



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**18th December 2022**  
**Wicklow & Rathnew**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
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 reflection for Sundays of Year A: Matthew**

## *The Call to Joseph*

In religious terms we would call Joseph a faithful type of guy, observant in religious thought and practice. The visit from the angel tests his faithfulness to God and to Mary. He doesn't let them down. He was called to be the **carer** of Jesus and Mary and to find a new openness to the mystery of God.

A temptation of religion is to tie things down too much. The law in Joseph's time was strict - if a woman was pregnant the man would cancel the betrothal, and she might be stoned to death! Joseph went beyond law to love and the mystery of God's call. Good religion is open to the mystery of life, however life challenges us and calls us. Some of the most open-minded people I have met have been very religious, and some of the most narrow-minded people have also been religious! Like good and bad medicine, there is good and bad in religion.

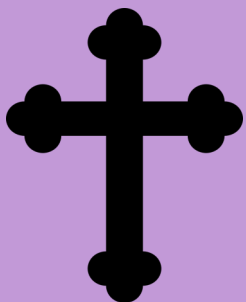
True religion is open to mystery. We need a church lit with the light of God, as Joseph was. His burden was lifted when he was open to God, to take Mary home as his wife, no matter what others might think

This is the annunciation to Joseph - the word of God from the angel to Joseph in a dream. It opened him to a huge new meaning in life. We accept this word as a central part of our lives, and the next time we meet the word, it will be made flesh.

Picture your house, and all who live in it.

Imagine the light of Christ in each room and on all.

*Lord, you are the word of God, who is made flesh,  
have mercy on us.*



*Sincere sympathy to the families of ...*  
*Maura McCoy (née Synnott) Ballinteskín, Wicklow*  
*Christina Whelan late of Blainroe Care Home*

# Mass Intention List



*This Weekend ~ 17th & 18th December*

**6.00pm** Nick Healy, Jim Vickers & June Doran - all 1st anniversaries  
Margaret Healy BR, Eileen Byrne, Pat Byrne, Jack, Nellie, John & James  
Flynn, Rosaleen Earls, Evelyn Kelly—nee Flynn, Hannah Carton, Tim &  
Carmel O'Donovan, Des Doyle, Teresa O'Neill, Patrick & Elizabeth O'Brien

**7.00pm** Neill & Agnes McGettigan, Mary Jameson, Terry, Thomas,  
Christopher & Anne Corkish, Deceased members of the Hollingsworth  
family, Leo Devlin & deceased members of the Duffy family.

**10.00am** Liam Heffernan, Evelyn Kelly & Patrick Kelly RD, Michael &  
Mary Knowles. Tom & Delia Murphy, Kathleen & Andrew Hamilton,

**11.30am** Helen Gorman MM, Bernadette Waldron, Denise Flahive,  
Betty & Patsy Byrne, Mary & Larry Donnelly snr, Ellen Whelan  
Michael White

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

*19th November ~ 23rd December*

**Monday** Margaret & Jacksie Lawless, Jack & Thomas Lawless, Henry  
John Hubbard, Molly & Dave Graham, Billy Parker, Jenny & Rodney  
Duffy, Jack Duffy, Henry Thomas Hubbard, Mable Hubbard, Florence &  
Martin O'Regan, Kathleen & Paddo Green, Rosaleen & Mai Phillips.

**7.00pm** Sonny Cowman RD

**Tuesday** Eddie O'Neill, Jimmy Murphy & son James, Jim Vickers

**7.00pm** Michael Curran RD

**Wednesday** Eddie Hanson RD

**Thursday** Nora Gladney - 1st Anniversary, Tommy & Margaret Hogan

**Friday** Sinead Cahill - Months Mind, Jordan Giannikis

*Next Weekend ~ 24th & 25th December*

*Christmas Eve & Christmas Day -  
all Masses are for Parishioner's & their Intentions*



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 - 12TH JAN. AT 8PM IN THE PARISH CENTRE**  
Please contact the parish office to give your details

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

For the parishes of Wicklow, Ashford and Barndarrig

### **Saturday Vigil:**

6pm Wicklow  
6pm Ashford  
7pm Rathnew  
7pm Barndarrig

### **Sunday Morning:**

9am Kilbride and 9am Glenealy  
10am Wicklow and 10am Brittas Bay  
11.00. Ashford  
11.30 Wicklow

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

Fr Donal Roche : 0404 67196

Fr Pat O'Rourke: 0404 67133

Wicklow Sacristy: 0404 69031

Parish Office: 0404 61699

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

Website: [www.wicklowparish](http://www.wicklowparish)

Office opening times -

**Monday - Friday : 10am - 12.30pm**

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

## **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES**

There are copies of the Christmas Schedule available at the Church doors. The schedule covers the Parish Grouping of Wicklow Ashford & Barndarrig and has all the Mass / Service/ Confession times in it. Please take one home for your reference.

## **HOLY HOUR**

Has been suspended until January

## **DAILY ROSARY**

9:30am Monday to Friday before the 10am Mass

## **PENANCE SERVICES ALL AT 8PM**

Monday 19th ~ Wicklow

Tuesday 20th ~ Rathdrum

Wednesday 21st ~ Arklow

## **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 17th ~ Wicklow 11.00am ~ 12noon

Friday 23rd ~ Wicklow 10.30am ~ 11.30pm

Saturday 24th ~ Glenealy 11.00am ~ 11.45am

Saturday 24th ~ Ashford 12noon ~ 1.00pm

Saturday 24th ~ Wicklow 10.00am ~ 12noon

Saturday 24th ~ Barndarrig 12noon ~ 1.00pm

## St. Patrick's N.S.

A copy of the school's Admission Policy and the Application Form for Admission for the 2023/2024 is available as follows:

Pre Enrolment Form to download at: [www.stpatsnswicklow.ie](http://www.stpatsnswicklow.ie) under Enrolment and submit online

On request: By emailing [stpatswicklow@gmail.com](mailto:stpatswicklow@gmail.com) or Phoning St Patrick's National School, St Patrick's Road Wicklow on 0404 67415

## HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

### ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

Application Forms for Admissions for September 2023 are available on our website: [www.holyrosaryschoolwicklow.ie](http://www.holyrosaryschoolwicklow.ie) from Tuesday 8th November until 12pm on Monday 28th November 2022.



## ADORATION TEAM

*The Adoration Team is there to provide a continuous presence during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which takes place on Wednesdays from 10.30am till 12 noon. So, for this purpose, two team members are rostered to be there all the time. If you would like to join the team, please leave your contact details in the sacristy or with the Parish Office.*

## *The Pope's Intention for December*

*For volunteer not-for-profit organisations*



*We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.*

## St. Coen's N.S., Rathnew

St. Coen's N.S. is enrolling for Junior Infants from November 8<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> inclusive.

Enrolment can be done on the school website [www.stcoens.com](http://www.stcoens.com) or at the school reception between 9:00am and 2:30pm Monday to Friday.

## **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 11th Dec**

**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €1235**

**2ND COLLECTION / ANNUAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL - €6865**

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €2280**



# CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT

*Our annual Christmas Carol Service will be on  
Sunday 18th December at 4pm in St Patrick's Church.*



*This has become a very  
popular part of our Christmas  
schedule and is a lovely way to  
lead into the Christmas season.*

*Our Hospitality Group will be on  
hand in the De la Salle Pastoral  
Centre with the mulled wine and  
mince pies after the service.*

*Why not take a little time out and join us?  
Everybody is very welcome!*

## Weekly Envelope Collection

A sincere "Thank you" to all who contribute to the support of the parish either through the weekly envelope collection or by standing order each week throughout the year. Your continued generosity and support of the parish is very much appreciated.

Thanks also to those who have signed up to the 'Tax Back' scheme which has made a huge contribution to parish funds at no extra cost to the donors. Any donations that exceed €250 in a calendar year are eligible for a tax rebate of up to 40% to the parish. All of the money donated in the weekly envelopes or by standing order is used for the running of the parish.

This is the only money that remains in the parish to maintain the Parish.

The monies given in the other two collections are for the payment of the salaries of the priests of the diocese (First Collection or Common Fund) and for the 'Share' fund which supports the services provided by the diocese (Second Collection).

If you are new to the parish and do not already donate by Standing Order or receive a box of weekly envelopes and would like to do so, or if you would like to avail of the 'Tax Back' scheme, please contact the parish office.

Once again, sincere thanks for your generosity over the past year and look forward to your continued support in the future.



# CD of hymns by Aoife, Pauline and Kevin

€10

Available in the Parish Office & Wicklow Lifeboat Station

- 1 - COME NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP
- 2 - HEAL ME OH LORD
- 3 - JESUS WHAT A SAVIOUR
- 4 - ONLY IN GOD
- 5 - SAVE US OH LORD
- 6 - ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

**WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE SAVE LIVES AT SEA**

Registered charity number 20003326 in the Republic of Ireland.

In aid of  
**Wicklow Lifeboats**

A selection of hymns by  
Wicklow Parish Music Ministry  
Aoife Pedreschi, Pauline Devaney & Kevin Pedreschi  
CD production kindly sponsored by Wicklow Lions Club

This CD will be available for sale after all Masses this weekend and then from the Parish Office and the Lifeboat shop. Aoife, Pauline & Kevin will also be singing at the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evening in Wicklow.

**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.

## St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the Church collection for St Vincent De Paul last weekend. €6,865 was raised and a further €5,235 was raised in the Super Valu/ Street collection. A huge thank you to the people of Wicklow for their truly amazing generosity.

# Active Retirement-Activities and Trips

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

Our meeting on Tuesday will have a Christmas theme, mince pies for all. We aim to start at 10.45a.m sharp. We are closed until Tuesday, 10th January

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 :  
Jenny Murphy (Secretary) 087 6221766 ~ *You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte*



## 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.

### **DIARY DATES: DECEMBER**

**4th: Baptisms in Wicklow**

**8th : Holy Day - Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception,  
Baptism Meeting**

**10th/11th: St Vincent De Paul  
annual collection**

**17th: Baptisms in Rathnew**

**18th: Parish Carol Service**

**25th: The Nativity of the Lord**

**26th: St Stephen's Day**

**30th: The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph**



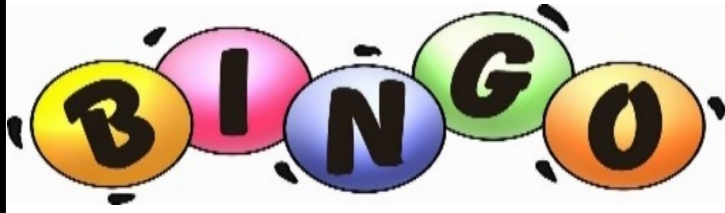
**A Massive thanks to all who contributed to the recent Food Appeal by the local Guide, Brigini & Cygnet group in conjunction with the local Lions Club. We were truly delighted with the response both from our girls families and the Parish. The Lions group were also very impressed with the amount of food that had been collected in the couple of weeks. This will become an annual part of our guiding programme around the Christmas time.**

### **CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS CARDS**

**are now available in the Parish Office at €5 each. These are suitable for both the living and the dead. Each person named will be remembered in the nine novena Masses over the Christmas season.**



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.

**CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER**

**Telephone number 087 123 8054**

**WICKLOW & RATHNEW**

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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**WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**KATIE REVILLE**

**€50 winner**

**THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE**

**6, 12, 13, 22**

**NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE**

**€5,000**

*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*

The first Christmas was simple. It's ok if yours is too.

