

PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th March 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166



Gospel reflection Donal Neary A Human Heart

When people read this they say they see that Jesus is a real human being, son of God, God of heaven, man of the earth, weeping over a friend.

His was a human heart. He liked friends and he found a home and a safe place with them, over the hill and away from the mob. We might picture him there - the talk, the chat, the prayers, the love; meals with other friends who dropped in, times of prayer and silence.

The one who can share a laugh, eat a scone, have a drink or a cuppa. The one who'd give a wink at the sign of peace! Not always so serious, even about religion. There's no such thing as a sad saint!

He is a good friend. Friendship gives new spirit.

When life is ending we will give thanks for friends, and regret the way we have drifted or hurt each other. Real friendship is when another's thoughts and life become at least as or more im-portant than our own.

So the resurrection and the life is not just for after death. It is for now. We raise each other up in friendship and in love. In that is the grace of the Lord, himself a friend, for when we love, God lives in us.

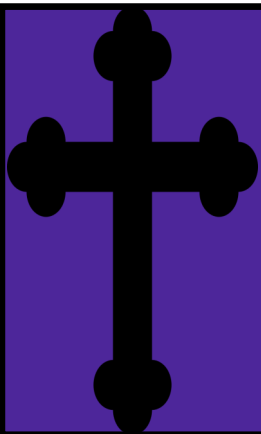
Picture your friends and those you love and give thanks to God for each of them.

Lord, help me to keep love and friendship alive in my life.



Sincere sympathy to the families of

Jim Brown late of Glebemount



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 25th & 26th March

6.00pm Eamon Conalty -1st Anniversary, Deirdre O'Reilly -BR
Rose & Aidan O'Rourke, Sid, Sis & Ann Dunne, Dorothy Sweeney
Thomasina Brennan, Brendan, Katie & Thomas Jacob, Baby
Florence Jameson, Jimmie Kenny (A)

7.00pm

10.00am Maureen O'Brien (A & BR)

11.30am Myles Kavanagh & Joan O'Reilly - both Months Minds
Arthur Delahunt, John Timmons, Myles Rowan, Emily Doyle
& Serena Dunne, Michael Patrick Murphy BR

27th - 31st March

Monday 8am Margaret Buckley RD

10am Mark O'Neill RD

Tuesday 10am Jimmy Cleary (A)

7pm Kevin Kelly RD

Wednesday 10am Alex Malone RD

Thursday 10am Dolly & Andy Henderson (A)

7pm Tina Baker RD

Friday 8am Concepta Connolly RD

10am Lucy McNamara RD

Next Weekend ~ 1st & 2nd April

6.00pm

7.00pm Veronica Devlin—nee Doyle - 1st Anniversary
Nancy Gill, Anne Shortall

10.00am

11.30am Kathleen Brennan

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

19th March 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 1867
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1465
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards diocesan administration - € 795

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

First Gospel reading: Matthew 21: 1-11

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Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21 (22):8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Second Reading : Paul 2:6-11

Gospel : Matthew 26: 14-27 : 66

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.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL QUARTERLY COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who contributed to the collection last week at St Patrick's Church - a total of €3097 was collected and for which we are very grateful for.

The quarterly collection for the Rathnew/ Ashford conference will be taken up this weekend the 25th –26th March at St Joseph's church in Rathnew - as usual your support for this collection is vital and very much appreciated.

Wicklow Historical Society will conclude its Winter Lecture Series on Monday night next, March 27th, with an illustrated talk by historian and author Joan Kavanagh entitled "Van Diemen's Women". Based on her detailed research into the many women transported to Van Diemen's Land from Wicklow Gaol and their lives in the Penal Colony, the presentation should prove both interesting and informative and all are welcome. The venue for the talk is the De La Salle Parish Centre, Wicklow, beside St. Patrick's Church, commencing at 8:00 p.m.

The Pope's Intention for March

For the victims of abuse:

Let us pray for those who have suffered because of the wrongs done to them by members of the Church. May they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



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.



**DON'T FORGET TO
SPRING FORWARD**

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR
SATURDAY NIGHT

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everybody who was involved in the televised Mass for St Patrick's Day last week. A massive effort was put in by so many people to ensure that it was a success. And it was a huge success.

So, whether you were behind the scenes and had a part in the preparation/ cleaning of the church and its environs or part of the hospitality team, or more visible in the choir, musicians or as servers, readers, ministers, welcome team - a sincere THANK YOU to one and all.

You all did a fantastic job for the Parish.



“Behold the Lamb”

*A celebration in word and music
for Holy Week and Easter.
Please join us in St. Mary's,
Barndarrig on Palm Sunday at
3pm and stay for a cuppa.*

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*

**Booking for this years
pilgrimage is now open -
easy pay schedule
available**

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

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.

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 - 13TH APRIL AT 8PM
IN THE PARISH CENTRE



Mass for the Sick including the Sacrament of Anointing

**ON SATURDAY 1st APRIL
AT 12 NOON
IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, WICKLOW TOWN**

*This mass is to pray for all types of
Healing ~ Spiritual, Emotional,
Psychological or Physical.*

Transport can be arranged if necessary.

**Please contact the parish office on
0404 - 61699 for more information**

Wicklowparish.ie

MEDJUGORJE



Joe Walsh Tours

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

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

FAMILY MASS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Calling all actors and actresses!!

We are looking for children to participate in the Good Friday Stations in the parish.

Practices are on Thursday afternoons at 3.15pm

Anyone who is interested is very welcome to come along and give it a try! **You** would be most welcome.

Contact Katie on 086 409 4013 for more information.



PARISH CONTACTS

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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**

**WEDNESDAY 10AM MASS IN
BARNDARRIG**

PARISH EASTER MASS CARDS

There are a beautiful range of Easter Mass cards available in the Parish Office, costing €5. The intentions will be remembered at the monthly masses in Rathnew.

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations

KEVIN PEDRESCHI

16th March 2023: €50 raffle winner
Weekly winning numbers: 5, 18, 20, 23

CLAIRE JOHNSTON

23rd March 2023: €50 raffle winner
Weekly winning numbers: 1, 5, 20, 22
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

A sincere "THANK YOU" to all who support this Lotto!

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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Contact Number.....

Address.....

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When you focus on
PROBLEMS,
you will have more
problems.

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