

PARISH NEWSLETTER

23rd July 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166



Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew– Donal Neary

Small Beginnings

Everything starts small. The mustard seed was a tiny seed that grew into a flowering bush; it was not mustard as we know it, but only a bush to give beauty and shelter. It can remind us of the beauty of creation, and of the caring shelter we can give to others. It is also a reminder that each of us began as a seed in the mother's body, and grew with the plan of God. The love of God grows like that - it begins small with birth and with baptism, and then grows wide so that we share our love of God. It is the same with marriage - love begins and then grows so that children and grandchildren and others may shelter in love. Love grows when love is given, in our immediate circle, and in our care for the wider world. Good friendship and love spreads out to many.

We want the kingdom of God on earth and God is saying that it grows slowly. It grows as we try to grow love, peace, justice and compassion. The shelter of the mustard bush is the mercy of God, encouraging our parish to be 'an oasis of mercy' (Pope Francis). It is not easy, as love and care for the really needy often meets with opposition. The kingdom of God grows with the help of God, and without this help, our efforts are in vain.

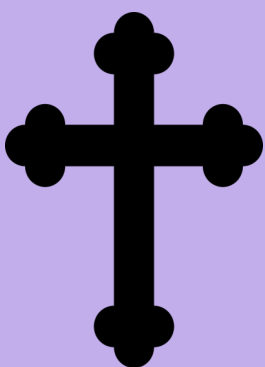
Recall something in your life that began small and has now grown; give thanks

Lord, may your kingdom come among us.



Sincere sympathy to the family of

*Mary McCarthy late of Seapoint
John Ferguson late of Greenhill Road*



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 22nd & 23rd July

6.00pm Terry Fox & deceased members of the Fox & Keddy families
Michael Lambert Jnr, Marie Dempsey,
Marie Johnston—funeral was in Birmingham on Friday

9.00am *Special Intention*

10.30am Tom Long, Joan Delahunt (A)

12.00noon Seb Maguire - Months Mind Mass,
Maureen Marah, Joan Fox

24th - 28th July

Monday Alice Sullivan RD

7.00pm *Special Intention*

Tuesday **NO MASS**

7.00pm Robert Doyle - Months Mind Mass, Tom Crean

Wednesday Maura McCoy (In Rem)

Thursday Phillip Carr (In Rem)

Friday Joe O'Regan (In Rem)

Next Weekend ~ 29th & 30th July

6.00pm Nicholas Byrne (A)

9.00am Margaret & Andrew Doyle, Ellie Corrigan nee Doyle

10.30am

12.00noon Pat Madden (A)

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 - 10TH AUGUST
AT 8PM
IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Welcome.....

A very warm welcome to Fr Aquinas Duffy and Fr Gerard Deegan who will be beginning their new chapters in our parish this week. We wish them both a very long, happy and fulfilled ministry with us all, and look forward to getting to know them and working with them in the future.

“A day of immersing ourselves and learning ways to celebrate the Season of Creation”

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home, the Oikos of God. The Season “Celebration” begins 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on the 4th October. This year we will unite around the theme, “*Let Justice and Peace Flow.*”

This day long programme will include input, ritual and practical resources. It will be facilitated by Sr Colette Kane OP (An Tairseach) and Sr Anne Curtis RSM (Mercy by the Sea, USA). A light lunch will be provided and teas and coffee.

BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES 2023

Many thanks to all those who set up and organised for the Blessings of the Graves on Wednesday night. To our organist Ann & singer Liam, Aidan & Joe, our ministers of the Word and Eucharist which all added so much to the ceremony. Thank you one and all.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

16th July 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 1450
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1065
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - go towards Diocesan Administration € 780

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 : I Kings 3: 5, 7-12

Responsorial Psalm 118

Second Reading : Romans 8: 28-30

Gospel : Matthew 13: 44-52

The Pope's Intention for July

For a Eucharistic life.

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



There have been some additions made to the parish website gallery section. The recent photos from the Wedding Anniversary Mass courtesy of Eileen Earls and the Priests Farewell afternoon courtesy of Tim Thornton photos - many thanks to both Eileen & Tim for the photos. Go into the website, click on the Galleries tab and choose the photos you want to view.

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.

PLEASE

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



Friends of Calcutta

Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta (CHY No. 13218) on Tuesday July 25th. All items of wearable clothing, footwear, curtains etc most welcome. Collection that day up to 4pm outside Rathdrum Church and 5pm outside Wicklow Church. All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087-9073074 who will be delighted to arrange a home collection if requested.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH RATHNEW

As parishioners will be aware, there was 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 has now been treated by a specialist because of the delicate nature of the windows.

We are happy to say that great progress has been and the windows are almost complete now. We have been advised not to put flower vases or pots on the sills for the moment - they need to dry and harden completely.

We will be happy to add flowers/plants to the windows at a later stage once all the proper requirements are in place. Can we please ask parishioners to go along with this request for the foreseeable?

RATHNEW WOMENS SHED
Presents
Rathnew Summer craft fair
ST BRIGID'S HALL
A67X583
SUNDAY 23RD JULY
12-4PM
FREE ENTRY FOR EVERYONE
15+ CRAFT STALLS
on the day
JEWELLERY
QUILTS & KNITTED
GOODS
TOYS, GIFTS
BOOKS
BAKED GOODS & MORE

PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH & MINISTRY PROGRAMME

Pathways is a two year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, on Thursday evenings in DCU, St Patrick's campus, Upper Drumcondra Rd, Dublin 9, September to May 7pm—9pm. Application is now open and early application is advised. Contact Pathways Director: Eileen Houlahan at 01 808 7594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie

Meals on Wheels Wicklow



The Committee of the Meals on Wheels would like to thank everyone for their very generous response to the church gate collection at the weekend which realised the large sum of €2352.94.

Rest assured that this money will be put to very good use supporting those who are housebound and infirm.

WICKLOW COPD GROUP

COPD Exercise class to help improve your breathing every Monday in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre.

Fully qualified Instructors

Further information from Denis Teevan on 086 8174 703



Our Wicklow Heritage Open Night

**Public information Meeting
Wicklow Library, Wicklow Town
Tues 25th July 7 pm to 8 pm**

The Irish Community Archive Network (ICAN) is seeking new groups to join the community heritage network in County Wicklow

All are invited to this information event to find out more about the Irish Community Archive Network and how you can get involved.

**Refreshments
will be
provided**

Community archives can be photos, articles, audio recordings and personal accounts and memories. If you are part of a group that is actively involved in collecting this material then you may be interested in joining the Wicklow online community heritage network to provide a digital home for your work, learn some new skills and share your knowledge with other groups all over Ireland.

**For further information and booking
email Wicklowllocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie or Ph: 08702683724**

Our Wicklow Heritage is co-ordinated by the Heritage, Archives, and Local Studies offices of Wicklow County Council visit www.wicklowheritage.org



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.

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

GROW

mental
wellbeing
programs

GROW run peer support groups in Wicklow on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 to 4.30 in De La Salle Parish Centre.

They are self referral and no charge for anyone struggling with depression, anxiety, low mood or just the stresses of life. They offer a tried and tested method of self help and personal growth.

Experience new hope and meaning through working on issues together in a peer support setting

MEETINGS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

Ring Trish for further info on 086 0129 082
And see Grow.ie to listen to stories of Hope and Recovery.

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

NO CHOIR TILL SEPTEMBER

Wednesdays - Walking - meet at 11.00am on the Murrough

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

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations

PHILIP BONUS

who has won this weeks

JACKPOT OF €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!

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

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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*Don't ask God to
guide your footsteps
if your not willing to
move your feet*

@charlaforgiven