



PARISH NEWSLETTER

27th February 2022
Wicklow & Rathnew
Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time
RCN 20016166



Welcome

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

Donal Neary SJ ~ She must have a lovely heart !

Someone said to me of a friend - She must have a lovely heart! The Gospel today is about goodness inside and that we draw much from the store of goodness inside ourselves.

A way of looking at this is to wonder what makes us feel positive in ourselves about others and about the world. We have days when we feel truly grateful for much in life and in the world, and the store of goodness fills up. There are days when the opposite happens, and Jesus speaks of the 'store of badness'.

The store of goodness is filled up in many - a good conversation with a loved one, time spent with an infant in wonder of how this child is and will be, listening to some good music and admiring good art, taking time to pray and listening to the word of Jesus in the Gospel, finding time to pray with others at the Mass or in prayer groups.

God in many ways increases our store of goodness and we allow this happen. You can find your favourite ways of bringing out the best in yourself.

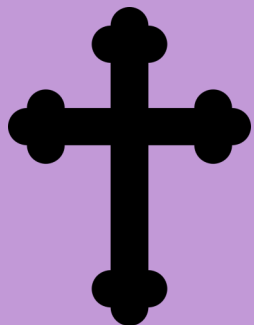
We know of people we meet whom we always feel the better for meeting. Prayer and faith should always bring the best out of us: give time each day to allow the total love of God for us to reach us.

Another store of goodness is the goodness of self.. We can be too critical of ourselves and if so, we will probably find we are critical of others. Look this day into the mirror and give thanks to God for the man or woman you see there. If you look on ourselves with love, we will look on others the same.



Lord teach me your goodness.

Sincere sympathy to the families of ...



Suzanne O'Donoghue late of Bosun's Rest
Eddie Hanlon late of Dunbur Upper
Mark Clare late of St Brigid's Terrace Rathnew

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 26th & 27th February

- 6.00pm** Joey Doyle, George Byrne, Annie Corkish, Marie Dubarry RD, George Newsome, George Duffy & dec. members of the Duffy & O'Callaghan families
- 7.00pm** Helen Sandler RD
- 9.00am** Noel Armstrong RD
- 10.00am** Lil Kenny, Paddy Byrne, Teresa Copeland
- 11.30am** Kathleen Forkin—1st Anniversary, deceased members of the Forkin family, Jim & Kathleen Conway, Jimmy Duffy

28th February - 4th March

- Monday** - Des O'Toole
- 7.00pm** - Bernadette Raleigh (RD)
- Tuesday** - Valerie Carroll (RD)
- 7.00pm** - Molly O'Hara (RD)
- Ash Wednesday** - **8.00am** Agnieszka Lepek (RD)
- 10.00am** Babs McDermott (RD)
- 7.00pm** Eileen Kehoe (RD)
- Thursday** - Ann Jordan
- 7.00pm** Kieran Flannery (RD)
- Friday** - **7.00am** Altar List of the Dead - recorded Mass for RTE
- 10.00am** Altar List of the Dead
- 7.00pm** Altar List of the Dead

Next Weekend ~ 5th & 6th March

- 6.00pm** Michael Fitzgerald & Aggie O'Brien - both months minds
John Wilson - 1st Anniversary, Adele Doran, Sham Furlong,
Mary & Edward Canavan, Joey Kelly
- 7.00pm**
- 9.00am**
- 10.00am**
- 11.30am** Muriel Whyte - 1st anniversary & her husband Des,
Bob Jackson



MASS TIMES FOR LENT

St Patrick's : Mon, Wed & Fri 8am Mass

Daily 10am Mass continues Mon to Fri

St Joseph's: Tuesday & Thursdays at 7pm

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAYS IN RATHNEW FOR
LENT

Friday 4th March - Morning Mass

Please note that there won't be an 8am Mass but we will have a 7am Mass which will be recorded for RTE and available to view at 10.30 on the RTE news channel.

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

St Patrick's Church at 10am

St Joseph's Church at 7pm.

NEW GUIDELINES FROM MONDAY 28th FEBRUARY

Under the new guidelines - all restrictions have now been lifted.

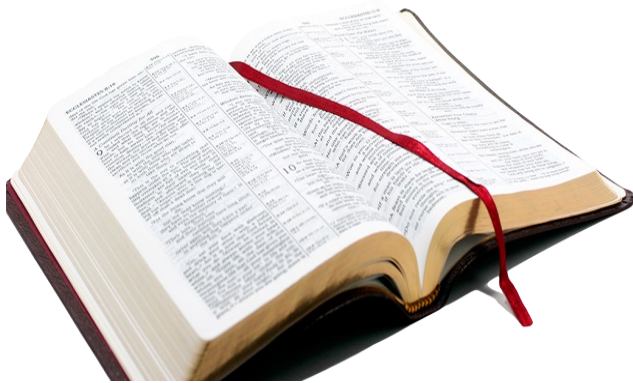
We are however advising people to still be careful and be respectful of others, taking whatever precautions are necessary.

Hand sanitising is still advised.

Masks are optional and no longer obligatory.

Choirs and singing are permitted again.

Please stay away from the Church and Centre if not feeling well or displaying any sort of Covid/Flu symptoms



Living the Gospel in Lent

Journeying together towards Easter joy through the Sunday Gospels, each Wednesday evening of Lent - March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th & April 6th, in the Dominican Ecology Centre from 7.30pm till 8.30pm.

Why not join us in person or via zoom by emailing the parish office on parishofficewicklow@gmail.com to receive the link. Everyone is very welcome.

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
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.

THIS WEEK'S FEASTDAYS:

1st ST DAVID - is the patron saint of Wales, where he was Abbot and Bishop in the sixth century. Several Irish saints were his pupils and he influenced monastic development in Ireland. He died around 601

3rd ST MANTANN - The old Irish name for the town Chill Mhantain dates back to the time of St. Patrick and translates as the church of 'gubby' or 'gap toothed.' This comes in tradition, from an attempt by Patrick and his followers to land at Wicklow. Their boat was stoned by the natives and one of his followers was struck in the mouth and had some teeth knocked out. The boat pulled away and headed north. The follower who lost his teeth was afterwards christened Mhantain and instructed to go back to Wicklow and establish a church there.

DIARY DATES: MARCH

2nd: Ash Wednesday

3rd: St Mantann

6th: Baptisms - Wicklow

17th: **St Patrick** Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland, Day of Prayer for Emigrants.

19th: **St Joseph**, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

20th: Baptisms - Wicklow

24th: Zoom Baptism Meeting - 8pm

26th: Baptisms - Rathnew

25th: The Annunciation of the Lord



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 6TH MARCH 2022

First Reading : Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Responsorial Psalm 90: 1-2, 10-15

Second Reading : Romans 10 :8-13

Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 20/02/2022

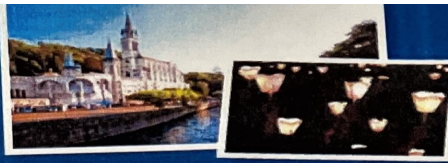
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 898

2ND COLLECTION / SHARE - goes towards diocesan administration - € 450

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €2228

Many thanks for your continued support.

LOURDES



Joe Walsh Tours

WICKLOW RATHNEW LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022

Spiritual Director: Fr Donal Roche

12 September 2022

5 nights

€ 799 per person sharing

Complimentary Group Travel Insurance

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » Return airport transfers in Lourdes
- » 5 nights in the Hotel La Solitude
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Fully escorted pilgrimage, accompanied by Spiritual Director
- » Mass at Grotto, Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession & International Mass

For information please contact:

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Parish Office 0404 61699

Carol Kavanagh 086 0601956



An Invitation

You are warmly invited to two Synodal gatherings in the parish of Wicklow/ Rathnew. The word “synodal” means journeying together & these gatherings will be an opportunity to share and listen to each other’s experience of Church, in an organised, gentle and prayerful environment.

Why are you being invited?

Pope Francis has asked all of us to take part in sharing and listening to each other and to the Spirit. In this way we are beginning to lay foundations for what our future Church will be. The invitation is to all the baptised. We would particularly like to hear from those who do not attend church on a regular basis. All the responses will be collected in time for the 2023 Synod in Rome.

What will happen at the gatherings?

Parish Animators have been trained to lead the gatherings in a reflective, prayerful atmosphere. Questions will be presented each afternoon and people will gather in small groups to share on each question and listen to each other.

These gatherings will happen in the De La Salle Parish Centre

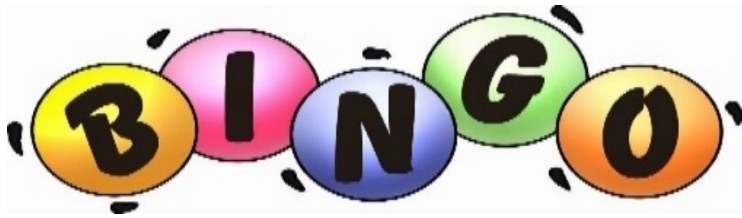
Date: Sunday 13th March

Time : 3.00pm -4.30pm

Date: Sunday 3rd April

Time: 3.00pm -4.30pm.

Your attendance and feedback will be greatly appreciated.



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 IS BACK IN THE
DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE
ON MONDAY NIGHTS STARTING 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.**

**Wanted card players for 45s, 25s,
Whist & Bridge please contact 0404
61539 if you are interested in playing.**



Friends of Calcutta

Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta (CHY No: 13218)
Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. All items of clothing, footwear, curtains, towels etc most welcome and can be left close to the designated FOC sign at any stage that day up to the time of when collection ends, Rathnew Church up to 2pm and Wicklow 4pm. All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087-9073074 who will also be delighted to arrange a home collection if necessary.

[View Friends of Calcutta Committee in the City of Joy in 2018](#)

[View Rajiv Ganguly Sports Tournament 2020](#)

Church Repairs

*Work on repairing the damage due to dry rot and dampness in St Patrick's Church has been ongoing for the past couple of months. A large part of the work in the gallery/ belfry/ shop area has now been completed but there is still some work to do replacing lead flashing around the roof to ensure that the building is damp-proof for the years ahead.
(See notice board at back of church for further details).*

Thanks to a heritage grant from Wicklow County Council, as well as some parish reserves, we have been able to manage to pay for the work so far. However, in order to complete the work, we are asking parishioners if they can afford it, to make a donation to the building fund in the envelopes provided at the church doors. I know that the people of Wicklow are very proud of our beautiful church and that you will agree that it is our duty to preserve this important part of our heritage for future generations.

*Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.
Fr Donal*

MEDJUGORJE



Joe Walsh Tours

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Group Leader: Marian O'Meara
Accompanied by Spiritual Director

4 May 2022
7 nights

€729.00 per person*

(*€50 discount when paid in full by 31 January 2022)

- » 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
- » Group Travel Insurance

For information please contact:
Marian O'Meara: 085 8031751

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Active Retirement – Activities and Trips

- ♦ Tuesday 11 am Coffee Mornings continue - come along and find out about us !
- ♦ Learning Irish for fun - Tuesday 10.30am - no prior knowledge required
- ♦ Line dancing follows the coffee morning at 12md, beginners welcome
- ♦ Choir continues Fridays, upstairs in the Pastoral Centre 3-4pm - no audition and you don't need to read music - come along and sing for fun. Its medicine for the soul with no side effects
- ♦ Another fun day trip in the planning - so watch this space for an update !!!
- ♦ Spring holiday in Kilkenny - 4 nights, 25th-29th April - Spaces filling fast.
Price includes: Bed, breakfast and evening meal at the River Court Hotel, in the Heart of Kilkenny City. Coach transport from Wicklow town, with optional visits to places of interest during the trip are all included in the price of €375 per person sharing.

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring me:
Jenny Murphy (Secretary) 087 622176. *You will be given a Cead Mile Failte.*

HOLY HOUR - is now on Monday evenings from 7.30pm till 8.30pm. Please note the change of day.

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



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

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS

SHEILA SHERLOCK

€50 winner

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

8, 11, 21, 22

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€1,650

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

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

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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APPEAL

My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

Franciscus

