

PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th February 2023

First Sunday of Lent, Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166



Gospel reflection Donal Neary Co-creators

Jesus is tempted to use creation just for himself.

This can happen with money, other people, the environment and religion. We are called to look after God's creation, not control it.

To be co-workers with God is our call - to focus on people as well as plans, to feel the needs here and abroad.

One view of God is that he looks after the world for good or bad, and we are just the receivers. The other is that we are co-workers in developing the world and God's creation. Jesus was tempted to throw himself away from the world as he knew it, but he did not. He would live by the word of God, and God would care for him as for the parents in the first reading.

'A Christian who doesn't safeguard creation, who doesn't make it flourish, is a Christian who isn't concerned with God's work, that work born of God's love for us' (Pope Francis, 2015).

The temptation to **J**esus was to take him off the path of his father. Like him, we are often tempted to use the creation of God just for our benefit. Our call is to be co-creators of the world with God.

Imagine a garden where everything is beautiful. It is the 'creation' of a gardener.

Then imagine that someone has ruined one corner of it - notice the difference.

Apply this to how we treat God's creation.

May we care for your creation, O Lord, with the love you have for creation and for us.

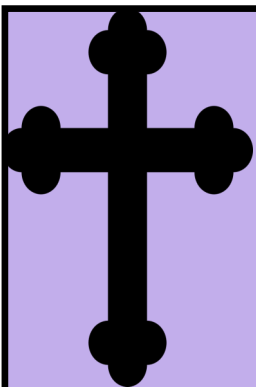


Sincere sympathy to the families of ...

Jim Hollingsworth late of the Rock, Rathnew

Anne Ronan (nee Doyle) late of Seaview Heights

Rathnew



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 26th & 27th February

- 6.00pm** Leonard Kelly - 1st Anniversary, George Duffy,
George Byrne, Joey Doyle, Nancy Ryan, Annie Corkish
- 7.00pm** Mark Clare - 1st Anniversary
- 10.00am** Líl Kenny, Paddy Byrne, Teresa Copeland
- 11.30am** Patricia Sullivan - Months Mind, Pat O'Rourke,
Gerry Nolan, Jim & Kathleen Conway, Eily Griffin
Jimmy Duffy, James Merrigan.

28th February - 3rd March

- Monday** 8am Mary Geraghty RD
10am John-Joe Leech RD
- Tuesday** 10am Nora Gallagher RD
7pm Maurice O'Sullivan RD
- Wednesday** 10am Special Intention
- Thursday** 10am David McGrath RD
7pm Noreen Hofmann RD
- Friday** 8am Altar List of the Dead
10am Altar List of the Dead
7pm Altar List of the Dead

Next Weekend ~ 4th & 5th March

- 6.00pm** Maura O'Brien - 1st Anniversary, Kitty Redmond,
John Wilson, Adele Doran
- 7.00pm**
- 10.00am** Ann Jordan
- 11.30am** Teresa Aherne & Joe Earls - both 1st Anniversaries
Teresa Grace, James Cox

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 - 9TH MARCH AT 8PM
IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Please contact the parish office for more information

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

19th February 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 1725
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1205
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan administration - € 877

Many thanks for your continued support.



NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS - 5TH MARCH 2023

First Reading : Genesis 12, 1-4

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32: 4-5,18, 20-22

Second Reading : 2 Timothy 1: 8-10

Gospel : Matthew 17: 1-9

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

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Donal Roche : 0404 67196

Fr Pat O Rourke: 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

**BBK Website: work
in progress**

**Office opening times
Monday - Friday:**

10am – 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings

MASS TIMES FOR LENT

**DAILY 10 AM MASS IN WICKLOW
MONDAY & FRIDAYS 8AM MASS IN
WICKLOW**

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 7PM MASS IN
RATHNEW**

**WEDNESDAYS 10AM MASS IN
BARNDARRIG**

TAP & GO MACHINES

During the month of January 2023 the Tap and Go machines in Wicklow Parish collected €1,332.00 from 143 transactions. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share.

Many thanks to all of you who use the Tap & Go service

The Pope's Intention for February

For parishes - We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



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.

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 for all general
parish enquiries, to book
masses / baptisms / weddings,
to drop in envelopes, buy
mass cards etc .*

Contact number 61699.

Three week Wellbeing course

**'Transform your 'negative'
feelings into character
strengths'**

**Wednesdays 8th, 15th &
22nd at 11am-12.15pm**

at Healthy Habits Studio,
Quarantine Hill.

€30 or €12 or single session.
FREE for unemployed.

Faciliator - Michaela Avlund,
wellbeing author and speaker.
Phone 0404 68645 email
avlund.dk@gmail.com

**Any notices for the newsletter
need to be with the Parish
Office by 12 noon on
Wednesdays.**

WICKLOW/RATHNEW LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

19TH AUGUST - 5 NIGHTS

€879 – PER PERSON SHARING

More information from Nancy 086 1099 112,
Catherine 68389, Carol 086 0601 956 or the
Parish Office 61699



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.*

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES 3rd MARCH 2023

WICKLOW & 8AM & 10AM
BARNDARRIG AT 10.00AM
RATHNEW AT 7PM

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Peter & Anne who organised the Prayers for Ukraine over the past few weeks. It was a lovely prayerful half hour of praying for peace. Many thanks to all who participated and to both our local and Ukrainian community for attending and participating each week. We will continue to remember and pray for Ukraine and her people.

What is Lent?

Lent is a time to take a good, long look in the mirror and come to terms with what's working about our lives and what's not. It's time for a change of heart.

We're in good company. For hundreds of years, our faith community has been using the 40 days before Easter to take that long look in the mirror together. In fact, we've gotten pretty good at it. Our Lenten practices are a proven method to renovate our interior lives.

Most of us know three things about what happens in [Lent](#): it begins with [Ash Wednesday](#), some [fast from meat on Fridays](#), and we think about [giving something up](#). Those are solid fundamentals, but it goes a little deeper.

Three disciplines, in particular, have proven to be effective in helping us renew our relationships: Fasting sharpens our will and helps us evaluate things we might be attached to in an unhealthy way; almsgiving, or service and charity, opens our eyes to those in need; and prayer deepens our relationship with God.

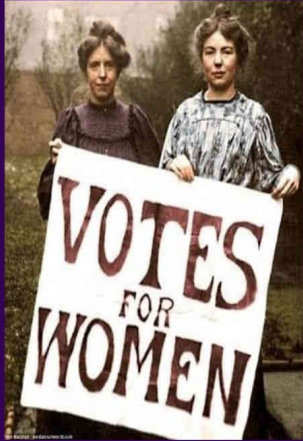
We all need conversion — we all need to come to terms with the ways that we can sometimes diminish our relationships.

Lent is a time to reach for something more - together - and to discover that God is reaching back.

Preaching the suffrage
gospel in County
Wicklow
with **Rosemary Raughter**

Celebrating
Women in
Wicklow

A local perspective on the
women's suffrage campaign
1908-1918



Wicklow Library
Thursday 9th March
@ 7pm
Booking Essential

To book call 040467025

or email

wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie



Celebrating International Women's Week at Wicklow Library with historian Rosemary Raughter Thursday 9th March

As part of their International Women's Week celebrations, Wicklow Library are delighted to welcome Historian Rosemary Raughter to present her talk on 'Preaching The Suffrage Gospel In County Wicklow: A Local Perspective On The Women's Suffrage Campaign, 1908-1918'. This talk will examine the most eventful phase of the women's suffrage movement in Ireland as it related to Co Wicklow. These years saw visits from leading campaigners like Hanna Sheehy Skeffington, Margaret Cousins, Louie Bennett and Charlotte Despard, to centres such as Bray, Greystones, Wicklow, Arklow, Baltinglass, Dunlavin and Kilcoole. The talk will conclude with a look at the 1918 general election as it involved and affected women in Wicklow.

This talk will take place at Wicklow Library, in the Exhibition Space on the third floor. To book your place contact Wicklow Library on 040467025 or email Wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie

WICKLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next talk by
Wicklow Historical Society
will be on Monday, February 27th.
Vincent O'Reilly will speak on
Sir John Gray.

The man who brought Vartry water to the
city of Dublin and who spent time in Gaol
with the great Daniel O'Connell
in the Repeal Association.

Study looking for adults (70 +
years) to take part in our Protein
and Online Exercise classes for
12 weeks by PhD student
Catherine Fallon from the
University College Dublin.
All appointments and classes will
be done from your own home.
For more information, please
contact 0867240910

or

Catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie

Archdiocese of Dublin

TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION

Archbishop Farrell has given approval for a diocesan collection
to be taken up in support of the people affected by the
devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. It will take place
on the weekend of the First Sunday of Lent, February 25/26



The funds raised will be channelled through Trócaire, who are working
with partners in the affected areas. This will replace the SHARE collection

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

Annual General Meeting 28th February

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 Pam on 087 227 6760

You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte

10AM WEEKLY FAMILY MASS



Best of luck to Katie & Naomi who are the new Family Mass leaders and are starting the Family Mass this week at 10am. We are delighted to be starting this Mass again; and are really hoping that families will volunteer and participate in this Mass. We are looking for families to read, bring up the gifts and of course, to join in the singing and maybe even join the choir.

You would be most welcome.

Anyone who is interested is very welcome to come along and give it a try.

Contact Katie on 086 409 4013

DIARY DATE : - ST PATRICK'S DAY - 11AM



RTE have approached the parish about allowing them to broadcast Mass live from St Patrick's Church on St Patrick's Day at 11am. This is the first time that they will have been here in the church to broadcast live.

There is a huge amount of background work/ planning & preparation going on at the moment for this Mass with the RTE recording team, our adult choir and priests.

Please note: the change of time which is to do with the RTE scheduling.

This is not the same as the recorded Masses that have been done in the parish for the RTE News channel.

Lent.

A SEASON OF RENEWAL



WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS

TREASA EARLS

24th Feb 2023: €50 winner : 7, 11, 15, 26
Please collect your winnings from the Parish Office.

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

DIARY DATES: February

- 1st: St Brigid's Day
- 2nd: Candlemass Day
- 3rd: St Blaise - Blessing of the Throats
Parish Coffee Morning
- 5th: Baptisms - Wicklow
- 9th: Baptism meeting
- 11th: World Day of the Sick
- 12th: Accord Dublin
(Catholic Marriage Care Service)
- 14th: St Valentine's Day
- 22nd: Ash Wednesday
- 25th: Baptisms in Rathnew

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.....

TROCAIRE BOXES

Are now available in the Churches and Parish Office, please feel free to take one home with you.
They can be returned to the Parish Office or Sacristies after Lent.

