

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

27th August 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166



## Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew– Donal Neary

### Nothing but Jesus

**We** all need some statements like Peter's that give a rock and a meaning to life, It gives us a clue of where we belong at deeper levels. We all need statements that express our faith in God. For Peter it was his faith in Jesus, the son of God. This would keep him going all of his life, even at times of unfaithfulness and danger. He could never forget that he had said, 'you are the Christ, the son of the living God'.

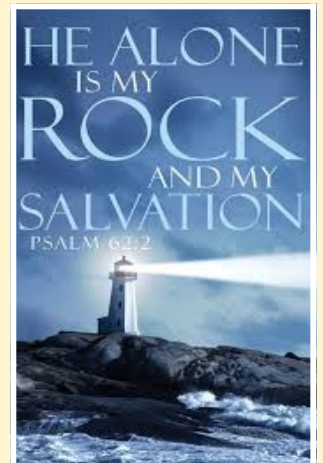
**We** might wonder who or what is a living God for us? Where we might put our basic trust? What is it that, if taken away, we would be lost without? We can give our lives to family, country, a political party, money. Some of these are worth our trust and some not so much.

**We** need the rock that Peter found in Jesus. He was called rock only because of his relationship with Jesus Christ, the one who calls forth our faith and love and gives our lives a huge meaning.

**It** s not that we have nothing but Jesus - it s that we can integrate all that is important in life within our trust in him. It is God who reveals Jesus to us.

**We** want to give this to our younger people ~ a rock they can stand on in life, which nothing can demolish. This is Jesus, and in him all is created.

*Recall strong convictions in your life.  
Ask that they may be strengthened.  
Lord, be my rock, my stronghold, my safety.*



# Mass Intention List



*This Weekend ~ 26th & 27th August*

- 6.00pm** Betty Ryan - Months Mind Mass  
Rita Byrne - 1st Anniversary  
Rodney Hodgkinson (A) Margaret Hodgkinson BR,  
Michael J Butler & all the deceased senior members  
of the Butler family
- 9.00am** *Special Intention*
- 10.30am** Georgina O'Donovan- 1st anniversary  
Raymond Howes
- 12.00noon** Eugene Tighe, Ken McLean, Conal Kavanagh

*28th August - 1st September*

- Monday** Pauline Bolger In Rem  
**7.00pm** Gareth Doyle (A)
- Tuesday** James Carthy In Rem  
**7.00pm** John Arthur (In Rem)
- Wednesday** Michael Merrigan RD
- Thursday** Michael & Mary Kavanagh
- Friday** Altar List of the Dead  
**7.00pm** Altar List of the Dead

*Next Weekend ~ 2nd & 3rd September*

- 6.00pm** Noel White, Rita & Sean Bouchier
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Paddy Kelly - 1st Anniversary
- 12.00noon**

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

## PARISH CONTACTS

**Fr Aquinas Duffy PP : 0404 67196**

**Fr Gerard Deegan CC: 0404 67133**

**Parish Office: 0404 61699**

[parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com)

**BBK Website: work  
in progress**

**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday:**

**10am – 12.30pm**

For all enquires and bookings

## PARISH FACEBOOK

The Wicklow / Rathnew Parish have a Facebook for quite a while now - where we post general church events/ occasions. Please look us up and like and follow us on

**St. Patrick's Church Wicklow & St Josephs Church Rathnew**

Kilbride, Brittas Bay & Barndarrig have also got a new Facebook page where we are posting items to try to build up the page and get it out in the community. Please look us up and follow us on

**Parish of Barndarrig-Brittas Bay-Kilbride**

## PARISH WEBSITE

We are also in the process of updating the website at the moment. It will become a Pastoral Area Website, which will be a great addition to all the parishes in our area. Each parish will have its own platform within the website, and another section that will be common to all parishes.

Work started on it about a month ago but it is still a work in progress at the moment, however we are hopeful that its only a few weeks away now before we launch it.

Many thanks to William Doyle Undertakers for continuing to sponsor the website and agreeing to the review /update on the current site.

## PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH & MINISTRY PROGRAMME

Pathways is a two year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, on Thursday evenings in DCU, St Patrick's campus, Upper Drumcondra Rd, Dublin 9, Sept to May 7pm—9pm. Application is now open and early application is advised.

Contact Pathways Director:  
Eileen Houlahan at 01 808 7594 or  
[pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie)

## LOTTO WINNERS, 2023

**JANUARY:** KIERA KAVANAGH, ELLEN CULLEN, MARY FLYNN, LILLIE LAMBERT

**FEBRUARY:** DEIRDRE GILL, MATT TREACY, LILLIAN TIMMONS, TREASA EARLS.

**MARCH:** TANYA MOYSEYEVA, PATRICIA O'NEILL, KEVIN PEDRESCHI,  
CLAIRE JOHNSON, NIAMH TARRANT

**APRIL:** KIERA KAVANAGH, BETTY TEAHAN, JOHN RUDDY, NIAMH TARRANT

**MAY:** PATRICK EGAN, BRID DUNLEAVY, MARGARET CLEARY, DERVELA EARLS

**JUNE:** CATHERINE CUMMISKEY, GILL MALONE, PATRICK EGAN, KIERAN LEGGITT

**JULY:** TOM MULVIHILL, COLLETTE VERDES, TANYA MOYSEYEVA

**PHILIP BONUS - LOTTO WINNER - €5000**

**AUGUST:** JUSTIN DORAN, PAT EGAN, MAUREEN O'BRIEN, SHARON PICKERING



## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

20th August 2023

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - €1875  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €1220  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - go towards Diocesan Administration - € 670

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

First Reading : Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Psalm 62 Second

Romans 12:-1-2

Gospel : Matthew 16: 21-27

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 -14TH SEPTEMBER**

**AT 8PM**

**IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE**

**PLEASE .....**

**Do not park in the 'Disabled Parking Bays' unless you have a badge permitting this.**

**We do have Parishioners who need these spaces and unfortunately it makes it difficult for them to attend the Mass/ Service when these spaces are not available.**

**These parking spaces are regularly used by people with no badges, which is very unfair to those who genuinely need them.**

# YOUNG ADULT CAMINO

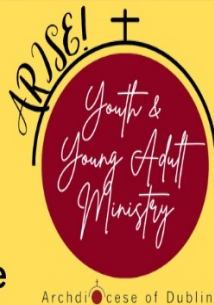
Summer 2024

Register your interest using the  
QR Code below



Full Details and Booking  
available from September.

Send all queries to:  
[natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie)



## The Pope's Intention for August



*For World Youth Day*

*We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.*

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



Unit 2, First Floor, Rear of Boots Pharmacy,  
Abbey Street, Wicklow

*Have you, or a family member, been diagnosed with Cancer ?  
We're here to help!*

Phone 0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Our office is open Mon-Fri from 10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

### **Volunteer Drivers Required:**

**Do you own a car and have some time on your hands ?**

**Wicklow Cancer Support are seeking to expand their Transport Team due the high volume of demand for this important service.**

**If interested you can ring our Centre on 0404 32696 or 085 7820916 for full details.**





## Calling all Gardeners!!

*Are you interested in Gardening?  
Have you got a few hours to spare?*

*Would you like to join a team of Parishioner's who help to enhance the look of our Church?*

*We'd love to hear from you - there is one flower bed that is looking to be adopted. Please contact the Parish Office on 61699 for more*



**We are also looking for volunteers to help out with collecting the baskets**

**during the Masses and / or emptying them after the Mass. If you think you may be interested in helping out with this—please contact the parish office or one of the sacristans with your contact details.**

**We would also like to thank all those reliable parishioners who still help in this role. We do appreciate you & your help.**



### ABBEY BRIDGE CLUB

Summer is over and its time for a game of bridge. The Abbey Bridge Club will reopen in Wicklow Golf Club on Monday 4th September. Please be seated by 7.20. New Members welcome.

### WICKLOW BRIDGE CLUB

Hard to believe that Summer is over. We hope you all enjoyed your break. Wicklow Bridge Club reopens on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm in the De La Salle Parish Centre.

We are looking forward to seeing all our members back at the table for a nice game. Please be seated by 7.20pm to facilitate the T D in setting up the tables . New members are always welcome. Call 087 2253136 for further information.

### NEPTUNE BRIDGE CLUB

Hope you all had a great Summer and are ready for a game of Bridge. We are starting back on Thursday 7th September in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre Please be seated by 7.20 to facilitate the setting up of the game. New Members of all grades are welcome.

### ROYAL BRIDGE CLUB

The new season for the Royal Bridge Club will commence on Wednesday 6th September, and on Monday 11th September. Please be seated upstairs in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town. at 7.25pm, for a 7.30pm start.

Friday morning Bridge will resume in Wicklow Sailing Club at 10am on Friday 8th September. Please be seated by 9.55am. New and returning Members welcome. Contact Bernie Hamilton on 085-8511 581, or Joe on 086-8418 043.

Bridge Lessons will be available in Wicklow Sailing Club on Thursday nights; contact Phyllis Kavanagh on 086-8388 096 to book your place.

**MEDJUGORJE**



## 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

# GROW

mental  
wellbeing  
programs

**GROW** run peer support groups in Wicklow on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 to 4.30 in De La Salle Parish Centre.

They are self referral and no charge for anyone struggling with depression, anxiety, low mood or just the stresses of life. They offer a tried and tested method of self help and personal growth.

Experience new hope and meaning through working on issues together in a peer support setting

**MEETINGS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.**

Ring Trish for further info on 086 0129 082  
And see [Grow.ie](http://Grow.ie) to listen to stories of Hope and Recovery.

## JUST TO CLARIFY .....

**The TAP & GO Machines on the stands at Our Lady's Side Door and the Main Door are for Diocesan collections. The donations received on these machines are for both the DIOCESAN COMMON FUND (which goes towards Priests salaries) & also the DIOCESAN SHARE FUND (which helps fund the workings of the diocese and poorer parishes). There is an automatic 60:40 split on these donations.**

**THIS MONEY DOES NOT STAY IN THE PARISH.**

**The TAP & GO Machine on the table at the main double doors at the back of the Church, goes towards the running costs of the parish and the donations remain in the parish.**

**THIS MACHINE IS NOW MARKED 'PARISH'**

## Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

**HAS CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

**AND WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY 5TH OF SEPTEMBER**

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

*You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte*

**PLEASE ..... MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE CHURCH.**

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 PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

# *Congratulations*

# *SHARON PICKERING*

**24th August 2023: €50 raffle winner**  
**Weekly winning numbers: 7, 19, 23, 24**

*Please call into the office to collect your prize.*

*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)*

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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