



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**20th March 2022**  
**Wicklow & Rathnew**  
**First Sunday of Lent**  
**RCN 20016166**



*Welcome*

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

In the Gospel story today, the one who tended the fig tree asked for more time.

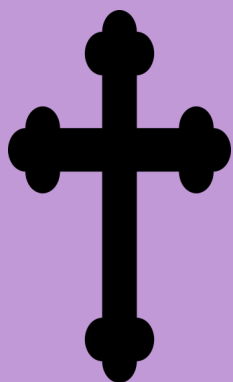
*'Give me one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it'*

We can be impatient with the progress of initiatives because of our preoccupation with instant solutions. The Synodal pathway requires patience, hope and real engagement – it takes time. As we sit after Communion we take time to pause and listen with openness.

*'When a Chinese bamboo tree is planted in its first year it is watered and fertilized but there is no sign of growth. In its second year it is watered and fertilized and there is still no sign of growth. The same happens in its third and fourth year. The fifth year is different. In the space of six weeks it grows to roughly ninety feet. The Chinese bamboo is a real lesson in patience for us all.'*

We pray for the patience of the vineyard keeper, for the wisdom to wait for God's growth in our life and to allow us to realise God's plan for each of us.

We pray for our family members who introduced us to the name of the Lord and we give thanks that God who will continue to guide and send us out into deeper waters with the trust that we can make a difference.



*Sincere sympathy to the families of ...*

*Kathleen Newsome late of Dunbur Park, Wicklow  
Veronica Rogan late of Woodside, Rathnew*

# Mass Intention List



## This Weekend ~ 19th & 20th March

- 6.00pm** Mary Finlay, Sid, Sis & Ann Dunne, Stella Kavanagh  
**7.00pm** Thomas (Tommy) Merrigan—1st anniversary, his son Tommy and father Edward, Thomas Duffy, James & Bernadette Jacob, Sarah Quinn, Edward (Ned) Kelly RD, Tom, Leo Kelly, Mary Doyle & deceased members of the Kelly family  
**9.00am** Ned Lynch, Esther Doyle, remembering Michael, Paul & Kate Doyle,  
**10.00am** Mass of Thanksgiving  
**11.30am** Eddie Hanlon, MM, Gerry Walsh, Jack Hagan, Kevin Kearns, Paddy Curley, Lucy Mackle, Deirdre O'Reilly BR

## 21st - 25th March

- Monday** 8.00am Sr Mary Brigid (RD)  
**10.00am** Maureen Baldwin (BR)  
**Tuesday** Tadgh Baldwin (A)  
**7.00pm** - Memorial mass for those who have died during the last two years  
**Wednesday** 8.00am Seamus, Kathleen & Eleanor Caulfield  
**10.00am** Funeral mass of Veronica Rogan R.I.P.  
**Thursday** **10.00am** Peter Moloney (RD)  
**7.00pm** Ita Kinsella (RD)  
**Friday** 8.00am Eimear Loughman (RD)  
**10.00am** Kay Quill (BR), Dorothy Sweeney

## Next Weekend ~ 26th & 27th March

- 6.00pm** Rose & Aidan O'Rourke, Baby Florence Jameson, Brendan, Katie & Thomas Jacob  
**7.00pm** Michael Duffy 1st anniversary, Mark Clare MM  
**9.00am**  
**10.00am**  
**11.30am** John Timmons (A), Arthur Delahunt (A)

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

## FOR PEACE

As the fever of day calms towards twilight  
May all that is strained in us come to ease.

We pray for all who suffered violence today,  
May an unexpected serenity surprise them.

For those who risk their lives each day for peace,  
May their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history.

That those who make riches from violence and war  
Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.

That we might see through our fear of each other  
A new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression.

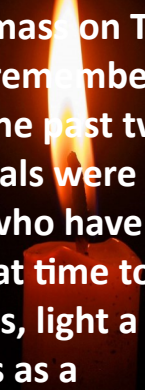
That those who enjoy the privilege of peace  
Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters.

That the wolf might lie down with the lamb,  
That our swords be beaten into ploughshares

And no hurt or harm be done  
Anywhere along the holy mountain.

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## MEMORIAL MASS



There will be a special mass on Tuesday 22nd March at 7pm to remember all those who have died during the past two years, when numbers at funerals were restricted. We invite ALL families who have had a bereavement during that time to join us to pray for their loved ones, light a candle in the memory and join us as a



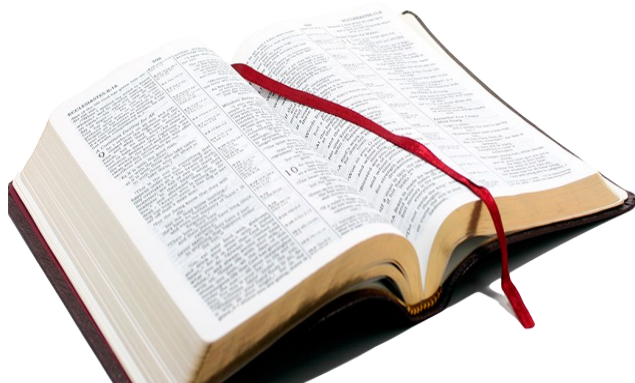
## MASS TIMES FOR LENT

St Patrick's : Mon, Wed & Fri 8am Mass

Daily 10am Mass continues Mon to Fri

St Joseph's: Tuesday & Thursdays at 7pm

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAYS IN RATHNEW FOR LENT



## *Living the Gospel in Lent*

*Journeying together towards Easter joy through the Sunday Gospels, each Wednesday evening of Lent - March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th & April 6th, in the Dominican Ecology Centre from 7.30pm till 8.30pm.*

*Why not join us in person or via zoom by emailing the parish office on [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com) to receive the link. Everyone is very welcome.*

# 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  
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.

DOCAT

FAITH

DISCUSSION



In 2019/20, there was a successful and positive faith discussion group happening weekly in the parish - and now we're back! Beginning on **Wednesday the 23rd**, we will be exploring the social teaching of the Church together using the resource 'Docat'. This is an easy question and answer style book, which will guide us through the origins and pillars of Catholic Social Teaching. We will have time for tea & coffee, learning, discussion & sharing in small groups, and prayer.

Programme from **7:30-8:30pm**, in the **Parish Centre**, but feel free to arrive from 7:00pm for tea and socialising.

For more information, please email [jacobjagomoran@gmail.com](mailto:jacobjagomoran@gmail.com)



## **NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 27TH MARCH 2022**

First Reading :Joshua 5: 9-12

Responsorial Psalm 33: 2-7

Second Reading : Corinthians 10. 1-6. 10-12.

Gospel: Luke 13. 1-9

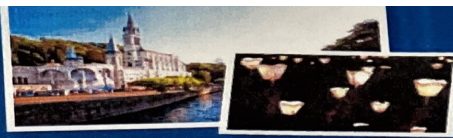
To reflect on the readings please check [catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) /[sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

## **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 06/03/2022**

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|-------------------------------------|--|----------|
| <b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b> | - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese  | - €740   |
| <b>2ND COLLECTION / SHARE</b>       | - goes towards diocesan administration | - € 400  |
| <b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>  | - goes towards maintaining our parish  | - €1,695 |

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

# LOURDES



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## 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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Catherine Marah 0404 68389

Parish Office 0404 61699  
Carol Kavanagh 086 0601956

## *Synod Prayer*



We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong  
path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal  
life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

## *Church Repairs*

*Work on repairing the damage due to dry rot and dampness in St Patrick's Church has been ongoing for the past couple of months. A large part of the work in the gallery/ belfry/ shop area has now been completed but there is still some work to do replacing lead flashing around the roof to ensure that the building is damp-proof for the years ahead. (See notice board at back of church for further details).*

*Thanks to a heritage grant from Wicklow County Council, as well as some parish reserves, we have been able to manage to pay for the work so far. However, in order to complete the work, we are asking parishioners if they can afford it, to make a donation to the building fund in the envelopes provided at the church doors. I know that the people of Wicklow are very proud of our beautiful church and that you will agree that it is our duty to preserve this important part of our heritage for future generations.*

*Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.  
Fr Donal*

The first of our Synodal gatherings took place last Sunday. It was well attended and a sincere thank you to all of you for your feedback.

Our second gathering will take place on **Sunday 3rd April in the Parish Centre from 3pm -4.30pm**

The questions that we are asked to consider at this gathering will be most important in how we see our future church.



**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 - 24TH MARCH AT 8PM**

**This meeting is via zoom.**

**Please contact the parish office to give your email address.**

# MEDJUGORJE



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## 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
- » Breakfast & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme
- » Joe Walsh Tours Representative: Philip Ryan
- » Group Travel Insurance

For information please contact:  
**Marian O'Meara: 085 8031751**

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## ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

### Active Retirement – Activities and Trips

- ♦ Tuesday 11 am Coffee Mornings continue - come along and find out about us !
- ♦ Learning Irish for fun - Tuesday 10.30am - no prior knowledge required
- ♦ Line dancing follows the coffee morning at 12md, beginners welcome
- ♦ Social dancing Fridays at 2pm in the Pastoral Centre, let's get flexible
- ♦ Choir continues Fridays, upstairs in the Pastoral Centre 3-4pm
- ♦ Another fun day trip, Thursday 24th March to Christchurch Cathedral
- ♦ Spring holiday in Kilkenny - 4 nights, 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> April
- ♦ Group walk in Kilmacurragh National Botanic Gardens, Wednesday, 30th March.  
In support of Charlie Bird's Motor Neurone Fund. No registration or sponsorship required.  
All welcome to join us for the walk. A Donation box will be available at the coffee morning Tuesday 29th for those who wish to contribute.

**If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring me:**

**Jenny Murphy (Secretary) 087 6221766. *You will be given a Cead Míle Fáilte.***

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

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](http://www.alone.ie)



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.  
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.

## WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Lotto results will be  
announced next week for  
this week & next week

BOATHOUSE SETDANCERS, set dancing has  
resumed in the GAA Hall each Tuesday  
evening from 8.15—10pm, fee €7. Looking  
forward to seeing faces, old and new!!

## An Irish Prayer:

May God give you, For every storm, A rainbow,  
For every tear, A smile,  
For every care, A promise,  
And a blessing in each trial.

For every problem life sends, A faithful friend to share,  
For every sigh, A sweet song,  
And an answer for each prayer.

