



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**22nd May 2022**  
**Wicklow & Rathnew**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**RCN 20016166**



*Welcome*

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

**Donal Neary S.J**

**God's Home**

**Gospel reflections**

**M**aking a home is a big opportunity of love for a husband, a wife and a family. They try to make it their own: pictures and memorabilia here and there make a home out a house. It doesn't have to be perfect. They want others to be able to feel at home in their home also.

It is the same with Jesus. In our hearts and the depths of our personality he makes a home for himself and the father. He asks for a loving and welcoming heart, not a place that is perfect, tidy and clean. To make a home is a work of love. Jesus' making of a home in us comes through our growth in development and love. The loving marriage and family, the loving friendship, the heart that cares for others, these are what make Jesus feel at home.

Is this a strange way of looking on God? . We think of God in the power of nature and almost the maker of history. God seems to reject all this all powerful view of himself and makes himself accessible in the home of our hearts.

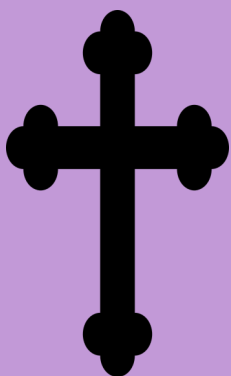
**H**ome is a place of help. We look out for each other and the contented home is where each cares for the other. St Ignatius used say each day, 'Who can I help today?' Maybe we can make that part of the music of our homes. This is God helping through you, and it is God finding us and each other in love.

*Lord, open my heart to prayer and care this day.  
Open my eyes to the beauty and problems of others.  
Open my heart to your love for me.*

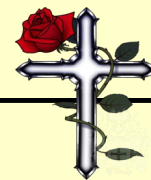


*Sincere sympathy to the families of ...*

*Christina Roche late of St Laurence's Road  
Trevor McWilliams late of Leitrim Place  
Carmel Franey late of Ballybeg*



# Mass Intention List



## This Weekend ~ 21st - 22nd May

- 6.00pm** Ann, Lily & Timmy Kelly, Tommy O'Sullivan, Tom O'Neill  
Donald, Gráinne & Gina McCormack, Margarida Francisco.
- 7.00pm** Art Dickenson
- 9.00am** Leo Devlin BR
- 10.00am** Tom Kehoe, Arthur Fitzpatrick, Henry John Hubbard
- 11.30am** Maria Byrne - 1st anniversary, Yvette Davis,  
John Hogan, Eamonn Deehan

## 23rd ~ 27th May

- Monday** Matthew Turner
- 7.00pm** Sean McSherry
- Tuesday** Peter Moloney
- 7.00pm** Leo Devlin BR
- Wednesday** Margaret Burke & Phylis Milimow
- Thursday** Sean & Jackie Hynes
- Friday** Marie O'Brien, Dylan Murphy

## Next Weekend ~ 28th - 29th May

- 6.00pm** Christy, Grainne & Roisín Cooney
- 7.00pm**
- 9.00am**
- 10.00am** Charlie Howes
- 11.30am** Cyril Nevin - 1st Anniversary, Jim Rowan  
Kathleen Michaels, Dick Melia

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



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 - 26TH MAY AT 8PM**

This meeting is via zoom.

## **ROSARY AT THE GROTTA**



The "Rosary at the Grotto" will take place at the Grotto in Rathnew, during the month of May.

We invite you to join us and thousands of people in Ireland during the month of May. The Rosary will be recited each evening at 8pm beginning on Sunday, May 1, and ending with a special devotion on Tuesday, May 31. Please spread the word and let's honour Our Blessed Mother all over Ireland throughout the month of May

## **NEW MASS SCHEDULE**

Due to the untimely death of Fr Joseph Doran in Barndarrig on 7th May the Archbishop has requested that the three parishes of Wicklow/ Rathnew, Ashford/ Glenealy and Kilbride/ Barndarrig/ Brittas Bay come together as a single pastoral area to serve the spiritual and liturgical needs of the Catholic population of the area. Please be assured that a pastoral area does not mean a single parish: each of the three parishes will still have its own individual identity, but the three will be served on a rota basis by the team of Fr Donal, Fr Eamonn and Fr Pat.

It will be necessary to introduce a new Mass schedule in order to ensure that each of the seven churches in the area will have at least one weekend Mass and the timing of the Masses has to be such that, in the event of one of the priests being absent, the schedule can still be fulfilled by two priests. We regret that this will mean a loss of a Mass in two of the churches, but we ask for your support and understanding in this. If the Mass you normally attend is not on, there will be another at the same time in one of the other nearby churches.

In the event of one of the Priests been unavailable at some stage in the future, unfortunately there will be further reductions. We know that this will be disappointing for some parishioners, but this is the situation in the majority of parishes in the diocese due to the shortage of priests.

The following schedule will come into effect from the weekend of 4th/ 5th June and will be reviewed at the end of the Summer.

### **Saturday Vigil:**

6pm Wicklow

6pm Ashford

7pm Rathnew

7pm Barndarrig

### **Sunday Morning:**

9am Kilbride and 9am Glenealy

10am Wicklow and 10am Brittas Bay

11.00 Ashford

11.30 Wicklow

# St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



**01 855 0022**



## WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,

REAR OF LEONDARD & MULVEY (BUTLERS) 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.

### CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

**Telephone number 087 123 8054**

**WICKLOW & RATHNEW**

## DIARY DATES: MAY

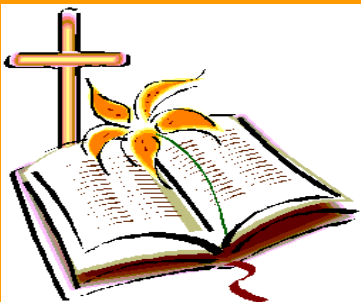
- 31st /1st: Collection for Parish Lourdes Group
- 1st : Baptisms - Wicklow
- 8th: Day of Prayer for Vocations.
- 14 /15: Collection to Support Lay Ministry in the  
Archdiocese of Dublin
- 15th : Baptisms - Wicklow
- 21st : Baptisms - Rathnew,
- 26th: Zoom Baptism Meeting - 8.00pm
- 29th: The Ascension of the Lord,  
World Communications Day - Theme: Listen!
- 31st: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## The Pope's Intention for May

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### For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young  
people, called to live life  
to its fullest; may they  
see in Mary's life the  
way to listen, the depth  
of discernment, the  
courage that faith  
generates, and the  
dedication to service.



## NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 29TH MAY 2022

First Reading :Acts 1: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm: 46

Second Reading : Ephesians 1: 17-23

Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

**15th May**

|                                     |                                        |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b> | - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese  | - € 627  |
| <b>2ND COLLECTION / SHARE</b>       | - Lay Ministry Collection              | - € 800  |
| <b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>  | - goes towards maintaining our parish  | - € 1640 |
| <b>FUNDRAISING APPEAL ENVELOPES</b> | - goes towards parish structural works | - € 0    |

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

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

**LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION – MAY 14th & 15th**

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection totalled €800. Many thanks to all who supported this collection. The Lay Ministry Collection will help support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGES 2022**

**MEDJUGORJE - 24th August 2022 - 7 nights**

€729 per person in accommodation close to St James Church  
Direct return flights, Return airport transfers in Medjugorje,  
Breakfast & dinner each day  
Full religious programme

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR - Fr Pat O Rourke

More information from Marion O Meara 085 803 1751

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**LOURDES - 12th September 2022 - 5 nights**

€799 per person sharing in the Hotel La Solitude  
Direct return flights, Return airport transfers in Lourdes,  
Full board, breakfast, lunch & dinner each day  
Mass at grotto, anointing of the Sick, torchlight Procession  
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR - Fr Donal Roche

More information from Nancy Colgan 086 1099 112 or  
Carol Kavanagh 086 060 1956 or Parish Office 61699

**Please note that all balances must be  
paid in full by Tuesday 28th June**

**Glendalough Hermitage Centre  
celebrates 21 years.**

**Archbishop Dermot Farrell will launch the  
celebrations with mass on Sunday the 29th  
May at 10.30am in St. Kevin's Church Laragh.**

**On Friday the 3rd of June there will be a  
concert in St. Kevin's at 8 pm.**

**All are welcome to visit the Hermitages at  
the open days on Saturday 4th and Sunday  
5th June from 11 till 5 each day.**

**There are Pilgrim walks arranged for  
Saturday the 4th of June.**

**A ritual with Deirdre Ni Chinneide will take  
place in the meditation garden at St. Kevin's  
on Saturday the 4th and Sunday the 5th  
from 2.30 till 3.30pm.**

**Tickets for the concert and information  
about the walks are available by phoning  
087 9356696 or by email  
[failte@glendaloughhermitage.ie](mailto:failte@glendaloughhermitage.ie)**

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**7th May: St Patricks NS at 11.00am**

**14th May: Holy Rosary NS  
at 11am & 12.30pm**

**15th May: Montessori NS 10am**

**21st May: Gaelscoil NS 11.30**

**28th May: St Coens NS  
at 11 & 12.30pm**





*First Holy Communion Class Ms Kenny Holy Rosary NS*



*First Holy Communion Class Ms Lambe Holy Rosary NS*



*First Holy Communion Class Wicklow Montessori School*

# Active Retirement-Activities and Trips

Now with 96 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Christmas Lunch "AT LAST" this Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

NO COFFEE MORNING THIS WEEK or Tuesday activities  
(apart from Lunch!)

Choir continues, Friday upstairs, in the Pastoral Centre @ 3pm

Theatre Trip Thursday - fully booked

Planning a local trip for Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> June as the Pastoral Centre won't  
be available - details to follow

More trips and activities planned

So, watch this space and updates 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 me:

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

## WICKLOW DEMENTIA SUPPORT CLG

Wicklow Dementia Support CLG is registered charity set up to support people with dementia maintain their interests and independence and live life to the full in their community.

We provide a number of programmes to support people with dementia living in east Co Wicklow including the Wicklow Activity group which takes place in An Tairseach, Wicklow town on Wednesdays from 11am to 12.30pm. This group provides people with dementia an opportunity to meet with their peers and take part in activities of interest to them. Other programmes include AlzPals, a befriending service, Musical Memories, a weekly music session that takes place in Greystones and Carer Support groups.

For an application form,  
email: [info@wicklowdementiasupport.org](mailto:info@wicklowdementiasupport.org)  
or call 089 4286928

**THE SALE OF THE YEAR IS BACK!**  
**THE UNWANTED GIFT SALE**  
**& COFFEE MORNING**

**Put the date in your diary!**  
**SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER, 2022.**  
From 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

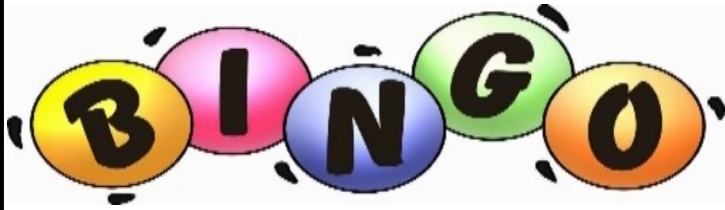
Maureen & her team are starting to accept unwanted gifts on Wednesdays starting in June from 10am at The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town  
This year we are also hoping to add an

**UNWANTED CLOTHES SALE**  
but clothes must be new and with the tags still on

The sale proceeds will go to  
Wicklow Cancer Support & Wicklow Parish.

**(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT SECOND HAND  
OR USED ITEMS OR BOOKS OR CLOTHES**

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



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.**

**RATHNEW BINGO WHO HAVE NOW RESUMED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 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**

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**MARGARET DICKENSON**

**€50 winner**

**THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE**

**4, 7, 26, 28**

**NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE**

**€2,725**

*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*



**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)

*Congratulations to the children from Gaelscoil who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend*

*Wishing them all a lovely day.*

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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Good things come to those who  
**wait.**  
But better things come to those who  
**workforit.**