

PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st May 2023

Ascension of the Lord -Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166



Gospel reflection Donal Neary *Fully Alive*

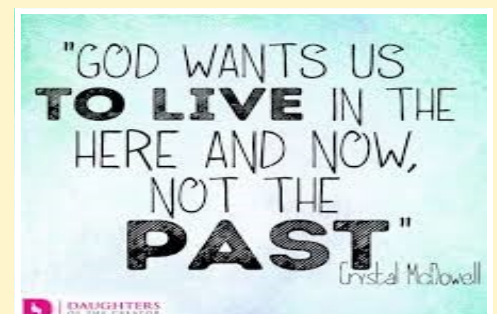
I asked a woman once if Johnny was in the house. She pointed at a chair and said, 'if he was here he would be there.' He never moved far! **J**esus - he is here and there. The risen lord has moved on, but he has not fully left us. His **S**pirit dwells in us.

The one who came to earth has now gone back to heaven, bringing with him all that is human. His body - the man of heaven and the God of earth - is now the church, and that's us.

Before we are of any denomination or group, we are **C**hrist's. We are baptised into the church of **C**hrist; we live out our faith in different denominations. Today is the feast of the whole church - we begin in him and end in him, like the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, on the paschal candle. Our faith is also renewed through living with **J**esus - we are partners in our mission. Our faith is also renewed in reading and praying the gospel each day.

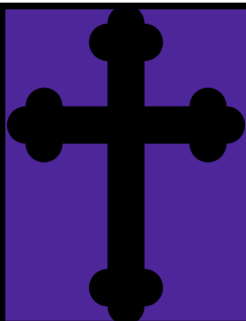
On earth we are his body, with all our strengths and weaknesses, goodness and sin. Icons have **J**esus smiling as he reaches heaven, smiling on us and living through us. We prepare for the way he is with us now next Sunday - in the Spirit. Where the qualities of the Spirit are alive, he is alive and well among us.

*A breathing prayer -
as you breathe in notice you are
breathing in the gift of life from God.
Holy Spirit, living in the church,
living in Mary,*



Sincere sympathy to the family of

Richie Quinn late of Churchgate



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 20th - 21st May

- 6.00pm** Donald, Grainne & Gina McCormack, Maí, Pat & Gerard Barry, Tom Delaney, Adrian Doyle, Maeve & Vivien Moloney also remembering Peter
- 7.00pm** *Carmel Franey 1st Anniversary, Arthur Dickenson, Jenny, Ted & Robert Mulveagh, Jim Collard*
- 10.00am** Margaret Elmer
- 11.30am** Yvette Davis, John Hogan, Maria Byrne

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

22nd - 26th May

- Monday** John Flood
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- Tuesday** Matthew Turner
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- Wednesday** Ann Coffey
- Thursday** Margaret Burke, Phyllis Milmow
- Friday** Elizabeth Yeats - 1st Anniversary

Next Weekend ~ 27th - 28th

- 6.00pm** Tom O'Neill
- 7.00pm**
- 10.00am** Charlie Howes,
Michael Doyle his wife Rita & son Michael
- 11.30am** Jim Rowan, Kathleen Michaels.

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NEW PARTNERSHIP MASS SCHEDULE

The following Mass Schedule will be in place in the Churches from the weekend of the 10th/11th of June and will be reviewed in 6 months.

	Wicklow	Rathnew	Ashford	Glenealy	Brittas Bay	Barndarrig	Kilbride
Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm		6.00 pm			7.30pm	
Sunday	10.30am	9.00 am		10.30 am			9.00 am
Sunday	12 noon				12 noon		

New Mass Schedules like this one, are happening throughout the diocese as part of the Building Hope initiative whereby we have to consider the:

- ◆ Pastoral care of priests
- ◆ The Directive about each priest being scheduled for no more than three Masses
- ◆ The Time between Masses to allow time for chat / travel to next appointment.



Are you celebrating your
65th, 60th, 55th, 50th, 40th or 25th
wedding anniversary this year?



The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be on Friday 16th June at 7.30 p.m.
in St. Patrick's Church.

Invitations will be sent out to couples who were married in St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow, and St. Joseph's Church, Rathnew. We would like to extend an invitation to any couple and their families who were **not** married here, but who are celebrating any of these anniversaries, to join us, on the occasion.

If you wish to attend on the night please complete the slip on this newsletter and leave in the Sacristy or Parish Office **as soon as possible**. Following Mass there will be a presentation of Commemorative Certificates.

Refreshments will be served in the De La Salle Parish Centre after the Mass.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS 2023

(please print clearly)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE OF MARRIAGE _____

We will have _____ family members with us.

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 - 8TH JUNE AT
8PM
IN THE PARISH CENTRE



ADORATION ~ BLESSED SACRAMENT

Continues on Wednesdays in St Patrick's 10.30 am to 11.30 pm, usually finishing with Benediction. **Please note the change of time!!**

ROSARY

For the month of May, the Rosary will be prayed at the grotto in Rathnew every evening at 7.30pm.



The Rosary will also be recited every Thursday morning before the daily Mass at 10am, for an end to war in Ukraine, Sudan and all war-torn countries. All are very welcome

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.



BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES 2023

BARNDARRIG CEMETERY	~ TUESDAY 4TH JULY AT 7.30PM
THREE MILE WATER CEMETERY	~ MONDAY 10TH JULY AT 7.30PM
CASTLETIMON CEMETERY	~ MONDAY 17TH JULY AT 7.30PM
RATHNEW CEMETERY	~ WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY AT 7.30PM

The Pope's Intention for May
For a culture of peace and non violence



We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

14th May 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €1940
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €1095
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards diocesan administration - € 760

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 : Acts 2: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7,12-13

Gospel : John 20: 19-23



FR AQUINAS DUFFY

**New PP of Wicklow/Rathnew,
Kilbride/Brittass Bay & Barndarrig**

currently in the Cabinteely Parish

Fr Aquinas will be replacing Fr Donal who will be moving to the Cabinteely Parish



FR GERARD DEEGAN

**New priest in Wicklow/Rathnew,
Kilbride/Brittass Bay & Barndarrig**

currently in the Ayrfield Parish

Fr Gerard will be replacing Fr Pat who is moving to the Springfield parish in Tallaght.

Wishing all four men a very happy ministry in their new roles in their new parishes.



The Sacrament of First Holy Communion
Congratulations to the children from St Coen's School
who have received their First Holy Communion this weekend.

Upcoming First Holy Communion dates:

Gaelscoil Saturday 27th May

De La Salle Sunday 11th June

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

Trip to Dail Eireann - Wed 17th 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
Pauline on 087 227 6760

You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte

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

Wicklow Choral Society is back!

Wicklow Choral Society is back in full swing and looking forward to its full concert in four years. The concert will take place on Sunday May 21st at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church in Wicklow.

The concert is a wonderful mix of old and new. In the first half the choir will sing short works by Mozart and Bach, and then Haydn's Little Organ Mass. After the interval the tempo and tone will change completely with an exciting new work by American composer Dan Forrest, the intriguingly titled 'Requiem for the Living'.

Wicklow Choral is delighted to be singing under the direction of new Musical Director James Bingham and to welcome guest soloist, the much loved soprano, Sarah Power. Sarah is from Bray. She now has an international reputation and sings in concert venues all over the world. The orchestra will be led by Alan Smale, former leader of the RTE Concert Orchestra.

The choir is delighted to be back after the long break from singing imposed by Covid. Come along and celebrate this rich evening of choral singing.

Tickets are €20/€15. Available from Earls Newsagent in Wicklow and at the door.

May Novena to the Holy Spirit 21st – 29th

You are warmly invited to join with every parish in the diocese in a Novena to the Holy Spirit – a period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place in the nine days from 21st -29th May beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

There are resources on the diocesan website at dublindiocese.ie/novena-to-the-holy-spirit/.

Let us join together across Archdiocese, in praying our Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit during this dedicated period 21st – 29th May. May this time of prayer, reflection and planning be blessed and build hope for a new future in partnership and a new way of being Church.

MEDJUGORJE



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

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

11 October 2023

7 nights

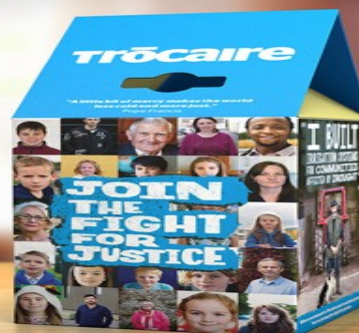
€799.00 per person

- » 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

TROCAIRE BOXES

All Trocaire boxes can now be returned to the Parish Office during Office hours - Monday—Friday from 10am till 12.30pm.



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.

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations

MARGARET CLEARY

18th May 2023: €50 raffle winner
Weekly winning numbers: 1, 8, 18, 28

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

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

Please note the Parish Privacy Notice is currently under review. A new version will be published very soon. If you have any questions or require further information, please email Noelle Dowling at dataprotection@dublindiocese.ie.

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

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.....

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Slow down.

Calm down.

Don't worry.

Don't hurry.

Trust
the process

inspire *Passion* IP
small scrabbles SS

~Alexandra Stoddard