

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th March 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166



*Gospel reflection Donal Neary The eye of faith*

Some saw a blind man being cured and walked on amazed. Others saw the same cures and found faith. We can see things - everyday things - with different eyes. A sick woman may be seen with the eye of compassion for illness, hope for a cure/ profit from a profession. The Christian tries to see the world with the eye of faith.

Faith grows in many ways - by opening ourselves to our human desire for God, by mulling over the good things of life/ by experiencing the good within ourselves/ by looking over times of faith in the past and by allowing the goodness of others to bring us to new and stronger faith. This is the call of the gospel today - to open our eyes to the Lord who is at work in many ways.

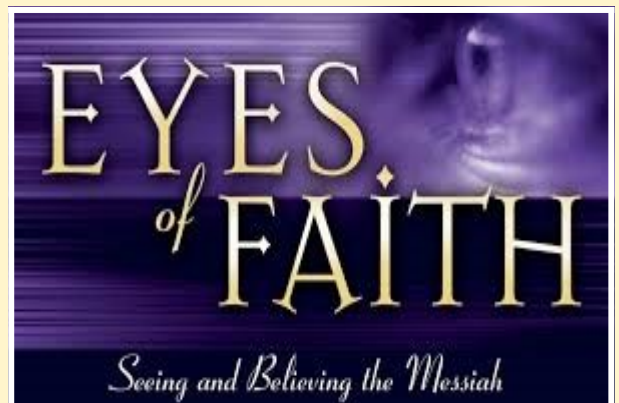
We learn to see and love with the eye of faith by looking at the look of Jesus towards us. It is often a big jump to believe in what we cannot see. Even the blind man today was reminded by Jesus ' You are looking at the Son of Man/ he is speaking to you.' Jesus looks at each of us with faith in our goodness and with love.

Maybe we can walk around in this atmosphere of faith, "seeing" God in a flower, in a parent holding a child" s hand, in a person pushing a wheelchair with courage/ and notice that in many ways God is near and the presence of Jesus is at hand.

*Let this verse echo in your mind from the hymn: Amazing Grace*

*I once was lost and now am found,  
was blind and now I see.*

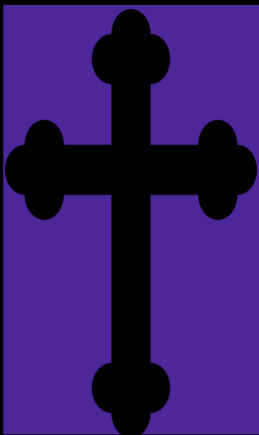
*Lord, let me see you in the simple things of my life.*



*Sincere sympathy to the families of*

*Joe Vickers late of Quarantine Hill*

*Kitty Jameson late of The Bank, Rathnew*



# Mass Intention List



## *This Weekend ~ 18th & 19th March*

- 6.00pm** Patrick (Paddy) Cullen - Months Mind. Ann Cullen, Billy & Lucy Colgan & deceased members of the Colgan family. Frank, Mary, George & Kathleen Newsome, Tommy Marah. Mary Finlay (A)
- 7.00pm** Anne Ronan - Months Mind & her husband Denis. Sarah Quinn, Esther Doyle, Michael, Kate & Paul Doyle
- 10.00am** Thomas Duffy, Stella Kavanagh (A)
- 11.30am** John Bunn - 1st Anniversary, Patrick Curley, Ned Lynch, Gerry Walsh, Jack Hagan, Sham Furlong, Lucy Mackle, Eric & Pauline Hoyle.

## *20th - 24th March*

- Monday**      **8am**      Tom Moran RD  
                  **10am**     Ambrose & Philomena Mangan
- Tuesday**    **10am**     Timothy & Maureen Baldwin, Arthur Delahunt  
                  **7pm**      Liz Kelly RD
- Wednesday** **10am**     Alex Malone RD
- Thursday**    **10am**     Deirdre O'Reilly - Birthday Remembrance  
                  **7pm**      Mary Geraghty RD
- Friday**        **8am**      Sheila McNamara RD  
                  **10am**     Concepta Connolly RD

## *Next Weekend ~ 25th & 26th March*

- 6.00pm** Eamon Conalty -1st Anniversary, Rose & Aidan O'Rourke Sid, Sis & Ann Dunne, Dorothy Sweeney, Thomasina Brennan, Brendan, Katie & Thomas Jacob, Baby Florence Jameson
- 7.00pm**
- 10.00am** Maureen O'Brien
- 11.30am** Myles Kavanagh & Joan O'Reilly - both Months Minds Arthur Delahunt, John Timmons, Michael Patrick Murphy BR
- 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 - 13TH APRIL AT 8PM**

**IN THE PARISH CENTRE**

Please contact the parish office for more information

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

**12th March 2023**

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 1960  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1495  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - goes towards diocesan administration - € 995

*Many thanks for your continued support.*



### **NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS - 26TH MARCH 2023**

First Reading : Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 129

Second Reading : Romans 8:8-11

Gospel : John 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

To reflect on the readings please check [catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

## **FEBRUARY TAP & GO MACHINE**

During the month of February 2023 the Tap and Go machines in Wicklow Parish collected €1,087.00 from 112 transactions. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share.

The Share collection over the weekend of 11 and 12 February was for the ACCORD and €85.60 from the above went there.

The Share collection over the weekend of 25 and 26 February was for the Turkey and Syria emergency collection and €82.40 from the above went there.

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL QUARTERLY COLLECTION**



The quarterly collection for the local conference will be taken up this weekend the 18th –19th March - as usual your support for this collection is vital and very much appreciated.

# The Pope's Intention for March

## For the victims of abuse:

*Let us pray for those who have suffered because of the wrongs done to them by members of the Church. May they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.*



### 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: March**

- 3rd: St Mantann
- 5th: Baptisms - Wicklow
- 9th: Baptism meeting 8pm  
De La Salle Centre
- 17th: St Patrick's Day  
Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland,  
Day of Prayer for Emigrants.
- 18th/19th: Quarterly Collection for  
St Vincent De Paul - Local Conference
- 19th: St Joseph,  
Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 19th: Baptisms in Wicklow
- 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 – PER PERSON 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.*

**Booking for this years pilgrimage  
is now open -  
easy pay schedule available**

## **TROCAIRE BOXES**

**Are available in the Churches  
and Parish Office, please  
feel free to take one home  
with you. They can be  
sreturned to the Parish Office  
or Sacristies after Lent.**

## Praying Together for Peace in Ukraine

Prayers for peace in Ukraine will continue on the first  
Saturday of each month, in St Patricks Church at 3pm.

Everybody is very welcome to  
attend this prayerful half hour  
of praying for peace to end the  
conflict in war torn Ukraine.

*Lent.*  
A SEASON OF RENEWAL



## B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Next Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 in Carmelite Community Centre, 56 Aungier St, Dublin 2. D02 T258

Next residential Programme will take place in Avila Carmelite Centre Donnybrook, Morehampton Road Dublin 4. For further information please phone Dublin Team

### **Three week Wellbeing course**

**'Transform your 'negative' feelings into character strengths'**

**Wednesdays 8th, 15th & 22nd at 11am-12.15pm at Healthy Habits Studio, Quarantine Hill.**

**€30 or €12 or single session.**

**FREE for unemployed.**

**Faciliator - Michaela Avlund, wellbeing author and speaker.**

**Phone 086 1692506 email [avlund.dk@gmail.com](mailto:avlund.dk@gmail.com)**

**Study looking for adults (70 + years) to take part in our Protein and Online Exercise classes for 12 weeks by PhD student Catherine Fallon from the University College Dublin.**

**All appointments and classes will be done from your own home.**

**For more information, please contact 0867240910**

**or**

**[Catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie](mailto:Catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie)**

## 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.

# 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

Spring Holiday to North Wales 15th -19th May.

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*

## 10AM WEEKLY FAMILY MASS



We are delighted to be having the Family Mass again; and are really hoping that families will volunteer and participate in this Mass.

We are looking for families to read, bring up the gifts and of course, to join in the singing and maybe even join the choir.

You would be most welcome.

Anyone who is interested is very welcome to come along and give it a try!

Contact Katie on 086 409 4013 for more information.

## PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Donal Roche : 0404 67196

Fr Pat O Rourke: 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

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

**BBK Website: work  
in progress**

**Office opening times  
Monday - Friday:**

**10am – 12.30pm**

For all enquires and bookings

## MASS TIMES FOR LENT

**DAILY 10 AM MASS IN WICKLOW**

**MONDAY & FRIDAYS 8AM MASS  
IN WICKLOW**

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 7PM  
MASS IN RATHNEW**

**WEDNESDAY 9.30AM MASS IN  
BARNDARRIG - instead of 10am.**

## PARISH EASTER MASS CARDS

There are a beautiful range of Easter Mass cards available in the Parish Office, costing €5. The intentions will be remembered at the monthly masses in Rathnew.

# WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

## CONGRATULATIONS

*Winner will be printed next weekend.*

*Many thanks to all of you who play the Parish Lotto and help support the parish through playing it.*

### 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](http://www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow)*

*Thank you ~ Two weeks ago we were very fortunate to have a door collection at your church. We are very grateful for the welcome that we received and the generous response to our appeal.*

*As a parish you have been asked for a lot of support recently and have very generously helped others in their need. On behalf of the Little Sisters of the Poor please accept our thanks and prayers for your response to our collection.*

*We received a total of €2540 which will be used for the care of the elderly.*

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.....

*Wishing all the Mothers in the parish a very special day filled with love, happiness and laughter.*

*Dear Lord, please watch over all mothers - on earth and in heaven. Help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated—not only on Mothers Day but every day.*

*When you are a Mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts..*

*A Mother always has to think twice, once for Herself and once for Her Child...*

*- Sophia Loren*

