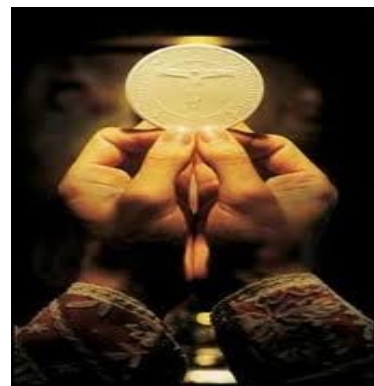


# PARISH NEWSLETTER

23rd April 2023

Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew  
RCN 20016166



## Gospel reflection Donal Neary Hearts uplifted

I have met many people who found this story really helped at times when they were down, when there were disappointments in life, when they encountered illness and many of the crosses of life. They believed in him after he had vanished, having broken bread with them. He had accompanied them in a dark journey of life.

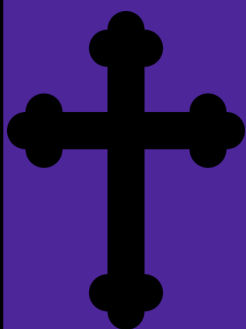
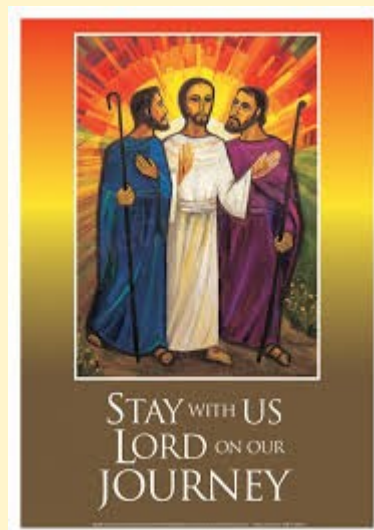
Jesus went to them - he did not await their visit. Somehow he knew that people of his 'set' were in darkness and maybe despair. This is the call of the church - to be with us in prayer, community and service always, and especially for what Pope Francis calls 'the peripheries of life'. Most of us spend some time there, and appreciate the help of love and faith.

Then they went to tell the story of how they were changed. Faith grows through sharing it. A father said, 'At my child's first communion, my faith became stronger'.

They told their story of Jesus in the here and now, sometimes reminiscing on what things were once like in Galilee. Every journey of life can be an Emmaus journey where we meet the Lord. Every altar can be the altar of Emmaus, and indeed every meal can be a time of friendship, care and nourishment for body and for soul.

*Notice this week where the Lord is present in love, care, creation, an uplift of joy, prayer and the Eucharist.*

*Lord, lift my hope and my faith in your presence as the disciples found their hearts burning when they listened to you*



*Sincere sympathy to the families of*

*Pat Doyle late of Halpin's Court*

*Joe Cullen late of Crinion Park*

# Mass Intention List



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

- 6.00pm** David Acton - 1st Anniversary, Maura Nichols, Ginny O'Reilly, Chelsea Kennedy, Maria Coughlan
- 7.00pm** Frank, Lena, Francis & Martin Doyle, Michael & John Duffy & deceased members of the Duffy Family. Elizabeth Doyle, Margaret Davis nee Doyle & Teresa Aherne nee Doyle
- 10.00am** Elizabeth Daly (RD in Birmingham), Thomas Breen, Grainne & Pat Bolger, Jack Gregory, May, Tommy & Bernard Welstead
- 11.30am** Margaret & Tommy Hogan, Vincent Byrne RD  
Maureen O'Toole, Intentions of all the Choir Members

## *24th ~ 28th April*

- Monday** John Flood RD
- 7.00pm** Special Intention
- Tuesday** Ann Coffey RD
- 7.00pm** Special Intention
- Wednesday** Mary Hernon - BR, Molly Horan (A)
- Thursday** Charlie Shalvey RD
- Friday** Special Intention

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

- 6.00pm** John Whelan - Months Mind, Pat & Nancy Stakelum, Jim & Pauline Murphy, Mary & Richard Bell & deceased members of the Bell Family
- 7.00pm**
- 10.00am** Ellen (Nellie) Dunne, Mac Hanlon
- 11.30am** Jo Carraher & Mick Tobin - both Months Mind, Maura Fadden - 1st Anniversary, Jack Meehan, Paul Keelaghan, Michael Lavin, Michael Hanlon & deceased members of Hanlon & Scully families



## **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023**

Now taking bookings for this years pilgrimage which will be 19th - 23rd August costing €879 per person sharing. This Pilgrimage is open to all—not just parishioners, family and friends from other parishes are also very welcome.

**Places are now limited and need to be booked as soon as possible!**

This is a wonderful pilgrimage to do - with a fantastic mix of both spiritual and social occasions.

The price includes flight + 20k luggage and a very comfortable hotel, close to all the organised events with three meals a day with various choices - something to suit everyone. There is plenty of assistance and wheelchairs which are readily available for anyone with mobility issues.

There are some very special processions - the Torchlight Procession every evening, the Blessed Sacrament Procession to the underground Basilica, Mass for the Sick, the International Mass, private Mass for the Pilgrim groups in various different churches, and of course, Mass at the Apparition Grotto and the Stations of the Cross done at the Low Stations which is very much accessible to all. The High Stations are also available to anyone who likes a challenge.

Along with the processions and Masses there is a visit to the City of Bartres - where Bernadette lived in her early years, followed by a trip to the stunning Lourdes Lake for refreshments. A visit to the City of the Poor is a must and a cable car trip up the mountains (Pic de Jur) or a trip to Gavargny - another mountain trip - (small charge on those trips) are also available and a great way to view Lourdes. All of these are optional.

There are plenty of gift shops - which are all easily accessible, beautiful coffee shops for during the day and plenty of bars to socialise and get to know the group in the evenings. This is a very casual pilgrimage whereby you can join in with the organised events or do your own thing with no pressure on anyone.

The organisers are so committed and helpful to everyone, and the friendliness and welcomeness within the group is second to none.

### **ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH RATHNEW**

As parishioners will be aware, there is an ongoing problem with dampness and ingress of rainwater in and around the windows of St Joseph's Church Rathnew, leading to damage to the window frames, particularly the large stained glass window behind the altar.

The area has been assessed by an engineer and will have to be treated by a specialist because of the delicate nature of the windows.

I am happy to say that progress has been made and plans are underway to get the necessary repair work done over the coming months.

## The Pope's Intention for April

### For a culture of peace and non violence

*We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.*



## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

**16th April 2023**

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - €2085  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €1390  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - goes towards diocesan administration - € 820

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

First Reading : Acts 2: 14,36-41

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22: 1-6

Second Reading : 1 Peter 2: 20-25

Gospel : John 10: 1-10

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 - 11TH MAY**  
**AT 8PM**  
**IN THE PARISH CENTRE**

### *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.*



## 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.

## Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group

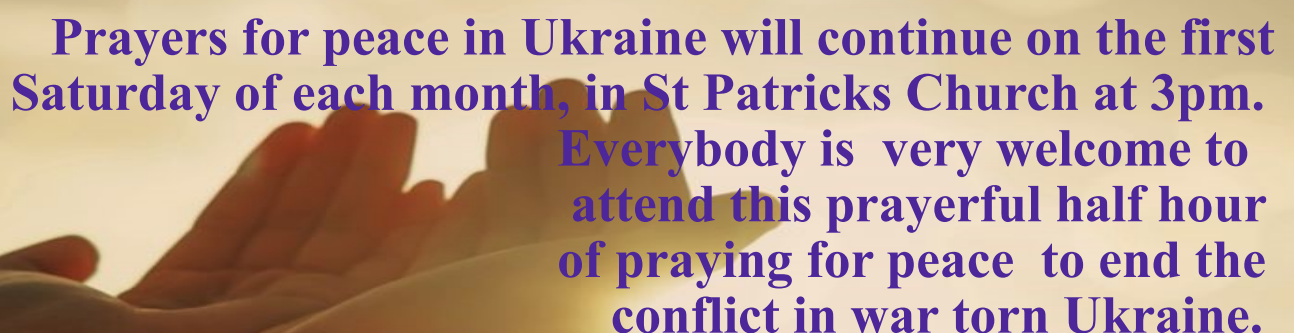
The death of a loved one is very devastating. Most of us are not prepared for the long journey of grief. At first we don't really believe it. Often by the time the reality hits us our friends and relatives think that we are or should be okay and they go back to their busy lives.

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary parish based ministry which aims to help the bereaved and grieving. Although grieving is a natural process which can be helped by the sympathy and understanding of friends there are times when one needs support to work through it in a positive way. Feelings need to be expressed rather than repressed. It helps the healing process to talk with a trained listener and confront the very strong feelings associated with grief.

Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group meet on the last Tuesday of the month in the De La Salle Centre at 8pm and if you are struggling with your grief and think you might like to talk with a trained listener, you are very welcome to attend this meeting.

## **Praying Together for Peace in Ukraine**

**Prayers for peace in Ukraine will continue on the first Saturday of each month, in St Patricks Church at 3pm. Everybody is very welcome to attend this prayerful half hour of praying for peace to end the conflict in war torn Ukraine.**



## DIARY DATES: APRIL

1st/2nd: Lourdes Collection

2nd: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Baptisms - Wicklow

6th: Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7th: Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

8th: Holy Saturday Vigil at 9pm

9th: Easter Sunday

16th: Baptisms - Wicklow /

Divine Mercy Sunday

22nd: Baptisms - Rathnew

29th: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Email Queries: [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie)

## PARISH CONTACTS

**Fr Donal Roche : 0404 67196**

**Fr Pat O Rourke: 0404 67133**

**Parish Office: 0404 61699**

**[parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com)**

**BBK Website: work  
in progress**

**Office opening times  
Monday - Friday:**

**10am – 12.30pm**

**For all enquires and bookings**

## 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

## 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. Please contact the office for all general parish enquiries / to book masses / baptisms / weddings / to drop in envelopes / buy mass cards etc. Contact number 61699.*

## TROCAIRE BOXES

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



# 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 Custom House & EPIC - The Immigration Museum - Wed 19th April

Spring Holiday to North Wales 15th -19th 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



**For information on the Wicklow Town Heritage Trail,  
visit [www.wicklowntown.ie](http://www.wicklowntown.ie)**

**JOIN OUR FREE GUIDED WALK EACH SATURDAY MORNING at 11am  
commencing from outside the Tourist Office in Fitzwilliam Square,  
Wicklow Town. Walk will take approximately 2 hours, spending some  
time at each key location.**

**These guided walks will take place each Saturday until Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>  
September 2023.**

Join us for this very informative and entertaining trail through Wicklow Towns past telling  
it's rich history from the landing of St. Patrick in 432 to the end of the Civil War in 1923.

**The Heritage Trail is an initiative of The Wicklow Town Team and Wicklow  
Municipal Council and was funded by Wicklow County Partnership.**

## **VOLUNTEER GUIDES REQUIRED**

**Would you have an interest in volunteering to join our team of guides, who work in pairs?**

**Can you commit to assist in leading 1 Tour per month on Saturday mornings, until the end of  
September? Full Training will be provided.**

**No previous experience required – but an interest in History & Heritage would be an ad-  
vantage.**

**To volunteer, contact Pascal on 087 2533742 or [pascalburke2015@gmail.com](mailto:pascalburke2015@gmail.com).**

# WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

## *Congratulations*

### JOHN RUDDY

20th April 2023: €50 raffle winner

Weekly winning numbers: 1, 6, 26, 29

*Please call into the office to collect your prize.*

### 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](http://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](mailto: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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### The Breath Prayer

Written by Sheridan Voysey

Lord God, fill me with your Holy Spirit

I receive your love & release my insecurity

I receive your joy & release my unhappiness

I receive your peace & release my anxiety

I receive your patience & release my impulsiveness

I receive your kindness & release my indifference

I receive your goodness & release my ungodliness

I receive your faithfulness & release my disloyalty

I receive your gentleness & release my severity

I receive your self-control & release my self-indulgence

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