



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**23rd January 2022**  
**Wicklow & Rathnew**  
**Baptism of the Lord**  
**RCN 20016166**



*Welcome*

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

## *Gospel Reflections Faith beyond Words Donal Neary SJ*

**J**esus' religious beliefs grew on the word of God. Through boyhood and family life, visits to the synagogue and prayer, he heard the word of God. Gradually he knew what it meant. Now was his time to speak that word, and to begin his ministry.

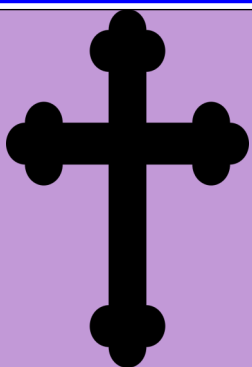
**F**or Mary and Joseph this was a proud moment. They had given their time and love to Jesus' upbringing and now it would bear fruit. Today parents worry about the faith of their children. They see a different attitude to religion, prayer, morality and many other aspects of life. They wonder did they do their job well.

**M**uch of the culture today goes against God and religion. Parents cannot fight the culture. But they can hand on the best of the gospel by their own faith and by the way they live their lives, by their love and by speaking the truth as they see it. What is handed on in faith is beyond words.

**T**eachers and chaplains play a big role in handing on our faith. The Church owes a huge gratitude to teachers, chaplains, priest and lay, who have held that role in very difficult times over the last forty years.

**W**e are all part of the 'faith ministry' of Jesus. By our own prayer we can help a new generation find their way to faith. We hand over worries to the Lord. Prayer gives us the encouragement to support a younger generation in their ways of faith - meditation groups, prayer groups, folk and gospel music Masses, work for and among the poor. God loves our younger generation more than we do!

*Lord may my own faith grow deeper by my relationship with you.  
Help those who search for you, especially the young.  
Help us all to find your love in our lives, Amen.*



*Sincere sympathy to the families of ...*

*Ivor Evans late of Friars Hill  
Ann Redmond late of Seafield*

# Mass Intention List



## *This Weekend ~ 22nd & 23rd January*

- 6.00pm** June Doran - Months Mind, Bríde Coffey  
**7.00pm** Aidan Lyons RD  
**9.00am** John Norris RD  
**10.00am** Seamus & Brídíe Grant  
**11.30am** Nick Healy -Months Mind, Patricia Frost (née Roche) & Mary Philomena Doyle (née Brown) both 1st Anniversaries Damien Doyle, Norman Mason, Ann Carney, María Smullen, Joan O'Brien, deceased members of the Dooley & Ryan families

## *24th ~ 28th January*

- Monday** - Valerie Carroll RD  
**7.00pm** Special Intention  
**Tuesday** - Josephine & Charlie Kavanagh  
**7.00pm** Special Intention  
**Wednesday** - Andrew Burke RD  
**Thursday** - Caden O'Neill RD  
**Friday** - Peter McKeever RD

## *Next Weekend ~ 29th & 30th January*

- 6.00pm** Jim Vickers - Months Mind, Baby Matthew Eugene O'Leary, Margaret & Thomas Malone, Margaret Hodgkinson, Rodney Hodgkinson (BR)  
**7.00pm** Michael Doyle, remembering Esther, Paul & Kate Doyle  
**9.00am**  
**10.00am** George Cardiff  
**11.30am** Angela Mulligan - Months Mind  
Breda Merrigan, Iain McCarthy

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

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 16/01/2022

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 665
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 350
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €2610



### NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 30TH JANUARY 2022

First Reading : Jeremiah - 1:4-5,17-19

Responsorial Psalm 70: 1-6, 15, 17

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 13:4-13

Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30

### PARISH CONTACTS

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Office opening times -

**Monday - Friday : 10am - 12noon**

PARISH OFFICE is open Monday to Friday from 10am till 12noon for general enquiries, mass / baptism bookings, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc.

Contact number 61699.

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

**Any groups using the De La Salle Pastoral Centre are asked to remember that Each group must comply with whatever the guidelines of the day are, but are also expected to comply with the centre's guidelines too**

### **Follow the Government & DLS centres instructions/guidelines**

- ◆ Do not attend the centre if feeling unwell, sneezing, coughing or compromised in anyway.
- ◆ Anyone entering the centre **must wear a face-mask or visor** and sanitise their hands on entering and leaving the premises.
- ◆ No waiting around on the corridors, come along just in time for your group meeting,
- ◆ Do not bring unnecessary equipment, into the centre.
- ◆ Ensure social distancing is adhered to at all times
- ◆ Take responsibility for your own safety, i.e. facemasks etc

# 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.



*Volunteers are needed to arrange flowers for the main altar in the church. This is done on a monthly basis, and is a very rewarding and attractive way to help out in the churches. If you would like more information or think you would like to give this a try - please leave your contact details with the parish office.*



### The Pope's Intention for January *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**

## DIARY DATES: January

2nd : Baptisms - Wicklow

6th : Feast of the Epiphany

16th: Baptisms - Wicklow

18th-25th: Prayer for Christian Unity Week

20th : Zoom Baptism Meeting - 8pm

22nd : Baptisms - Rathnew

23rd - 30th : Catholic Schools Week

Theme—Living life to the full.

## 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.



*Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to contact the Parish Office.*

*There will be an introductory meeting held through zoom which the parents will be expected to attend 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 Baptism zoom meeting will be on Thursday 17th February 2022 at 8pm.*



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2022

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated in schools across the island of Ireland from Sunday 23 January – Sunday 30 January.

**The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2022 is 'Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full'.**

During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society

### **Daily Themes and Resources**

**Monday: Living Life to the Full With God**

**Tuesday: Living Life to the Full Together**

**Wednesday (Grandparents' Day): Celebrating Being Together Again**

**Thursday: Living Life in Wonder and Awe**

**Friday: Living Life and Facing the Future**

# Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022



## Theme

The theme for the 2022 Week of Prayer is *'We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him'* (Mt 2:2), taken from the account of the visit of the magi to pay homage to the infant king (Mt 2:1-12). It is a call to unity, of those from the North and the South, from the East and from the West, old and young, men and women.

## Introduction

The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is one very familiar to us. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

Serving the Gospel today requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. It requires from the churches transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other. This means churches need to cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve the burdened, and to build a just and honest society. This is a call for churches to work together so that young people can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice, and love.

*WICKLOW SAVINGS CLUB - has re-opened on Monday's 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.*



# MEDJUGORJE



## 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

*All Retirees are welcome to our coffee/tea morning every Tuesday in the Pastoral Centre from 10.45am. Outings and cultural trips are organised regularly.*

*Transport to and from the Centre for meetings can be arranged on request.*

*New members are always welcome.  
More information from 087 982 7703.  
Follow/like us on our Facebook page - Wicklow Active Retirement Association  
There is always something to suit all tastes so come along any Tuesday  
You will be given a Cead Míle Fáilte.*

**LOST - a Disabled Car Parking Disk - if found please contact the Parish Office.**

**WANTED - a card player who would be willing to teach a parishioner to play 'Whist', if you think you, may be able to help, please contact the parish office.**

**"The NCBI charity shop in Wicklow Town, raises funds to help people who experience sight loss within our community & all across Ireland. We are looking for volunteers to join our friendly team. Have you a morning or afternoon free? Would you like to learn a new skill? Working in the shop or in our sorting room? Please call into the shop or call 0876894172 for more information."**

*Please excuse the appearance of St Patrick's Church at the moment; the Church is in the middle of getting necessary works done to it, but it is causing a lot of dust which inevitably ends up on the seats and ground. Although its cleaned every morning, it is proving difficult to win the battle of the dust.*

Many thanks to the sponsor of our newsletter  
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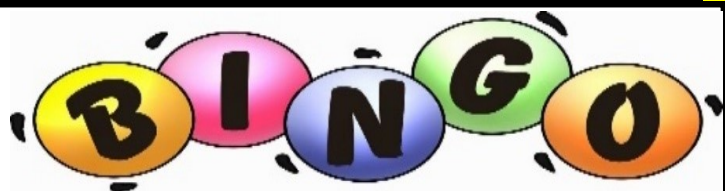
CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

**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)

**NEPTUNE BRIDGE CLUB**

In accordance with the Government  
Guidelines of 8pm closure on social  
events, we regret that the Neptune  
Bridge Club will not be re-opening  
until this restriction is lifted.  
Wishing you a all a very happy and  
healthy New Year.



**Will resume once the  
current guidelines allow.**

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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**WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS  
CONGRATULATIONS**

**ANDREA BOYLAN**

**€50 winner**

**THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE**

**1, 10, 11, 14**

**NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE**

**€1,200**

*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](http://www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow)*



**Dear God,**

I know that I'm not perfect,  
I know sometimes I  
forget to pray.

I know I have questioned my  
faith, I know sometimes I lose  
my temper, but thank you for  
loving me unconditionally and  
giving me another day to  
start over again.

*Memo*