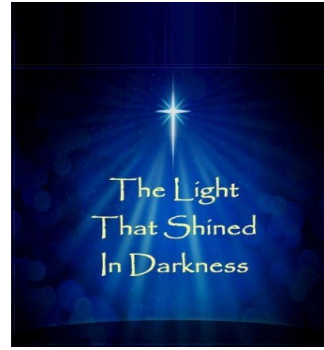




PARISH NEWSLETTER

**24th OCTOBER 2021
Wicklow & Rathnew
MISSION SUNDAY**

RCN 20016166



Welcome

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

Gospel Reflections *All That He Needed* **Donal Neary SJ**

When we feel compassionate, we are reaching out to others. Someone's tears get us crying, or joy gets us laughing. Compassion reaches into the needs of another, and simply wants to be there and to help.

Our gospel is a response to an illness – of a blind man who shouted at Jesus to hear him. No whispered or shy prayer here! His faith made him shout to Jesus, and to believe that he could be better. He threw away all he had – a cloak – and knew he had found all he needed - the faith that made him strong. This faith gave him energy as he jumped at the sound of Jesus' name.

His sight returned later; the first gift was faith. Our faith helps us see the world as God sees it. We see creation as the beauty of God and care for it, and men and women as images of God and we care for them. We see beyond labels and categories to everyone as a child of God, and our brother and sister. This is the 'eye of faith'.

The way of Jesus is the way of light, and of healing, so that nothing inside ourselves can block us from receiving the light of God, the light of his love.

Imagine the dawn gradually bringing light to the darkness.

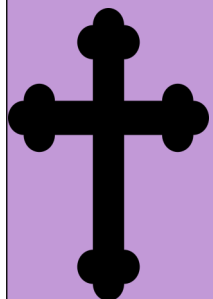
Does this remind you of what light of God you might pray for?

Lighten our burdens lord, and enlighten our darkness and may we walk in your ways.



Sincere sympathy to the family of ...

Agnieszka Lepek late of Ocean View



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 23rd & 24th October

- 6.00pm** *Therese Keogh - Months Mind, Sean, Rita, Thomas & Elizabeth Bouchier, John, Catherine & Mary Earls, Nina Mooney*
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- 9.00am** *Kevin McDonald*
- 10.00am** *Sarah (Babby) Manifold, Jose Murphy*
- 11.30am** *Pat Henry - Months Mind, Michael White (BR), Matthew Forkin & deceased members of the Forkin family*

25th ~ 29th October

- Monday** - *Kathleen Fitzpatrick*
- 7.00pm** *Bank Holiday - No Mass*
- Tuesday** - *Eileen & William Ellis - Mass Bouquet*
- 7.00pm** *Marjorie Franey*
- Wednesday** - *Bernice Gilmore RD*
- Thursday** - *Maureen Willoughby RD*
- Friday** - *Ann Mitchell*

Next Weekend ~ 30th & 31st October

- 6.00pm** *Joan Delahunt, Suzanne Copeland, Marion Roche, Jim & Molly McCall, Jack & Molly O'Reilly, John Mitchell, Maggie Dunne (A) & remembering her husband Patrick & daughters Mary, Helen & Veronica*
- 7.00pm** *Bid Hollingsworth*
- 9.00am**
- 10.00am** *Ann Mernagh - 1st Anniversary, Peter, Julia & Tommy Fitzsimmons, deceased members of the Fitzsimmons & Lynch families*
- 11.30am** *Angela Whelan*

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES



The parish offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children attending non Catholic Schools.

Parents who wish to present their child for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation are invited to enrol them for a two year programme of preparation. Final date for enrolment is Tuesday 2nd November.

PARISH CONTACTS

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Fr Pat O'Rourke: 0404 67133

Wicklow Sacristy: 0404 69031

Parish Office: 0404 61699

Email: parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

Website: www.wicklowparish

Office opening times -

Monday - Friday : 10am - 12.30pm

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 17/10/2021

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 900
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 500
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 2405



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 31ST OCTOBER 2021

First Reading : Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

Responsorial Psalm: 17:2-4, 47, 51.

Second Reading : Hebrews 7: 23-28

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

To reflect on the readings please check catholicireland.net / sacredspace.ie / universalis.com

Upcoming Parish Events

5th November at 7.00pm

Bereavement Mass Rathnew

10th November at 7.30pm

Bereavement Mass Wicklow

18th November at 7.30pm

Mass of the Angels

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

is suspended at the moment due to the ongoing works in the church

HOLY HOUR

*will resume on Wednesday nights from
7.30pm - 8.30pm*

LECTIO DIVINA

6th Century term meaning 'Sacred Reading'

*Learning to live and love the
Sunday Gospel,
on Wednesday mornings,
from 10.45am till 11.45am
in the
Dominican Ecology Centre.*



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.

PARISH OFFICE

Is open Monday to Friday from 10am till
12.30pm for general enquires, mass bookings,
to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Telephone number 087 123 8054

WICKLOW & RATHNEW

St Patrick's Conference



Wicklow

01 855 0022

Random Acts of Kindness Day

www.littleacts-of-kindness-premium.com

LITTLE ACTS OF KINDNESS - MAD SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2021

Make a Difference (MAD) Sunday.

This beautifully simple initiative hopes to encourage ALL people make a conscious effort to do one simple thing to help another & share it to help, inspire, give hope & encourage others! It's a day on which we are encouraging everyone to look out for others, to reach out to others and make a small difference in their home, community, school, parish, etc. To consciously do at least one simple act of kindness and then share it on social media all using the hashtag **#MADSUNDAY**

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

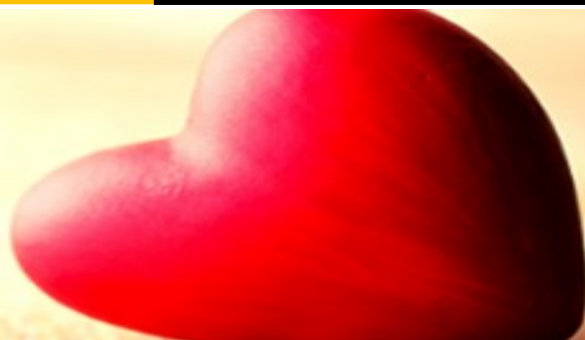
We are looking to recruit new Ministers of the Word for all Masses in the Parish. There would be a little training for this Ministry. If you think you may be interested, please leave your name and number with the Parish Office or either of our priests.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST ENVELOPES

Are now available at the Church doors, please take one home with you and fill out the sheet with your deceased family and friends, they will be remembered at the Mass on the First Fridays of every month for the next year.

Let there be kindness in your face,
in your eyes, in your smile, in the
warmth of your greeting... Don't
only give your care, but give your
heart as well.

Mother Teresa



2021
**WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY**

Help missionaries share
God's love with those in
greatest need today.



World Mission Sunday

Is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries

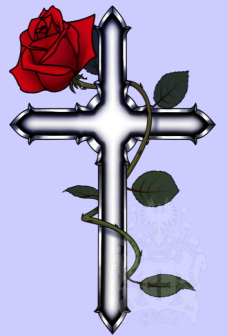
It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, meaning this year it will be celebrated on Sunday 24 October.

This year's theme '*We Cannot Remain Silent – We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard (Acts 4:20)*' is twofold. It is a message of hope – Jesus Christ is risen and we cannot keep his love, compassion, and mercy to ourselves.

It also challenges us to stand up and speak out on behalf of those who are weaker. All too often, the voices that need to be heard are not the loudest. For them, we cannot remain silent.

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED

The annual Mass for all those who have died during the year will take place on



Friday 5th November in St Joseph's, Rathnew at 7.00pm

and Wednesday 10th November in St Patricks, Wicklow at 7.30pm.

Relatives of all those who were buried from St Patrick's and St Joseph's Church will receive a letter inviting them to this very special Mass.

Other people will have also experienced the loss of close family during the year; if you wish for them to be included at the Mass please leave the name/names into the Sacristy, Parish Office before Monday 1st November. Everyone is very welcome to attend and remember their deceased family and friends. A candle will be lit for their intentions.

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone in and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not in their experience.

For more information about the groups

<https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

DIOCESAN GUIDELINES ON RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES & RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Further clarification has been received from Government regarding the announcement on Tuesday that from Friday October 22nd,

“ religious services and weddings can proceed without capacity limits but with all other protective measures remaining in place”.

The update from Government provides the following commentary:

This is a very positive measure, however it is imperative that all other Covid-19 protective measures remain in place in order to protect all members of our communities/congregations.

Premises should be well ventilated, hand sanitiser should be provided, Places of Worship should continue to use separate entry and exit routes, and face masks should be worn. Congregations should be encouraged to spread out as much as possible when attending Places of Worship and those experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms should be discouraged from attending.

As the capacity of Places of Worship and numbers attending varies greatly, the onus will be on each Place of Worship and community to consider what they are comfortable with and what best suits their congregation. This will be particularly relevant for funerals/special ceremonies, with large congregations in attendance. Attendees on these occasions should not be permitted to stand in the aisles or doorways and hand-shaking and the use of condolence books/sharing of Booklets etc should continue to be avoided.

Choirs or soloists performing in Places of Worship should be limited in line with the size/capacity of the venue, and should adhere to 2 metre social distance from other singers, the choir master, the congregation and any other individuals in the setting (as they will not be wearing face masks during performances).

THE SALE OF THE YEAR IS BACK!

UNWANTED GIFT SALE, COFFEE MORNING

ART & PHOTO EXHIBITION & SALE

Put the date in your diary!

SUNDAY 7th NOVEMBER, 2021. From 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Maureen & her team are starting to accept unwanted gifts on Thursdays starting on 9th September from 10.30 to 12 at The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town or by appointment on any Wed, Thurs, Friday

This year we are also hoping to add an

ART & PHOTO EXHIBITION & SALE

to this event - so if there are any Artists or photographers who would like to donate a painting or photograph, we would be very grateful. The sale

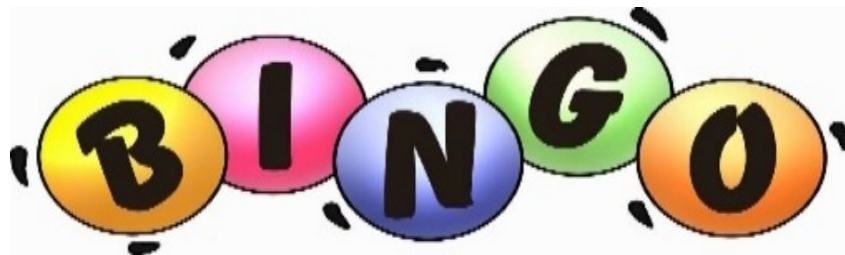
of your donation and proceeds will go to Wicklow Cancer Support & Wicklow Parish.

(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT SECOND HAND OR USED ITEMS, NO BOOKS OR CLOTHES)



NEPTUNE BRIDGE CLUB has reopened in the Wicklow Pastoral Centre for fully vaccinated members. Play commences at 7.30 and will be in accordance with Covid Guidelines, i.e. proof of vaccination (first night only) and mask wearing at the table throughout the game.

If your own bridge club is not ready to reopen you will be welcomed in the Neptune Club provided you are fully vaccinated. I am sure we are all looking forward to face-to-face bridge again.



We are delighted to announce that the Wicklow Parish Bingo is back on Monday evenings at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and everyone is very welcome.

Deadline for receipt of items for newsletter is

Tuesday at 3pm.

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



WEEKLY LOTTO RESULTS CONGRATULATIONS

Catherine Cummiskey

WEEKLY €50 RAFFLE WINNER
THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

1, 4, 8, 16

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€2,250

*Remember...if you aren't in
you can't win!*

*Join by texting the word
WICKLOW to 51444
or go to the website below:*

www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow

WARA ~ WICKLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

*meetings have resumed on Tuesday
mornings at 10.45am in the Parish
centre - all are welcome*

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.....



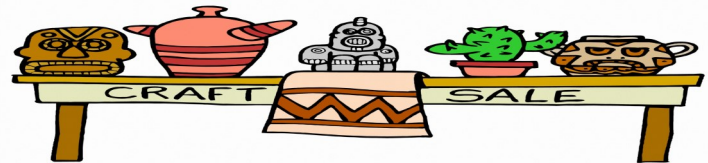
YOU'RE NOT ALONE

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

Rathdrum Parish Craft Fair



A craft fair will take place in the R.D.A. Hall on
Sunday, 14th November 2021 commencing at 12
noon. If you would like to reserve a table in
order to sell your crafts, the cost is €50.00 per
table. For further enquiries, contact Fr. Derek
or Anne in the Parish office.

Office hours are 9.30am -12.30pm, Monday to
Friday. The office can be contacted on 0404
46517 or via email rpo2014frd@gmail.com to
book your table.

All proceeds will go towards the Parish Finance

Bright Drops

Life is like
photography.
You use the
negatives to
develop.

Ziad K. Abdelnour

