June

Monday *Michael Fitzgerald (In Rem)*

7.00pm *Fr Harry Behan (In Rem)*

Tuesday *Conor Teevan*

7.00pm *Kit & Martin Hanley*

Wednesday *Maura O'Brien (In Rem)*

Thursday *Mary Kavanagh*

Friday *Teresa Aherne ((In Rem)*

Next Weekend ~ 24th & 25th June

6.00pm *Peter Byrne, Jim O'Neill*

9.00am

10.30am

12.00noon *Kevin Matthews, Liam Tallon, Conor Teevan,
Padraig Carney*

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

NEW PARTNERSHIP MASS SCHEDULE

The following Mass Schedule will be in place in the Churches from the weekend of the 10th/11th of June and will be reviewed in 6 months.

	Wicklow	Rathnew	Ashford	Glenealy	Brittas Bay	Barndarrig	Kilbride
Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm		6.00 pm			7.30pm	
Sunday	10.30am	9.00 am		10.30 am			9.00 am
Sunday	12 noon				12 noon		

New Mass Schedules like this one, are happening throughout the diocese as part of the Building Hope initiative whereby we have to consider the:

- ♦ Pastoral care of priests
- ♦ The Directive about each priest being scheduled for no more than three Masses
- ♦ The Time between Masses to allow time for chat / travel to next appointment.

To all Parishioners and friends - you are very welcome to join us in wishing both Fr Donal & Fr Pat a fond farewell and the best of luck in their new parishes, on Sunday 25th June 2023, at 2pm in the De La Salle Parish Centre grounds. (weather permitting)

We are providing some hospitality, but families or small groups are encouraged to bring their own picnic seats/blankets and food and make an afternoon of it. There will be some seating but it will be limited.

Please note that there will be NO PARKING in the De La Salle grounds at all, the top car park will be open and there will be spaces around the church too.

The Hospitality group would be grateful for any donations of cakes/sandwiches etc and these can be left into the centre up to Friday morning or else, please bring them on the Sunday. We are also looking for some help with set up and clean up - please leave your name in the parish office or sacristy or text Debbie on 087 756 2004, if you can help out with this.

Hopefully, you are able to make the occasion, that the sun will shine, the music will flow and there will be plenty of opportunity to have a chat with our priests and other parishioners too!

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 - 13TH JULY
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!!**

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Please note that the final payment for the Lourdes Pilgrimage needs to be paid on or before Friday 30th June. Payments can be given to Nancy or Carol directly or paid into the Parish Office by card machine or cheque - please make cheques payable to the **WICKLOW /RATHNEW PARISH LOURDES**

**An Evening of Summer Songs
with Wicklow Singers.**

**Musical Directors, Frank Kelly &
Rebecca Kelly & Classic harmony.**

**Sunday 2nd July at 8pm in Fatima Hall,
Dominican College, Wicklow
Admission €10.**



The local conferences will hold their quarterly Church door collection after all Masses in Wicklow & Rathnew next weekend the 17th/18th June. Your support as normal would be appreciated.

RATHNEW WOMEN'S SHED CRAFT FAIR

**SUNDAY 25TH JUNE
FROM 12NOON TILL 4PM
IN ST BRIGID'S HALL RATHNEW**

WICKLOW COPD GROUP - Exercise class to help improve your breathing every Monday in the DLS Pastoral Centre. Fully qualified Instructors Further information from Denis Teevan on 086 8174 703

BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES 2023

BARNDARRIG CEMETERY	~ TUESDAY 4TH JULY AT 7.30PM
THREE MILE WATER CEMETERY	~ MONDAY 10TH JULY AT 7.30PM
CASTLETIMON CEMETERY	~ MONDAY 17TH JULY AT 7.30PM
RATHNEW CEMETERY	~ WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY AT 7.30PM

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

11th June 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €1975
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €1250
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards diocesan administration - € 905

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 : Jeremiah 20: 10-13

Responsorial Psalm: 68

Second Reading : Romans 5: 12-15

Gospel : Matthew 10: 26-33

Weekly Envelope Collection

We would like to thank the team of volunteers who very kindly distribute the boxes every year.

Once again, a very sincere thank you to all of you who kindly give up your time.

If you do not receive a box of family offering envelopes and would like to - please ring the parish office on 61699 or fill in the request form on the back of this newsletter.

The weekly envelope or Direct Debit contribution is the only money that stays in the parish. This runs the parish on a day to day basis and covers all parish expenses, maintenance/improvements on all parish buildings, car parks etc. It is a vital collection for the upkeep of the parish and we are very grateful to all those who do contribute so generously by both parish envelopes and direct debit.

CHY 3 forms will be sent out automatically to those people who need to have them updated this year. If you haven't already completed a CHY3 form, we would really appreciate you filling it out and allowing the parish to reclaim the tax on donations. If you need more information about the CHY3 tax reclaim please contact Debbie in the parish office.

Please note that most (not all) parishioners will have a different number this year - this is done every few years to tidy up the gaps in the numbers. Sometimes when this is done - a few numbers may be missed so if you haven't received your new box of envelopes—please contact the office and we will get one out to you as soon as possible.



Sacrament Season

Our final congratulations go to the children of both Holy Rosary NS and St Patrick's NS who all received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the week.



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

Fridays - Choir 3 to 4pm

Wednesdays - Walking - meet at 11.00am on the Murrough

Trip to Bord Gais Theatre on the 28th June to see the Show The King & I.

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



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Many thanks to all who organised /helped out/ provided hospitality and participated in the Corpus Christi procession last Sunday in Rathnew. It was a lovely reverend occasion and a beautiful afternoon. Well done to all involved.

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



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 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 or low mood and offer a tried and tested method of self help and personal growth. Meetings are confidential. Ring Trish for further info on 0860129082. And see Grow.ie to listen to stories of Hope and Recovery.

Wishing all the wonderful Dads in our parish a really lovely Fathers Day this Sunday.

The Pope's Intention for June

**For the abolition of torture
We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.**



WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations

JILL MALONE

15th June 2023: €50 raffle winner
Weekly winning numbers: 2, 5, 6, 16
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!

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.

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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Fathers are wonderful people
Too little understood,
And we do not sing their **praises**
As often as we should...
But **FATHERS** are just wonderful
In a million different ways,
And they merit loving **compliments**
And accolade of praise,
For the only reason Dad aspires
To **fortune** and success
Is to make the family proud of him
And to bring them **HAPPINESS...**
And like our Heavenly Father,
He's a **guardian** and a guide,
Someone that we can count on
To be **always** on our side.
Happy Fathers Day