

PARISH NEWSLETTER

20th August 2023

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166



Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew– Donal Neary

Fighting for her child

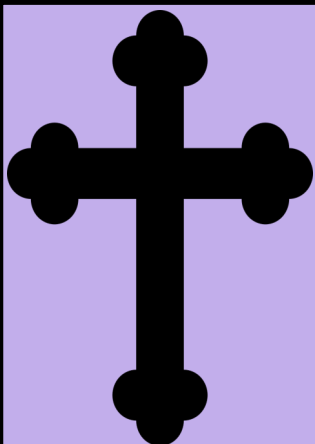
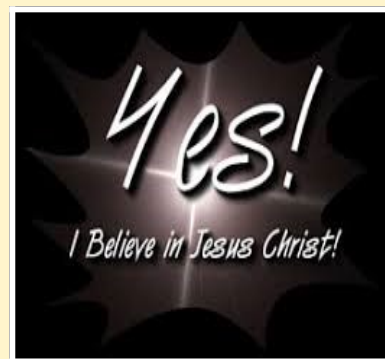
She was a woman like many. She would fight for her child, so she took on Jesus, the best known religious figure around. Like someone taking on the minister for health or children over a medical card for a chronically ill child, and not letting them off the hook. Jesus was testing her. He saw faith, but he wanted everyone else to see it. So he told her she didn't fit into the local religious sphere because she was a foreigner, like an asylum seeker or a refugee. She knew she fitted into the heart of Jesus simply because she was the mother of a sick child and believed he could help.

Even if he would cure everyone, maybe he would come back to her at the end. Jesus went further - he cured her child and praised her faith.

She is another of the unnamed people of the gospel. Like the woman of Samaria, the rich young man, the thief on Calvary - she is herself, and she is all of us. She is everyone, man and woman, of faith.

Faith in a surprising God who, in Jesus, his Son, never says no to goodness. Faith that keeps us energetic and alive, not tired, in soul as well as body.

*Remember your feeling of gratitude for the children of your family.
Lord, I believe. Strengthen my faith*



Sincere sympathy to the family of

*Santiago (Jimmy) Balbontín
late of Ballyflanagan, Dunganstown*

Martín Carr late of Ashtown Lane

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 19th & 20th August

- 6.00pm** John Ferguson - Months Mind Mass,
Margaret Corkish & Noel Lang Jnr - both 1st Anniversaries.
Margaret Healy, Veronica Carroll, Patrick & Dorothy Murphy
- 9.00am** Len Brennan (In Rem)
- 10.30am** Mary & Noel Gallagher, Raymond Howes (A)
- 12.00noon** Mary McCarthy -Months Mind Mass, Edward Hanlon
Teresa Dunne & deceased members of her family
Bob Marah, May Mason (A)

21st - 25th August

- Monday** Pauline Bolger RD
- 7.00pm** Mark Fitzhenry RD
- Tuesday** Tom Massey RD
- 7.00pm** James Carthy RD
- Wednesday** Ray Billington (A)
- Thursday** Mick Merrigan RD
- Friday** Christine Doran, John Byrne (A)

Next Weekend ~ 26th & 27th August

- 6.00pm** Rita Byrne - 1st Anniversary
Rodney Hodgkinson (A) Margaret Hodgkinson BR
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am**
- 12.00noon** Eugene Tighe, Ken McLean

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes is happening this weekend - forty seven of the parish community headed off to Lourdes on Saturday morning for a five day fully inclusive pilgrimage.

We wish them all a safe journey, a happy and spiritual pilgrimage and a wonderful few days away together.

May they keep the parishioners in their prayers and may we keep them in our prayers.

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Aquinas Duffy PP : 0404 67196

Fr Gerard Deegan CC: 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

**BBK Website: work
in progress**

**Office opening times
Monday - Friday:**

10am – 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings

PARISH FACEBOOK

The Wicklow / Rathnew Parish have a Facebook for quite a while now - where we post general church events/ occasions. Please look us up and like and follow us on

St. Patrick's Church Wicklow & St Josephs Church Rathnew

Kilbride, Brittas Bay & Barndarrig have also got a new Facebook page where we are posting items to try to build up the page and get it out in the community. Please look us up and follow us on

Parish of Barndarrig-Brittas Bay-Kilbride

PARISH WEBSITE

We are also in the process of updating the website at the moment. It will become a Pastoral Area Website, which will be a great addition to all the parishes in our area. Each parish will have its own platform within the website, and another section that will be common to all parishes.

Work started on it about a month ago but it is still a work in progress at the moment, however we are hopeful that its only a few weeks away now before we launch it.

Many thanks to William Doyle Undertakers for continuing to sponsor the website and agreeing to the review /update on the current site.

PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH & MINISTRY PROGRAMME

Pathways is a two year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, on Thursday evenings in DCU, St Patrick's campus, Upper Drumcondra Rd, Dublin 9, Sept to May 7pm—9pm. Application is now open and early application is advised.

Contact Pathways Director:
Eileen Houlahan at 01 808 7594 or
pathways@dublindiocese.ie

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE CHURCH.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

13th August 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 1845
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1155
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - go towards Diocesan Administration - € 775

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

First Reading : Isaiah 22: 19-23

Psalm 137

Second Reading : Romans 11:-33-36

Gospel : Matthew 16: 13-20

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 -14TH SEPTEMBER

AT 8PM

IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE

PLEASE

Do not park in the 'Disabled Parking Bays' unless you have a badge permitting this.

We do have Parishioners who need these spaces and unfortunately it makes it difficult for them to attend the Mass/ Service when these spaces are not available.

These parking spaces are regularly used by people with no badges, which is very unfair to those who genuinely need them.

YOUNG ADULT CAMINO

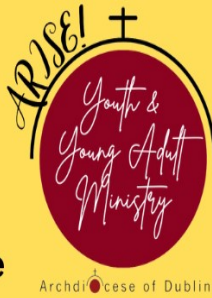
Summer 2024

Register your interest using the
QR Code below



Full Details and Booking
available from September.

Send all queries to:
natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie



Archdiocese of Dublin

The Pope's Intention for August



For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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

WICKLOW COPD GROUP

COPD Exercise class to help improve your breathing every Monday in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre.

**Fully qualified
Instructors**

**Further information
from Denis Teevan on
086 8174 703**

15+ CRAFT STALLS
STALLS AVAILABLE
FOR WOMEN CRAFTERS
AND PRODUCERS.
CONTACT MARY MILLETT
UNTIL 24TH OF AUGUST
FOR MORE DETAILS ON
0876440693

on the day

JEWELLERY
QUILTS & KNITTED
GOODS
TOYS, GIFTS
BOOKS
BAKED GOODS &
MORE

St Brigid's Hall,
Rathnew A67X583
12-4pm

**RATHNEW CRAFT FAIR
SEPTEMBER 24TH**

JUST TO CLARIFY

The **TAP & GO Machines on the stands** at **Our Lady's Side Door** and the **Main Door** are for **Diocesan collections**. The donations received on these machines are for both the **DIOCESAN COMMON FUND** (which goes towards Priests salaries) & also the **DIOCESAN SHARE FUND** (which helps fund the workings of the diocese and poorer parishes). There is an automatic 60:40 split on these donations.

THIS MONEY DOES NOT STAY IN THE PARISH.

The **TAP & GO Machine** on the table at the main double doors at the back of the Church, goes towards the running costs of the parish and the donations remain in the parish.

THIS MACHINE IS NOW MARKED 'PARISH'



Calling all Gardeners!!

*Are you interested in
Gardening?*

*Have you got a few hours
to spare?*

*Would you like to join a
team of Parishioner's
who help to enhance the
look of our Church?*

*We'd love to hear from
you - there is one flower
bed that is looking to be
adopted. Please contact
the Parish Office on
61699 for more
information.*



ABBNEY BRIDGE CLUB

Summer is over and its time for a game of bridge. The Abbey Bridge Club will reopen in Wicklow Golf Club on Monday 4th September. Please be seated by 7.20. New Members welcome.

NEPTUNE BRIDGE CLUB

Hope you all had a great Summer and are ready for a game of Bridge. We are starting back on Thursday 7th September in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre. Please be seated by 7.20 to facilitate the setting up of the game. New Members of all grades are welcome.

ROYAL BRIDGE CLUB

The new season for the Royal Bridge Club will commence on Wednesday 6th September, and on Monday 11th September. Please be seated upstairs in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town. at 7.25pm, for a 7.30pm start.

Friday morning Bridge will resume in Wicklow Sailing Club at 10am on Friday 8th September. Please be seated by 9.55am. New and returning Members welcome. Contact Bernie Hamilton on 085-8511 581, or Joe on 086-8418 043.

Bridge Lessons will be available in Wicklow Sailing Club on Thursday nights; contact Phyllis Kavanagh on 086-8388 096, to book your place



Unit 2, First Floor, Rear of Boots Pharmacy,
Abbey Street, Wicklow

*Have you, or a family member, been diagnosed with Cancer ?
We're here to help!*

Phone 0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Our office is open Mon-Fri from 10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

Volunteer Drivers Required:

Do you own a car and have some time on your hands ?

Wicklow Cancer Support are seeking to expand their Transport Team due the high volume of demand for this important service.

If interested you can ring our Centre on 0404 32696 or 085 7820916 for full details.

MEDJUGORJE



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

**Group Leader: Marian O'Meara
Led by Fr Pat O'Rourke**

**11 October 2023
7 nights**

€799.00 per person

- » 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
- » Optional Travel Insurance
- » Single room supplement €154.00

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

GROW

mental
wellbeing
programs

GROW run peer support groups in Wicklow on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 to 4.30 in De La Salle Parish Centre.

They are self referral and no charge for anyone struggling with depression, anxiety, low mood or just the stresses of life. They offer a tried and tested method of self help and personal growth.

Experience new hope and meaning through working on issues together in a peer support setting

MEETINGS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

Ring Trish for further info on 086 0129 082
And see Grow.ie to listen to stories of Hope and Recovery.

Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

HAS CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

AND WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY 5TH OF SEPTEMBER

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
Pauline on 087 227 6760

You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte

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

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations

17th August 2023: €50 raffle winner
Weekly winning numbers: 1, 8, 16, 19
Please call into the office to collect your prize.

Next weeks JACKPOT is €3,400

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
A sincere "THANK YOU" to all who support this Lotto!

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

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