



PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th April 2022
Wicklow & Rathnew
Second 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.

Gospel reflections

Only faith

Jesus spoke in short sentences and summed up a lot of life in a few words. His final beatitude is in the gospel today - **'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe'** You can unpack that little phrase and in it you realise that faith is about things that cannot be proved, that it is not easy and that it brings a blessedness to life. It also includes ourselves - the ones of this year who still believe.

Something is only by faith when everything else fades off. Our loved ones die and only faith assures us that they are alive with God. Only faith assures us that Jesus is present in the mystery of the bread and wine at our Mass. Only faith assures us that he is with us when two or three gather and only faith assures us that what we do for others we do for him. Faith assures us of some of the best things of life; finally that we come from God and go to God.

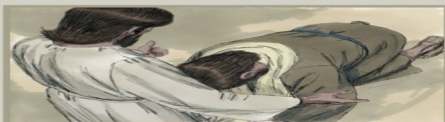
Thomas found difficulty with all this. Jesus dealt gently with him, pointing out the wounds of his body and inviting him to touch them. But Thomas never needed to touch the holes in Jesus' hands and feet. He was told that an even better happiness was to believe without touch or sight. He found faith now in the risen Lord, and the faith itself was Jesus' final gift to Thomas.

We need to take time and let faith grow within us. This can be in prayer, in faith-conversation and in allowing ourselves sit quietly and be in the presence of God. In the busy world, this may be difficult, but no day is diminished by time spent in silence and in quiet, knowing we are richly blessed when we grow our faith in God.

*Lord, I believe in your presence with me and within me.
Strengthen my belief.*



Thomas answered and said to Him
my **Lord** and my **God**



John 20:28



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 23rd & 24th April

- 6.00pm** Henry & Essie Shannon, Ginny O Reilly, Chelsea Kennedy
Maria Coughlan, Johnny & Paul Murphy, Una Lockhart
- 7.00pm** Ned Jameson
- 9.00am** Jim Servior
- 10.00am** Grainne & Pat Bolger
- 11.30am** Margaret & Tommy Hogan, Kit & Ron Hagan

25th ~ 29th April

- Monday** Valerie Carroll RD
- 7.00pm** Steven Kavanagh RD
- Tuesday** Peter Moloney RD
- 7.00pm** Grainne Kenny RD
- Wednesday** Junius Horne RD
- Thursday** Ita Kinsella RD, Mary Healy BR
- Friday** Michael Reilly RD

Next Weekend ~ 30th April & 1st May

- 6.00pm** Eamonn Conalty - Months Mind, Pauline & Jim Murphy
Bill Bury, Dan Breen
- 7.00pm**
- 9.00am**
- 10.00am** Ellen Dunne, Mac Hanson
- 11.30am** Theresa Whyte - 1st Anniversary, Jack Meehan,
Michael Lavin

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

St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



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CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Telephone number 087 123 8054

WICKLOW & RATHNEW



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.

DIARY DATES: APRIL

3rd : Baptisms - Wicklow

9th/10th: St Vincent De Paul Quarterly Collection

10th: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

13th: Spy Wednesday Chrism Mass – 7pm, Pro Cathedral

14th: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

15th: Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion

16th: Holy Saturday

17th: Easter Sunday / Baptisms - Wicklow

23rd: Baptisms - Rathnew

23rd: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Email Queries: knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

24th: Divine Mercy Sunday

28th: Zoom Baptism Meeting - 8pm

**Masses will resume in St Joseph's
Rathnew on Monday & Tuesday
evenings at 7pm.**

LOURDES COLLECTION - there will be a
special collection for the Parish Lourdes
Group next weekend - 30th April/1st May -
Your support of this collection would be very
much appreciated.

The Pope's Intention for April For Health Care Workers

*We pray for health care workers
who serve the sick and the elderly,
especially in the poorest countries;
may they be adequately supported
by governments and local
communities.*



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 1ST MAY 2022

First Reading :Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

Responsorial Psalm 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

Second Reading : Apocalypse 5: 11-14

Gospel: John 21: 1-14

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

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| 1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND | - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese | - € |
| 2ND COLLECTION / SHARE | - goes towards diocesan administration | - € |
| ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION | - goes towards maintaining our parish | - € |
| FUNDRAISING APPEAL ENVELOPES | - goes towards parish structural works | - € |

Many thanks for your continued support.

**COUNT WILL
BE DONE
NEXT WEEK
FOR EASTER
WEEK &
THIS WEEK**

*Holy Week 2022, in our Parish
from Palm Sunday 10th until Easter Sunday 17th April.*



Thank you - to everybody who has helped out with all the Easter ceremonies. To all those who prepared, cleaned and decorated the Church, arranged the liturgies, sang at the ceremonies, provided a ministry, organised and planned in order for everything to run smoothly, we thank you. To all who participated in and to all who attended the ceremonies we thank you all too.





Archdiocese of Dublin

Pilgrimage to Knock

11:00am - Meet & Greet

12noon - Workshops

- Synod,
- Laudato Si
- Prayerful Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

3pm - The Pilgrimage Mass celebrated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell

For more information, please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

Saturday April 23rd

'Sunday Mass: an essential expression of faith'

“We pray in the Mass that it is ‘indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation’ to give thanks to the Lord, and the Sunday Eucharist is our greatest act of thanksgiving. During the Season of Lent, we encourage everyone to return to Sunday and weekday Mass in our churches, welcoming each other back as we gather once more together

From Easter Sunday, 17 April, this will once again be deemed an essential expression of faith for all in our Church in Ireland. As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass, and should keep themselves safe and pray at home until they feel better again.

from the Spring statement of the Irish Bishops' Conference

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 - 28TH APRIL AT 8PM

This meeting is via zoom.

Please contact the parish office to give your email address.



Active Retirement - Activities and Trips

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

CHANGE OF PLAN FOR THIS WEEK

We are going to have a small Coffee Morning.

TUESDAY 26TH APRIL, while our friends are away on their SPRING HOLIDAY in Kilkenny.

No other activities this week.

Normal coffee mornings and activities resume on Tuesday 3rd May.

More activities are starting up in September, so watch this space for updates.

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 Mile Fáilte.*

PARISH PILGRIMAGES 2022

MEDJUGORJE - 4th May 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

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

A nationwide Grotto Rosary is due to place



every night for the month of May starting
at 8pm at the Grotto in Rathnew -
everyone is very welcome to join us.

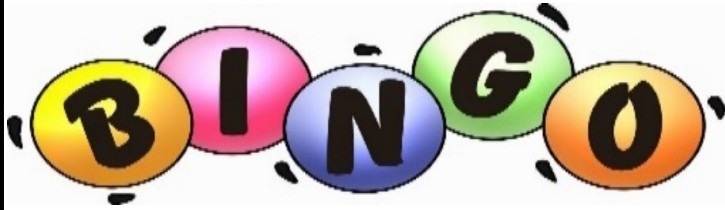
**Deadline for receipt of
items for newsletter is
Wednesday at 3pm.**



The Darkness into Light walks are back. Wicklow Town Darkness into Light Walk in aid of Pieta House will be held on 7th May 2022. Registration is open on line now. For those who don't have access to computers to register for the event the Wicklow Town DIL Committee will hold a Community Engagement Day on Saturday 23rd April 2022, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow Town, 11.00 am - 4 pm. If you would like a hand to register come along and the Committee will help you out. For any further enquires call 087 6557199.

In conjunction with Darkness into Light, there will be a special Mass in St Patricks Church to pray for those who have died or been bereaved by suicide at 7.30pm on Friday 6th May. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

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
Jennifer Gormley

€50 winner

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

16, 18, 21, 28

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€2,400

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*

EASTER DUES

Easter Dues envelopes are now available. This collection is a vital source of support to the priests of the diocese. All donations go into the Common Fund which pays the salaries of all the priests, including those sick and retired.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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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7 Steps to Happiness:

Think Less, Feel More

Frown Less, Smile More

Talk Less, Listen more

Judge Less, Accept More

Watch Less, Do More

Complain Less, Appreciate More

Fear Less, Love More