



PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th December 2021
Wicklow & Rathnew
Fourth Sunday of Advent
RCN 20016166



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Welcome

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

Gospel Reflections Sharing and celebrating faith Donal Neary SJ

One of Mary's first recorded journeys was after the announcement to her that she was to be the mother of God. It was a journey of service, a visit to her cousin who needed help. When dealing with such challenges as pregnancy, bereavement, redundancy, a son in prison or a daughter on drugs - we want to talk and we want support.

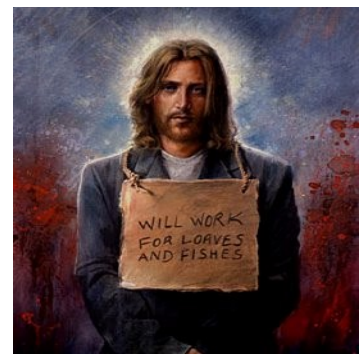
Mary and Elizabeth had something else to share - their faith. The prayers they said have been said ever since. The stage was small but the audience has been millions ever since. They were not shy about their faith in their God.

In a time like ours we need to externalise our faith - to go to Church, send a card with a Christmas greeting, not just a season's wish - not to parade, but to make present our faith.

The meaning this week is - *Jesus is born, and we celebrate that together*, with thanks, music, socialising, prayer and Mass. We need to find God again, and let ourselves be open to him in the deepest areas of life, just like the husbands of both these women, Joseph and Zechariah, as well as their wives, were open to God.

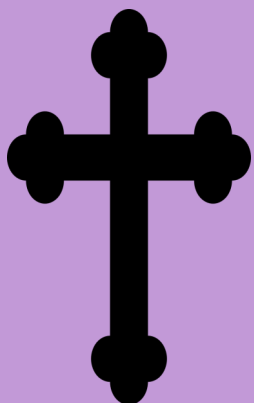
Nothing need keep us from God or from the crib at Christmas. All are welcome. The real meaning of Christmas is to meet with God and to help our neighbour.

*Come Lord Jesus and bring joy and laughter among us.
Come with , the music of eternity and the songs of the earth.
Come among us and make us truly grateful for your birth and your
love.*



Sincere sympathy to the family of ...

*Liam Kavanagh late of Wentworth Place
June Doran (née Dargan) late of The Yews, Rocky Rd
Katriona Rowan (née Kavanagh) late of St. Laurence's
Park, Wicklow Town & Glenealy
Philomena Clarke, sister of Fintan Clarke, Wicklow*



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 18th & 19th December

6.00pm Peter Moloney - Months Mind, Eddie O'Neill - 1st Anniversary
Pat Byrne, Timmy O'Donovan, Eileen Byrne

7.00pm Mary Jameson, Neil McGettigan & his wife Agnes. Georgie
Connor, Gaye McGettigan, Margaret & Andrew Doyle & daughter Ellie

9.00am Special Intention

10.00am Liam Heffernan

11.30am Junius Horne-Months Mind, Jim & Gaye Brennan, Des Doyle &
his son Adrian. Bernadette Waldron, Michael, Esther, Paul & Kate Doyle,
Mary & Michael Knowles, Deceased members of the Doyle & Knowles
families. Linda Peake, Angela & Mary Coyle, Jim & Peg Costello, Christine
Kearns BR, Kevin Kearns.

20th ~ 24th December

Monday - Eddie O'Neill - 1st Anniversary, James & Jimmy Murphy,
Aidan O'Flaherty.

7.00pm Rita Molloy

Tuesday - James Synnott BR, Teresa Synnott & Peter Farrell

7.00pm Mary & Matthew Duffy & Caroline Hayes

Wednesday - Tommy & Margaret Hogan, deceased members of the
Hogan family

Thursday - Betty & Patsy Byrne, Jordan Giannikis,

Friday - George Cole who is sick in hospital, Aishling Regan,
Christina & Patrick McDermott, Nick Thermes BR

Next Weekend ~ 25th & 26th December

**All Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses
are for Parishioners Intentions**

10.00am Eddie & Marjorie Franey, Leo Devlin, Brian Murray
(Please note change of time for the mass in Rathnew)

11.30am Nancy Ronan, Michael White RD, Ned, Rosanna, John &
Eddie Hanlon, Iris Stephens, Bill & Alice Stephens, Michael
& Anne Hanlon, Tom & Delia Murphy

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 12/12/2021

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 370
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- €
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 2,520



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 26TH DECEMBER 2021

First Reading : Samuel - 1:20-22,24/-28

Responsorial Psalm 83

Second Reading : John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

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

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to contact the Parish Office. There will be an introductory meeting held through zoom which the parents will be expected to attend 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 zoom meeting will be on Thursday 20th January 2022 at 8pm.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & HOLY HOUR
are both suspended for the moment

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Donal Roche : 0404 67196

Fr Pat O Rourke: 0404 67133

Wicklow Sacristy: 0404 69031

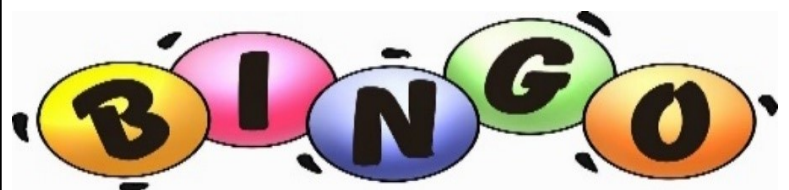
Parish Office: 0404 61699

Email: parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

Website: www.wicklowparish

Office opening times -

Monday - Friday : 10am - 12.30pm



Has closed for Christmas and will resume in 2022

PARISH OFFICE

Is open Monday to Friday from 10am till 12.30pm for general enquires, mass bookings, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc.

Deadline for receipt of items for newsletter is
Tuesday at 3pm.

St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



01 855 0022

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.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2021

MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE: FRIDAY 24th DECEMBER

5pm SERVICE - ONLINE ONLY

7pm Mass in St Joseph's Rathnew

7pm & 9pm Masses in St Patrick's Wicklow

CHRISTMAS DAY: SATURDAY 25th DECEMBER

9am Mass in St Joseph's Rathnew

10am & 11.30am Masses in St Patrick's Wicklow

ST STEPHENS DAY: SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER

NO VIGIL MASSES IN THE PARISH

10am Mass in St Joseph's Rathnew

11.30am Mass in St Patrick's Wicklow

NUMBERS ARE LIMITED

MASKS MUST BE WORN

HANDS MUST BE SANITISED

PLACES ARE RESERVED BY PHONING

THE PARISH OFFICE ON 61699

All our Masses / Services in St Patrick's
will be available to view online at
www.wicklowparish.ie

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 18th: 11am -12noon

Sunday 19th: after 10am Mass

Wednesday 22nd: after 10am Mass

Friday 24th: 10.30am - 12.30pm
in St Patrick's Church, Wicklow

Saturday 18th: after 7pm Mass
in St Joseph's Church, Rathnew.



Please note that all Masses / Services will be live on the webcam so it is not necessary to attend in person. And please do not attend or visit the church if you have any symptoms of cold/ flu or have been a close contact of someone who has Covid.

Restoration Work in St Patrick's Church

For the last few months work has been ongoing to try to deal with the problem of dampness and dry rot in an area at the back of St Patrick's Church. There was extensive damage caused by ingress of water over the years, resulting in dampness in the walls and ceilings in a few areas in the church. The main problem has now been dealt with: it involved considerable work both external and internal to prevent the problem arising in the future. A lot of defective timber joists had to be replaced, a new ceiling above the shop had to be put in and a large amount of lead flashing on the roof had to be replaced. There was also some electrical work to be carried out.

In the New Year it is hoped that some further work will take place in two other areas of the church – over the stairs to the organ gallery and over the side door on Our Lady's aisle. I am very happy that the work done to date is of a very high standard and hopefully should go a long way to alleviating the problem. In a building as old as St Patrick's there will always be maintenance to be done and we can never guarantee the building will be totally weather-proofed but this work should greatly help. There will be plastering and painting to be done in the affected areas when they have fully dried out, hopefully next summer.

Thanks to financial help from Wicklow County Council, under their 'heritage grants' scheme, a large part of the cost of the work has been covered. I will update you further when the work is near completion and the final bill comes in.

Fr Donal

CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS
APPEAL

Help us help
Families

Support our appeal to end food poverty

DONATE ON LINE AT WWW.CROSSCARE.IE
OR CALL 01-8360011



**On line appeal for families in food
poverty - December 2021**

We in Crosscare need your support to help families experiencing food poverty this Christmas. We are working with hundreds of families and children in Dublin who struggle to get basic food supplies.

Families need our help this Christmas, but not just for Christmas in the months after Christmas, which many people find challenging.

Crosscare helps people with food parcels and meals in our cafes and food banks in the short term, and we work with them to move out of food poverty in the long term.

We keep in touch with families, helping them to help themselves. We help them with budgeting, healthy eating, and long-term housing and welfare support they may need, giving them the dignity and independence to provide for themselves.

Due to Covid restrictions, the online appeal for donations replaces the food collection in parishes in previous years. Your ongoing support for Crosscare makes a huge difference to those most in need.

We are asking for donations to continue this vital work at Christmas and into 2022.

Please help us to help them.

Support our appeal to end food poverty by giving what you can online

at www.crosscare.ie/donate or call 01 8360011

Thank you for your ongoing support from all in Crosscare, working for those most in need with love, respect and excellence.

Parish Shop & Christmas Novena Cards

The Parish Shop will be in a temporary space in the De La Salle Centre up till Christmas. It will open from 10.30am till 11.30am - Monday through to Friday and also on Sunday mornings. Access will be via the steps at the office entrance. It will have a range of Christmas items, gifts and cards. The Parish Christmas Novena Cards, will also be available in the shop & in the Parish Office. These cards are suitable for both the living and dead and cost €3 each. The intentions will be remembered at nine masses during the Christmas season in both Wicklow and Rathnew.



Congratulations to Simone Duffy who won our Parish Lotto jackpot of €2,800 last weekend, just in time for Christmas. Simone is pictured here with Fr Donal & her husband Shane Kelly.

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS

PAT LALOR

who won the €50 Raffle Prize and to

**PAM MONAGHAN, GERRY HIGGINS,
EILEEN EARLS & LISA MURPHY**

WHO ALL WON A €50 WICKLOW TOWN VOUCHER

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

8, 14, 17, 21

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€725

*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*

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

DIOCESAN INITIATIVE ADVENT

BE STILL – DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The Office for Mission and Ministry are offering daily reflections for the Advent Journey. The theme of these reflections is 'Be Still'.

This is a great opportunity for everyone to take time during advent to be still. The reflections will be posted each morning on the Facebook page for the office of Mission and Ministry

www.facebook.com/officeformissionandministry



YOU'RE NOT ALONE

CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

0818 222 024

If you have concerns or queries about COVID-19
call ALONE's dedicated support line everyday, 8am - 8pm.

To volunteer your help, visit www.alone.ie



Many thanks to all who donated to the St Vincent De Paul appeal last weekend. There was a total of €7,395 collected in the Parish.

Anyone who would still like to donate can do so, by dropping donations into the Parish Office.

We would also like to acknowledge an anonymous donation which was left in the porch of St Joseph's Church - this money was also included in the above figure.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS SCHEDULES.

These schedules are available at the Church doors, online, Facebook and also included in this weeks newsletter

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.....

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Contact Number.....

Address.....

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**Be the
attitude
you want
to be
around.**

- Tim DeTellis

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