

PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th February 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166



Gospel reflection Donal Neary Give good to an enemy

This is quite a tough gospel. We sometimes like to get our own back. We know the desire for vengeance in family and other groups, and in national groupings. The 'eye for an eye' brings no peace, just a quiet lull in violence.

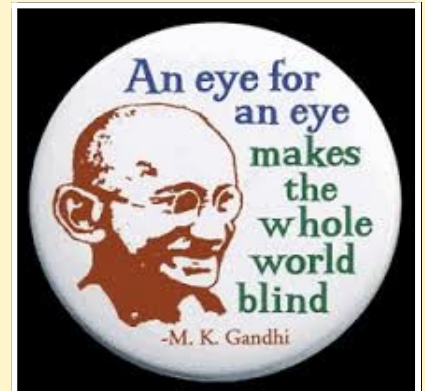
We know the opposite. People see the enemy walking the street and know that the only way forward is to make peace. This may not mean forgiveness immediately. Some can find a way for-ward only gradually.

The forgiveness of the gospel is a slow journey. We have small hurts and have ways of dealing, with them. But the big ones are there too - maybe someone getting a job over someone dishonestly, being abused, family being mocked, bullying. Healing, freedom and forgiveness takes time.

We need to understand our own vengeance and at times for-give ourselves for it. The love of God is the love that helps us love the self in the normal hurts and grievances of life. The love of God is a grace, filling that space in us that is open to love - the grace of loving self and others.

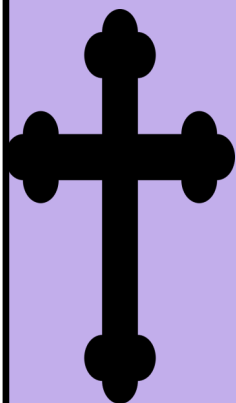
To be perfect is to become like God in compassion and in love. This is a wonderful vision for ourselves, our church and our world. It is the dream of God that all God's children live in love, peace and justice.

*Prayer helps ... can you bring someone to God - to the cross?
Pray with someone at the cross; it makes a difference.
Lord, help me to forgive and, when I cannot,
to be patient with myself as you are with me.*



Sincere sympathy to the families of ...

*Patrick (Paddy) Cullen late of Blainroe Crossroads
Elizabeth (Lily) Durnin - mother of Fr Brian Durnin*



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 18th & 19th February

6.00pm Rita White - Months Mind, Harry & Philomena Leonard
Maura Molly Kelly, Albert, Elizabeth, Peter (Barney), Patrick &
Noel White & deceased members of the White & O'Brien families.

7.00pm Adrian Healy - Months Mind

10.00am Dick Fitzpatrick

11.30am Phil O'Sullivan - Months Mind,
Edward Hanlon - 1st Anniversary

20th February - 25th February

Monday

7.00pm

Tuesday

7.00pm

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Next Weekend ~ 26th & 27th February

6.00pm

7.00pm

10.00am

11.30am

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



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 - 9TH MARCH AT 8PM
IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Please contact the parish office for more information

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

12th February 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 2157
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 1110
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND	- Accord Collection 2023	- € 1660

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS - 26TH FEBRUARY 2023



First Reading : Genesis 2: 7-9; 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17

Second Reading : Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

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

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Donal Roche : 0404 67196

Fr Pat O Rourke: 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

Website: work in progress

Office opening times

Monday - Friday:

10am – 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings



Many thanks to all who contributed to this collection— the total amount received from the Wicklow/Rathnew parish is €1660

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES - 22nd February

WICKLOW AT 10AM

BARNDARIG AT 10AM

BRITTAS BAY AT 11AM

RATHNEW AT 7PM

The Pope's Intention for February

For parishes - We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



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.

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.

DIARY DATES: February

- 1st: St Brigid's Day
- 2nd: Candlemass Day
- 3rd: St Blaise - Blessing of the Throats
Parish Coffee Morning
- 5th: Baptisms - Wicklow
- 9th: Baptism meeting
- 11th: World Day of the Sick
- 12th: Accord Dublin
(Catholic Marriage Care Service)
- 14th: St Valentine's Day
- 22nd: Ash Wednesday
- 25th: Baptisms in Rathnew

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
masses / baptisms / weddings,
to drop in envelopes, buy
mass cards etc .
Contact number 61699.*

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

WICKLOW/RATHNEW LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

19TH AUGUST - 5 NIGHTS

€879 – PP SHARING

More information from Nancy 086 1099 112,
Catherine 68389, Carol 086 0601 956 or the
Parish Office 61699



Scripture Reflection

*Making time to pause & reflect with
others on the Sunday Gospels, on
Wednesday mornings
from 10.45am till 12noon
in the Dominican Ecology Centre.
Tea & coffee is provided and everyone is
very welcome to join us.*

RTE MASS

*There will be a special Mass at 7am on
Tuesday next, the 21st February which
will be recorded for RTE.
It will be available to view on RTE News
Channel on the same day at 10.30am.
If you are an early riser,
please feel free to join us for this early
Mass.*



PARISH PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

*To pray for peace and to end the conflict in Ukraine. This
will take place on Saturdays at 3pm in St Patricks Church.
The Rosary and some peace prayers will be recited. All are
very welcome to come along on the day or call 087 6955 555
for more information.*

Building your Family Tree

Genealogy talks with

Gay Conroy



Wicklow Library

Thursday 16th & 23rd February @ 7pm

Genealogy Talks at Wicklow Library

Would you like to trace your ancestors? Wicklow Local Studies Service is delighted to welcome professional genealogist Gay Conroy to Wicklow Library for a series of talks.

Part 1 “Building a Family Tree” will take place on **Thursday 16th February @ 7pm**. This talk will explain how to start your family history research and construct a family tree using the main resources available locally and online. **Part 2** will take place on **Thursday 23rd February @ 7pm**. During this talk, Gay will be presenting a case study on a 19th century Irish family. She will be delving into online resources and combining traditional and DNA data to fill in missing pieces of the jigsaw puzzle that is family history.

These talks will take place at Wicklow Library, in the Exhibition Space on the third floor. To book your place on either or both events, contact Wicklow Library on 040467025 or email Wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie

WICKLOW HOSPICE HALF MARATHON & 10K



Saturday 25th February 2023

Join us on a beautiful looped course from Avondale Forest Park, Rathdrum, County Wicklow.

Half Marathon

Start: 8.45am
Price: €35*

10K

Start: 9.00am
Price: €20*

Register now

[MyRunResults.com](https://www.myrunresults.com)

*includes medal and postage

WICKLOW HOSPICE
HALF MARATHON
& 10K

Our Lady's
Hospice
& Care
Services



Information about the event is available on - <https://olh.ie/halfmarathon10km/>

We are currently seeking volunteers to help out on the day and would be very grateful if you could help us spread the word!

Volunteers will be assigned to direct runners for the duration of the event starting at 8am and finishing by 12pm

This is an outdoors event so volunteers are asked to dress warmly and would have to be willing and able to stand outdoors for 3-4 hours and be over 18.

Free parking & refreshments will be supplied
If anyone is interested in helping out they can contact Allison at Wicklow Hospice on 087 0954137.

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

Annual General Meeting 28th February

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 Pam on 087 227 6760

You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte

Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara, Brittas Bay

Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara (Brittas Bay MXD N.S.), Brittas Bay is enrolling for Junior Infants from January 23^r – February 10th inclusive.

Enrolment Forms for Admission for September 2023 are available on our website: www.brittasbayns.com.

Application Forms are also available by emailing brittasbaynationalschool@gmail.com

or phoning

Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara on 0404 47488.

FAMILY MASS CHOIR

We are starting the children's choir again for the Family Mass which will be at 10am on Sunday mornings. The first meeting / practice for this newly formed choir will be on Wednesday 22nd February at 6pm in the Parish Centre. Anyone who is interested is very welcome to come along and give it a try.

DIARY DATE - ST PATRICK'S DAY - 11AM

RTE have approached the parish about allowing them to broadcast Mass live from St Patrick's Church on St Patrick's Day at 11am. This is the first time that they will have been here in the church to record live.

There is a huge amount of background work/ planning & preparation going on at the moment for this Mass with the RTE recording team, our adult choir and priests.

Please note: the change of time which is to do with the RTE scheduling.

This is not the same as the recorded Masses that have been done in the parish for the RTE News channel.

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS
CONGRATULATIONS

MATT TRACEY

10th Feb 2023: €50 winner 3, 7, 13, 15

Please collect your winnings from the Parish Office.

There are still some unclaimed weekly raffle prizes waiting to be collected in the office.

JACKPOT IS €5000

*Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!
Join by texting the word WICKLOW to 51444*

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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May your life
preach more loudly
than your lips

