



PARISH NEWSLETTER

27th March 2022
Wicklow & Rathnew
Fourth Sunday of Lent
RCN 20016166



Welcome

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

Gospel reflections

Give me my legacy now

Donal Neary S.J.

This is a real family story about breakups and reconciliation, about love that covers all sorts of happenings and about love to the end. It is about a father who loved all the time, and many a parent identifies with it.

Look at a few things... the son had wanted him dead... 'give me the legacy Da'. Everyone knew that. He had shamed the family. And the old man waited for years, hoping that his loved son would return.

Look at what happened when he came home - mercy took over - the run, robe, ring and the sandals. He was welcomed as a son. The father doesn't even say once that he forgives. He loves totally and that includes forgiveness.

It's mercy all the time. That repairs the loss. The son wanted to be a hired servant and that would have kept the old man at a distance. He was brought back as a son.

The story is also a call on us to have mercy. People all do wrong - often great wrong. We need a lot of mercy in our country now, but we can't hold bitterness forever. The gospel today encourages us to love as we have been loved with the love that is merciful.

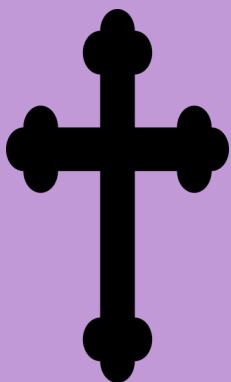
And even when we can't do this - like the elder son - we are still loved. The father says - All I have is yours. God gives his love all the time and waits for our response. Mercy may take time. And God has all the time in the world.

*Lord have mercy, on me and on all,
today and every day. Amen.*

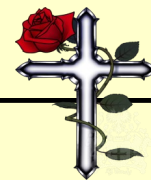


Sincere sympathy to the families of ...

*Veronica Rogan late of Woodside, Rathnew
John Bunn who died in Roscommon - formerly
from Urban Villas
Eamonn Conalty late of Ballyguile Upper*



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 26th & 27th March

- 6.00pm** Rose & Aidan O'Rourke, Baby Florence Jameson, Brendan, Katie & Thomas Jacob, Thomasina Brennan
- 7.00pm** Mark Clare MM, Michael Duffy 1st anniversary
- 9.00am** Special Intention
- 10.00am** Sean McSherry
- 11.30am** John Timmons, Arthur Delahunt

28th March - 1st April

Monday

8.00am Special Intention

10.00am Jimmy Cleary

Tuesday

10am Funeral Mass of Eamonn Conalty RIP

7.00pm Maudie Kelly

Wednesday

8.00am Maureen Rochford

10.00am Maureen O'Brien

Thursday

10am Mel McCann, Dolly & Dan Henderson, Margaret Byrne

7.00pm Johnny McDonald RD

Friday

8.00am Altar List of the Dead

10.00am Altar List of the Dead

7.00pm Altar List of the Dead

Next Weekend ~ 2nd & 3rd April

6.00pm Michael O'Shaughnessy - 1st Anniversary, John Byrne BR, Jack Fox & deceased members of the Fox & Robinson family

7.00pm

9.00am

10.00am

11.30am Ellen Whelan, Michael Earls

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

DOCAT - PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION



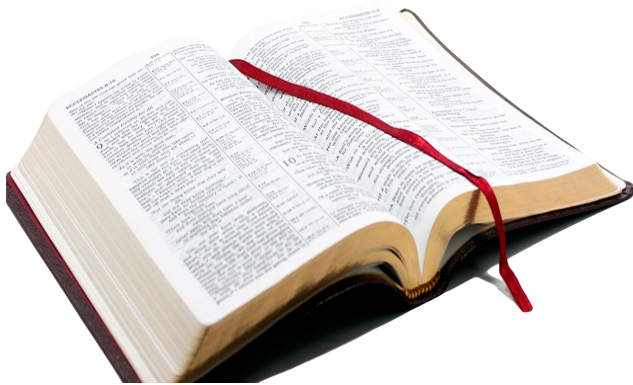
In 2019/20, there was a successful and positive faith discussion group in the parish, exploring the beliefs of the church through the Youcat programme - and now we're back!

Following on from the success of the first sessions, we will be exploring the social teaching of the Church putting the teaching into action. This will be done in an informal, relaxed and friendly environment.

We will be using the resource book 'Docat' ('doing the catechism') This is an easy question and answer style book, which will guide us through the origins and pillars of Catholic Social Teaching. We will have time for tea & coffee, learning, discussion & sharing in small groups, and prayer.

Programme starts at **7:30-8:30pm, on Wednesday nights in the Parish Centre.** Tea/coffee will be available from 7:00pm For more information, please email jacobjagomoran@gmail.com

WANTED... 5th / 6th class students to participate in the Good Friday Stations Drama. Practices will be starting soon - please leave your name and phone number with either of our priests or the Parish Office.



Living the Gospel in Lent

Journeying together towards Easter joy through the Sunday Gospels, each Wednesday evening of Lent - March 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.

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 23rd April - more information to follow.

St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



01 855 0022

CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Telephone number 087 123 8054

Special Collection for Ukraine

**Weekend of 26 -27
March 2022**



**"In the name of God I ask
you: stop this massacre!"
- Pope Francis**

**The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to
Caritas Internationalis which is the helping hand of the
Church on the ground in Ukraine and surrounding areas.**



www.catholicbishops.ie



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.

Special Collection for Ukraine:

The Irish Bishops have asked for a
Special Collection to be taken up at
Masses on the weekend of 26/27

March to support humanitarian
efforts in Ukraine and especially the
families and children who have had
to flee their homeland in advance of
the Russian invasion. The proceeds
of this Special Collection will be
directed to Caritas Internationalis,
which is the helping hand of the
Church on the ground in the Ukraine
and the surrounding region.

Please be as generous as you can.

Thank you.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 3RD APRIL 2022

First Reading :Isaiah 43: 16-21

Responsorial Psalm 125: 2-7

Second Reading : Phillipians 3. 8-14

Gospel: John 8. 1-11

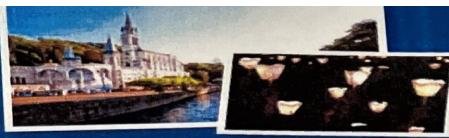


WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 20/03/2022

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| 1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND | - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese | - € 725 |
| 2ND COLLECTION / SHARE | - goes towards diocesan administration | - € 360 |
| ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION | - goes towards maintaining our parish | - €1,750 |
| FUNDRAISING APPEAL ENVELOPES | - goes towards parish structural works | - €8,530 |

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:

Nancy Colgan 086 1099112
Catherine Marah 0404 68389

Parish Office 0404 61699
Carol Kavanagh 086 0601956

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



LISTENING TO OUR YOUNG CHURCH DUBLIN DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT SYNOD

Young Adults & Friends,

This is your opportunity to take part in the world wide gathering of peoples views on what they think and feel about the Church.



Join us Online
Monday 4th April
7:30-9pm.

#synod

DUBLIN DIOCESAN TEEN SYNOD

Young People of Dublin Diocese - This is your chance! Pope Francis wants to hear what you think or feel about our Church. We would love to hear your voice at our Dublin Diocesan Teen Synod!

Join us online **Thursday 31st March**

6:30pm - 8pm. You can register online using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/jVYZSdxbF1>

Registration closes on the 25th March at 5pm

For more information, email: synod@dublindiocese.ie

YOUNG ADULT SYNOD

This is your opportunity to take part in the world wide gathering of people's views on what they think and feel about the Church. It is part of the preparation here in Dublin in advance of the next Synod that will be hosted by Pope Francis next year. Please do take this invitation to join us for this prayerful and Synodal listening. You might know of other people interested in taking part too.

It will take place on Monday 4th April from 7:30-9pm. Register using the link below, before Thursday 31st March. <https://forms.gle/os5DNAhoNPGSmVKV6>

Active Retirement - Activities and Trips

Now with 94 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

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

Social Dancing Fridays at 2pm in the Pastoral Centre, let's get flexible

Choir continues Fridays, upstairs in the Pastoral Centre 3-4pm

One to one computer coaching using Hi-digital training - learn to use your phone/laptop/tablet to make life easier and more fun

Spring holiday in Kilkenny - 4 nights, 25th-29th April

Group Walk in Kilmacurragh National Botanic Gardens, Wednesday, 30th March. In support of Charlie Bird's Motor Neurone Fund.

Plans afoot for our "CHRISTMAS LUNCH" to be held in May!! Watch this space for details. Lots of fun instore with this, for sure, but don't tell Santa

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 Míle Fáilte.*

A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us, in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

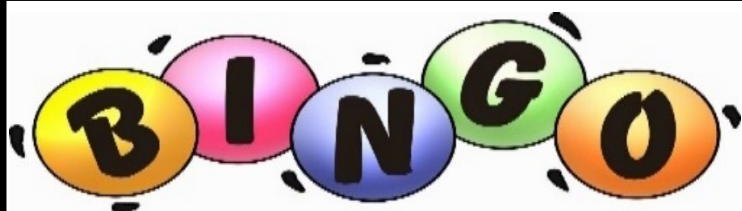
We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.



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



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.
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.

**A VERY WARM 'WELCOME BACK' TO THE
RATHNEW BINGO WHO HAVE NOW RESUMED
ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 8PM, UNDER A
NEW COMMITTEE.**

We also want to thank Ann O'Sullivan and her
team for their work in the Bingo over the past
number of years and wish them a happy
retirement from the organising and more luck
in the Bingo playing now!

Many thanks and the best of luck to
Ann Redmond and her team in their new roles
in organising the Rathnew Bingo and bringing
it back into the village.

But just like the Wicklow Bingo - they need
your support to continue, so why not go along
and chance your luck at either or both Bingos?

BOATHOUSE SETDANCERS, set dancing has
resumed in the GAA Hall each Tuesday
evening from 8.15—10pm, fee €7.
Looking forward to seeing faces, old and
new!!



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

REENA McDERMOTT

€50 winner

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

5, 10, 15, 24

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€2,025

Last weeks winner was

ELIZABETH DUNNE

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](http://www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow)*



*Don't forget to spring
forward by an hour !*