



PARISH NEWSLETTER

20th February 2022
Wicklow & Rathnew
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
RCN 20016166



Welcome

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

Walk in the Shoes of the Other ~ Donal Neary SJ

A compassionate heart reaches out to many; the Gospel today reaches beyond our own circle to reach many others. This will be the constant call of Jesus. When he wants to say what His father is like he says 'Be compassionate like him.'

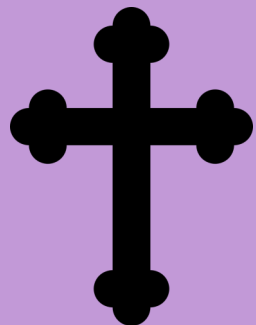
Compassion is when we can walk in another's shoes, and try to see, hear and feel the world of another, particularly in bad times. It flows from mercy, which is the biggest quality in Jesus.

We like when another can enter into our world without judgement and can accept us in love - Jesus tells us to note this and then practice the same.

The call is to be compassionate to each other and the earth! The letter of Pope Francis, *Laudatio Si* calls for a compassionate care of the earth, as we hear the cry of the poor: that we treat the earth with the love it deserves.

Compassion for others and the earth includes our gratitude. We can look deeply into the people we are close to and thank God (for them!) and for what we like in them and value. We can look long at creation's beauty in the highest Himalayan mountain and the smallest plant and recognise that all is the gift of God. We are to care for the earth and till it, and accept the care of the earth for us, giving us food, drink and refreshment. We are to care for each other to bring out the best in each other. This is one of the Pope's central themes about care of creation.

*Lord, thank you for the beauty of the earth and of humanity;
may we reverence that beauty for it is from you*



Sincere sympathy to the families of ...

*Carmel Wyatt nee Murphy late of Pierview
Valerie Manns who died in England
Suzanne O'Donohue late of Bosun Rest
Eddie Hanlon late of Dunbur Upper*

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 19th & 20th February

- 6.00pm** John Gannon & Maura (Molly) Kelly - 1st anniversaries
Eileen Nolan - BR, Albert, Elizabeth, Peter (Barney), Patrick
& Noel White, deceased members of the White & O'Brien families
- 7.00pm** Ron Furneaux, Pat & Patrick Jnr Doyle, Tom & Mary
Kelly, deceased members of the Doyle & Kelly families
- 9.00am** Special Intention
- 10.00am** Josephine Sheelan
- 11.30am** Ann Redmond & Ivor Evans - Months Mind,
Eily Griffin - 1st anniversary, Gerry Nolan, Zofiya Vedreviciene

21st February - 25th February

- Monday** - Special Intention - in grateful appreciation of all those who
supported us, sent cards, messages & flowers for the late John Wilson RIP
- 7.00pm** - Joe O'Shaughnessy RD
- Tuesday** - Mary & Paul Rice & daughter Valerie Byrne
- 7.00pm** - Henry Conway RD
- Wednesday** - Pat O'Rourke - 1st anniversary
- Thursday** - Mary McPartland, Margarite O'Reilly
- Friday** - Nancy Ryan, Special Intention - in grateful appreciation of
all those who supported us, sent cards, messages & flowers
for the late Kathleen Forkin RIP

Next Weekend ~ 26th & 27th February

- 6.00pm** Joey Doyle, George Byrne
- 7.00pm**
- 9.00am**
- 10.00am**
- 11.30am** Kathleen Forkin—1st Anniversary, deceased members of the
Forkin family, Jim & Kathleen Conway
- Please note that the Masses in green type are in St Joseph's Rathnew*

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 13/02/2022

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 1000
2ND COLLECTION / ACCORD	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 725
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 3190



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 27TH FEBRUARY 2022

First Reading : Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7
Responsorial Psalm 91: 2-3, 13-16
Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45

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Office opening times -

Monday - Friday : 10am - 12noon

PARISH OFFICE is open Monday to Friday from 10am till 12noon for general enquiries, mass / baptism bookings, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc.

Contact number 61699.

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

Congratulation to Deacon Joe Keegan

We would like to congratulate and wish Deacon Joe Keegan the very best of luck on his Ordination on Sunday 20th February, at 3pm in the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Faussagh Avenue, Cabra West.

Joe spent a short while in the Wicklow / Rathnew Parish while in his second year training. We would like to wish Deacon Joe a long, happy and fulfilled ministry.

Let us keep Joe in our prayers and continue to pray for new vocations to the priesthood.



St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



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CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Telephone number 087 123 8054

WICKLOW & RATHNEW

DIARY DATES: FEBRUARY

- 1st: St Brigid's Day
- 2nd : The Presentation of our Lord -
World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life
- 3rd: St Blaise - Blessings of Throats
- 6th: Baptisms - Wicklow
- 11th: World Day of the Sick
- 13th: Annual Accord Collection
- 17th : Zoom Baptism Meeting - 8pm
- 20th: Baptisms - Wicklow
- 26th : Baptisms - Rathnew

THIS WEEK'S FEASTDAYS:

21st St Peter Damian - 1007 -72 , gave up teaching to become a hermit. Later he was Cardinal Bishop of Ostia. He was an outstanding reformer of Church life and discipline.

22nd The Chair of St Peter - This ancient feast relates to early Roman custom at this time of year for remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. The feast celebrates Peter as Bishop of Roman and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.



WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,

REAR OF LEONDARD & MULVEY (BUTLERS) PHARMACY
ABBAY 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.



The Pope's Intention for February

For religious sisters & consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

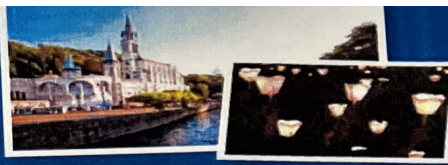
HOLY HOUR - is now on Monday evenings from 7.30pm till 8.30pm. Please note the change of day.

LECTIO DIVINA

Learning to love and live the Sunday Gospels.

On Wednesday mornings at 10.45am in the Dominican Ecology Centre and all are very welcome.

LOURDES



Joe Walsh Tours

WICKLOW RATHNEW LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022

Spiritual Director: Fr Donal Roche

12 September 2022

5 nights

€ 799 per person sharing

Complimentary Group Travel Insurance

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » Return airport transfers in Lourdes
- » 5 nights in the Hotel La Solitude
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Fully escorted pilgrimage, accompanied by Spiritual Director
- » Mass at Grotto, Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession & International Mass

For information please contact:

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Parish Office 0404 61699

Carol Kavanagh 086 0601956



An Invitation

You are warmly invited to two Synodal gatherings in the parish of Wicklow/ Rathnew. The word “synodal” means journeying together & these gatherings will be an opportunity to share and listen to each other’s experience of Church, in an organised, gentle and prayerful environment.

Why are you being invited?

Pope Francis has asked all of us to take part in sharing and listening to each other and to the Spirit. In this way we are beginning to lay foundations for what our future Church will be. The invitation is to all the baptised. We would particularly like to hear from those who do not attend church on a regular basis. All the responses will be collected in time for the 2023 Synod in Rome.

What will happen at the gatherings?

Parish Animators have been trained to lead the gatherings in a reflective, prayerful atmosphere. Questions will be presented each afternoon and people will gather in small groups to share on each question and listen to each other.

These gatherings will happen in the De La Salle Parish Centre

Date: Sunday 13th March

Time : 3.00pm -4.30pm

Date: Sunday 3rd April

Time: 3.00pm -4.30pm.

Your attendance and feedback will be greatly appreciated.

Annual Collection

12/13th February

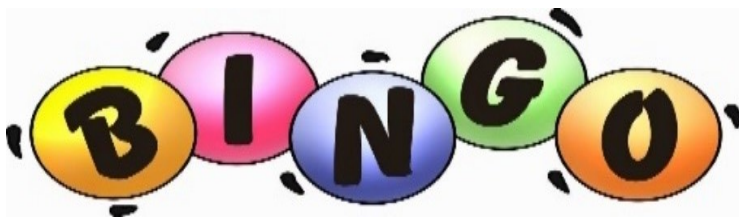
Many thanks to all who gave to this collection.

A total of €725 was collected in the parish.



PIONEER MAGAZINE - has unfortunately ceased publication in magazine form and will be doing an online version in the future. The operating costs have been greater than the income for many years and the PTAA is no longer in a position to subsidise the magazine. The annual online subscription will be €20 per annum and can be arranged by getting in touch with Fr Robert McCabe in St Mary's Parish in Navan, or via the website on www.pioneers.ie/newsletter

Wanted card players for 45s, 25s, Whist & Bridge please contact 0404 61539 if you are interested in playing.



WICKLOW BINGO IS BACK IN THE DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE ON MONDAY NIGHTS STARTING 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.

Covid guidelines are still in place in the Parish centre, please do not attend if feeling unwell or have been a close contact.

Historian Pat Power

will host a

Historical Walk

@ St Gabriels Cemetery (old section) Arklow

on

20 Feb 2022 at 2.30pm

(weather permitting)

Admission by Donation

Proceeds to erect a plaque in memory of Archbishop Edward Byrne

MABS is the Money Advice and Budgeting Service

If paying your bills is a problem or you have problem debt in any area, including mortgage arrears, bank loans, overdrafts, utilities or credit cards, MABS will work with you to find a solution.

Please call the Bray Office for an appointment on 0818 07 2250. 9am -4.30 Mon - Fri

MABS Helpline 0818 07 2000 / 9-8 Mon - Fri

Visit www.mabs.ie

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate'
(Luke 6:36)

As Synodal gatherings begin in parishes, this line from today's Gospel reminds us that the quality of our attention to one another will be crucial in the Synodal pathway.

Careful listening helps us to understand the other person, to stand in their shoes. When we really listen, we listen to understand in an open, loving and compassionate way.

Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name. Guide our listening that we may receive others with respect, for we are to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Synodal Resources are available at: www.dublindiocese.ie



MEDJUGORJE



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Group Leader: Marian O'Meara
Accompanied by Spiritual Director

4 May 2022
7 nights

€729.00 per person*

(*€50 discount when paid in full by 31 January 2022)

- » Return flights from Dublin Airport
- » Transfer to Medjugorje & return
- » 7 nights' accommodation close to St James Church
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Marian O'Meara: 085 8031751

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Active Retirement – Activities and Trips

- AGM for Wicklow Active Retirement takes place this coming Tuesday, 22nd February – starting promptly at 11am to allow plenty of time for singing afterwards
 - No Irish this week due to meeting
 - Art classes starting, details to follow soon
 - Line dancing follows the meeting at 12 md, beginners welcome
 - Choir continues on Friday afternoon from 3-4pm, upstairs in the Pastoral Centre.
Lots of fun so do come along and give it a try.
- Spring Holiday planned in Kilkenny – 4 nights, 25-29th April – spaces still available

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring me:
Jenny Murphy (Secretary) 087 622176. *You will be given a Cead Míle Fáilte.*

Please excuse the appearance of St Patrick's Church at the moment; the Church is in the process of getting necessary works done to it, but it is causing a lot of dust which inevitably ends up on the seats and ground. Although its cleaned every morning, it is proving difficult to win the battle of the dust.

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



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



Bridge

NEPTUNE BRIDGE CLUB - We are back, hopefully this time for good. Covid restrictions are still in place, ie. masking wearing at the table and regular hand sanitizing. We expect all restrictions to be lifted at the end of February. If your club has not yet reopened, the Neptune Bridge Club welcomes visitors so why not come along and enjoy a game of bridge in a friendly atmosphere. All grades are welcome. We play every Thursday night in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre at 7.30 and are fully insured to accept visitors.

WICKLOW BRIDGE CLUB - has re-opened upstairs in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre. Please be seated by 7.20pm. Facemasks must be worn by everyone for the foreseeable future. We are now welcoming new members to our very warm cosy new location in the parish centre.

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.....

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS

Padraig O'Duill

€50 winner

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

3, 10, 24, 29

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€1,575

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



Line dancing with Miriam in Ernie's bar (upstairs) on Thursday evenings commencing 17th Feb.

Beginners welcome from 7-8pm advanced from 8-9.30pm! Great fun for all 😊 enquiries to 087 2875337.

JUST BREATHE.

You are strong enough to cope with your challenges,
wise enough to find a solution to your problems,
and capable enough to do whatever needs to be done.

Lori Deschene

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