

PARISH NEWSLETTER

22nd January 2023

3rd Week in Ordinary Time

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166



Gospel reflection

Love and call

Donal Neary

We notice a big change of Life for the disciples – they leave the past to follow the Lord, leaving behind their old jobs and roles but also what might block them from living fully. To follow the Lord joyfully we need to believe in ourselves as valued in the sight of God. We pick up messages about ourselves from significant people and we have to let them go.

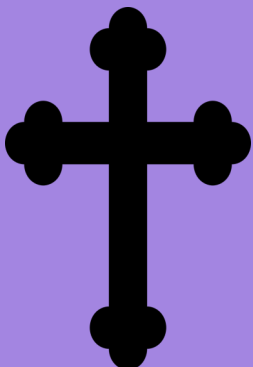
A child whose parents separate often feels unloved and needs the care and love that shows they are okay, Many addicted people have, deep down, a sense of not being loved. Every child coming into the world deserves to know that he or she is loved. We believe that the first gift of our faith is the love of God, the humble God who became one of us in love. In religion we need to touch into the love and the call of God, by gradually letting go of the things in the world that prevent from knowing God's love. The first of the apostles had something new. Each of us, week by week can get this new thing, the love of God.

Everything else flows from that. To know the love of God is a huge gift, and to know the love and acceptance of another or a few others in life is also a huge gift. Both are one, in every love and friendship we have.

Is there anything keeping you from living in God's love?

Ask his help in this.

Lord, Let me know your love day by day and share with all I meet.



Sincere sympathy to the families of ...

May (Mary) Rice late of Darragh Park

Rita White who died in Knockrobin

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 21st & 22nd January

- 6.00pm** *Bride Coffey, Mark Dunne BR, Ena Doyle, Sinead McGrath*
- 7.00pm** *Margaret Murphy, Michael Doyle & remembering Esther, Kate & Paul Doyle & deceased members of the Doyle family*
- 10.00am** *John & Eileen Nolan, Seamus & Bridie Grant, George Cardiff*
- 11.30am** *Mick Merrigan & Ann Molloy - both Months Mind, Breda Merrigan, Damien Doyle, Maria Smullen, Joan O'Brien, Anne Carney, Jim Synnott*

23rd ~ 27th January

- Monday** *David Rathay (A) Catherine Thornton RD*
- 7.00pm** *James & Frances Ward*
- Tuesday** *Billy Conway, Pat Teahan, Josephine & Charlie Kavanagh*
- 7.00pm** *Parishioner's Intentions*
- Wednesday** *Mary O'Hara RD*
- Thursday** *Agnes O'Brien RD*
- Friday** *Special Intention*

Next Weekend ~ 28th & 29th January

- 6.00pm** *Margaret Hodgkinson (A) Rodney Hodgkinson BR Ann Byrne*
- 7.00pm** *Christy Murphy, Thomas & Margaret Murphy, James & Margaret Murphy*
- 10.00am**
- 11.30am** *Norman Mason*



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 - 9TH FEB. AT 8PM
IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Please contact the parish office for more information

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 15th JANUARY 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 1720
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1130
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan administration - € 845

Many thanks for your continued support.



NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS - 29TH JANUARY 2023

First Reading : Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145: 7-10

Second Reading : Corinthians 1: 26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5.:1-12

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

PARISH CONTACTS

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Website: work in progress

Office opening times

Monday - Friday:

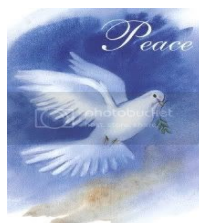
10am – 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

To pray for peace and to end the conflict in Ukraine. This will take place on the next few Saturday's at 3pm in St Patrick's Church.

The Rosary and some peace prayers will be recited. All are very welcome to come along on the day or call 087 6955 555 for more information.



The Pope's Intention for January

for true fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family



WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,
REAR OF BOOTS 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.

GROW MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

every Wed afternoon at 2.30pm for
anyone struggling with depression
or anxiety or just the stresses of
life. Experience new hope and
meaning through working on issues
together in a peer support setting.
Call Trish Williams on 086 0129082
for more information or just turn up
at the Wicklow Parish Centre.
Small donations for group running
costs are welcome.

**Please note - Any notices for the newsletter need to be with the
Parish Office by 12 noon on Wednesdays**

DIARY DATES: January

3rd : Baptisms - Wicklow
6th : Feast of the Epiphany
12th: Baptism Meeting - 8pm
17th: Baptisms - Wicklow
18th-25th: Prayer for Christian Unity Week
28th : Baptisms - Rathnew
29th - February 5: Catholic Schools Week
Theme: 'Walking Together in Faith & Love'
31st: Baptisms - Wicklow

PARISH OFFICE

*The Parish Office is located in
the De La Salle Pastoral
Centre and is open Monday
through to Friday from 10am
till 12.30 pm for all general
parish enquiries, to book
masses / baptisms / weddings,
to drop in envelopes, buy
mass cards etc .
Contact number 61699.*

St Brigid's Day: 1st February.

Born in Dundalk in 450 AD St Brigid was the founder of the first monastery in County Kildare, Ireland. Her father was a pagan chieftain of Leinster and her mother was a Christian. St Patrick inspired her to deepen her faith and spread the word of God.

St Brigid died at the age of 75 in AD 525 and was buried in the church she created. Her remains were exhumed years later and brought to Downpatrick to be buried alongside Saints Patrick and Columcille. However, her skull was brought to Lisbon where it remains today.

Patron Saint of Ireland

St Brigid is also known as Mary of the Gael or Muire na nGael aka Our Lady of the Irish. She is one of the Patron Saints of Ireland, along with St Patrick and St Columcille.

Taking a stand

When she was young, St Brigid wanted to join a convent however her father took a firm stand and insisted that she marry the wealthy man he had promised her to. The story goes that she asked for God's help to take away her beauty so that the man wouldn't want to marry her. Her wish was granted, her father caved and she joined the convent. Not only did her beauty return but apparently she was even more beautiful than ever. She called on God's help again to convince her father to give her land in Kildare to set up a convent. Her father said that he would only give her as much land as her cloak could cover. Silly man. With God's help, the cloak grew to cover acres of land.

The story of the Cross

St Brigid was by the sick bed of a dying pagan chieftain, possibly her father, soothing him with stories about her faith and her unwavering trust in God. She began telling the story of Christ on the Cross, picking up rushes from the ground to make a cross. Before his death, the chieftain asked to be baptised. Initially, legend has it, people used to make similar crosses to hang over the door of their homes to ward off evil, fire and hunger. Over time, word spread about St Brigid, her kindness, faith and the making of the cross became synonymous with her and the tradition now bears her name.

Candlemas Day: 2nd February

Candlemas is celebrated on 2 February and **marks the return of light, a symbol of protection and prosperity.** This Christian festival commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple of Jerusalem, referring to him as the light of the people of Israel.

Saint Blaise: 3rd February

Saint Blaise was originally born in Sebastea. He preached Christianity in his home town and was well-known as a healer. He became famous for performing certain miracles such as helping the sick animals and people around his home town.

He is recognised as the saint of throat disease or 'The Blessing of the Throats' in the Roman Catholic Church. Saint Blaise Day is celebrated on the 3rd of February each year by Christians globally.

His most famous and memorable act was when he healed a young boy that choked on a fishbone. The boy was placed at the Saint's feet by his mother, and he healed straight away! The governor, however, led him to jail due to his faith. The governor was unsuccessful in encouraging Saint Blaise to renounce his faith and therefore he beheaded him in 316 AD.

Crossed candles are an important part of Saint Blaise Day, they commemorate the mother of the boy who choked on the fishbone. She presented Saint Blaise with crossed candles to light his way to jail when the ruler of Sebastea ordered his arrest. The origin of the blessing of throats uses crossed candles as a symbol.

Wicklow Historical Society

Wicklow Historical Society continues its Winter Lecture Series with an illustrated talk by local historian and tour guide to the battlefields of France and Belgium, John Goodman, entitled "Wicklow men in World War I".

The topic should prove very interesting and informative.

The talk will take place in the De La Salle Parish Centre on Monday next, January 23rd, commencing at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting of Visually Impaired People in the Wicklow Town area on Tuesday 31st January in the Wicklow Library at 11 am.

There is no particular agenda for these meetings except to see what we can do to help each other. Earlier meetings have been very successful and all visually impaired people and their carers are welcome.



Catholic Schools Week 2023
Catholic Schools: Walking Together in Faith & Love

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22 JANUARY-29 JANUARY

MONDAY

Walking Together in Faith



TUESDAY

Walking Together in Love



WEDNESDAY

Walking Together to Celebrate
(Grandparents Day)



THURSDAY

Walking Together to Transform our World



FRIDAY

Walking Together in Hope



THIS WEEK'S FEASTDAYS:

25th: ST PAUL

Preached the power of God at work in the lives of each one of us. His own conversion shows the power in his life. Out of a persecutor God made a preacher and teacher of the peoples. Paul never ceased to express thanks and wonder for this grace. But he still prayed for perseverance.

26TH: SS TIMOTHY & TITUS

were close to St Paul as followers and later in their work with him. Tradition makes Timothy the first Bishop of Ephesus. And from Paul's advice to him to take some wine for his stomachs sake, he has been invoked as a patron in cases of stomach complaints Titus was sent to organise the Church in Crete.

28TH: ST THOMAS AQUINAS

was born in Italy in 1224 and died in 1274. Thomas taught that Christian revelation and human knowledge are aspects of a single truth and cannot be in conflict with one another. One of the greatest theologians & is patron saint of schools, universities, students and booksellers.

Active Retirement Activities & Trips

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

We are back on Tuesdays, from 10.45am till 1.00pm

Line Dancing 12 noon

Follow us on our facebook page: **Wicklow Active Retirement**

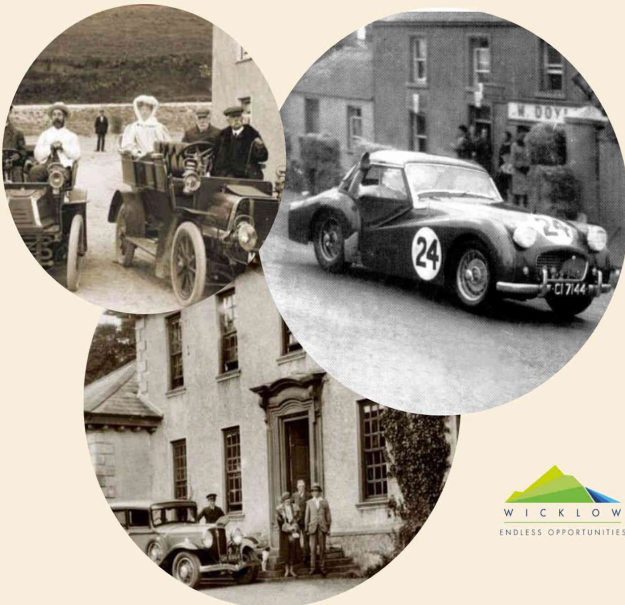
If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring Pam on 087 227 6760

You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte

THE FREEDOM OF THE ROADS

EARLY MOTORING IN COUNTY WICKLOW

Talk with Historian
Brian White



WICKLOW LIBRARY

THUR 26TH JANUARY 7PM

TO BOOK CALL WICKLOW LIBRARY 040467025 OR

EMAIL WICKLOWLOCALSTUDIES@WICKLOWCOCO.IE

The Wicklow Library talk with Historian Brian White 26th January 2023 7pm.

The 1903 Motor Car Act allowed County Councils to register motor cars and motor bikes and to issue applicants with a driving licence. By 1915 there were only 106 cars and 103 motor cycles registered in County Wicklow. At this time, motor car drivers had to purchase petrol in cans and one particular Bray resident imported a steam car that could achieve a distance of 150 miles on one fill. The hilly terrain of the County provided unique and challenging circuits and, between 1950 and 1957, hill climb rallies around The Wicklow Town Circuit were regularly organised by the Motor Cycle Union and the Automobile Association. In his talk titled "*The Freedom of the Roads*", historian Brian White will be displaying old photographs to explore early motoring in County Wicklow. Some questions that will be answered include:

Who was the first person to register a car in County Wicklow

Who was the first woman to own a car in County Wicklow.

Which County Wicklow Car owner had a car buried under Hill 16 in Croke Park, Dublin.

A selection of old motoring artefacts will be on display during the talk.

The talk will take place at Wicklow Library, in the Exhibition Space on the third floor on Thursday January 26th at 7pm. Contact Wicklow Library on 040467025 or email Wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie to book

WICKLOW SAVINGS CLUB - is open on Monday afternoons at 1.30pm, in the De La Salle Parish Centre. This is a great way to save a little bit every week for Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join this savings scheme. There is a €10 fee to cover the bank charges on the account.



WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS

ANDY BOLGER

19th Jan 2023: €50 winner 5, 23, 26, 27

Please collect your winnings from the Parish Office.

There are still some unclaimed weekly raffle prizes waiting to be collected in the office.

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

Bayside Alpha

are running a free 7-week Zoom course on **Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit**. The course starts on Wednesday the 1st of February 2023 at 7.30pm and features Franciscan Friar, Fr Dave Pivonka, and other speakers. It consists of a one hour weekly meeting on Zoom which includes a video presentation, a time for sharing for anyone who wishes, and short Scriptures to reflect on at home.

The full course is 14 episodes but we are just doing the first seven and we will do the second half at a later stage if people wish. The trailer for the course is at <https://youtu.be/ptWtlhcRC9E>

The following themes are covered on the course: God's Love Poured Out, The Breath of God, Baptism in the Spirit, The Spirit and Our Lady, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, The Spirit and the Eucharist, The Spirit of Adoption.

If you would like to take part please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

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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Happy are those who take life day by day, complain very little, and are thankful for the little things in life.

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