



PARISH NEWSLETTER

27th November 2022
Wicklow & Rathnew
First Sunday of Advent
RCN 20016166



Welcome

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

Donal Neary S.J. Gospel reflection **Light for the journey**



In faith and in hope we begin Advent this week with its first candle. With Mary and Joseph we wait for Christ. The candles are lighting the way for them - and for us! The coming light of Jesus lights both our waiting and our journey in life. May it shine the light of Christ into the darkneses of the year since last Christmas - bereavement, illness, depression, disappointments?

We prepare best for Christmas by spreading this light. The way to celebrate Christmas is rooted in our following of the gospel. Among our ways are care for the poor, some daily prayer, and the wish to forgive and be forgiven.

All the different images of Christmas prepare us for this birth
- the carols we hear and sing, - the lights in the streets, - the star over the church and the ways we pray with anticipation and remember other Christmas days with joy.

Everything of this month can remind us of God. The Christ-mas trees, lights, cards, carols, parties, Santa hats, the houses lit up with reindeer and all the things we see about Christmas, all remind us that God is near.

We welcome this light in the spirit of Pope Francis:

'Those who have opened their hearts to God's love, heard his voice and re-ceived his light, cannot keep this gift to themselves.

Since faith is hearing and seeing, it is also handed on as word and light' (The Light of Faith, 37).

Spend a little time this Advent to remember some people or family memories that make you grateful for Christmas. Thank God for these in your own world.

Come, Lord Jesus. Come into our world of gold and grey, which needs you badly.



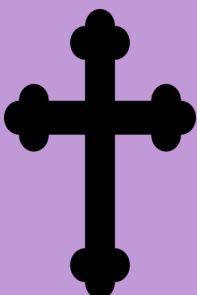
Sincere sympathy to the families of ...

Helen Gorman late of St Patrick's Rd

Sinead Cahill late of Seafield

Philip O'Sullivan late of Chapel Road

Kathleen Reburn late of St Manntan's Road



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 26th & 27th November

- 6.00pm** John O'Brien, Rosaleen Earls, Claire Maher
7.00pm *Martha Doyle - 1st Anniversary*
10.00am Marie Kenny, Joe Dickenson, Betty, Maura, Jojo & Eileen Dickenson
11.30am Gabrielle Martin - Months Mind

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

28th November - 2nd December

- Monday** A.I Zachariah
7.00pm *Tom Crean BR*
Tuesday The Columbian Sisters Magheramore,
House & Nursing Home
7.00pm *Special Intention*
Wednesday Juanito Santos (A)
Thursday Margaret Marah, William Dunne Jnr (A)
Friday Altar List of the Dead

Next Weekend ~ 3rd - 4th December

- 6.00pm** Patrick Hore - 1st Anniversary,
James & Teresa Byrne, Edward Byrne, Michael Kenny
7.00pm
10.00am Joseph Doran
11.30am Nick Thermes BR

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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 - 8TH DEC. AT 8PM IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Please contact the parish office to give your details

MASS SCHEDULE

For the parishes of Wicklow, Ashford and Barndarrig

Saturday Vigil:

6pm Wicklow
6pm Ashford
7pm Rathnew
7pm Barndarrig

Sunday Morning:

9am Kilbride and 9am Glenealy
10am Wicklow and 10am Brittas Bay
11.00. Ashford
11.30 Wicklow



**St Patrick's
Conference
Wicklow**
01 855 0022

DIARY DATES: NOVEMBER

- 13th: World Day of the Poor
- 14: Feast Day of St Laurence O'Toole
(Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Dublin)
- 16th: Bereavement Mass in Wicklow
- 20th: Baptisms in Wicklow
Afternoon of Reflection for
Ministers of the Eucharist &
Word, Baptism & Funeral Teams
in the De La Salle Pastoral
Centre at 3pm
- 26th: Baptisms in Rathnew
- 27th: First Sunday of Advent

PARISH CONTACTS

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Fr Pat O'Rourke: 0404 67133
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Parish Office: 0404 61699
Email: parishofficewicklow@gmail.com
Website: www.wicklowparish

Office opening times -
Monday - Friday : 10am -

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST ENVELOPES

*Lists are now available at
the Church doors & parish office, please
take one home with you and fill out the
sheet with the names of your deceased
family and friends.*

*They will be remembered
at the Mass on the First
Fridays of every month for
the next year.*



St. Patrick's N.S.

A copy of the school's Admission Policy and the Application Form for Admission for the 2023/2024 is available as follows:

Pre Enrolment Form to download at: www.stpatsnswicklow.ie under Enrolment and submit online

On request: By emailing stpatswicklow@gmail.com or Phoning St Patrick's National School, St Patrick's Road Wicklow on 0404 67415

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2023

Application Forms for Admissions for September 2023 are available on our website: www.holyrosaryschoolwicklow.ie from Tuesday 8th November until 12pm on Monday 28th November 2022.

St. Coen's N.S., Rathnew

St. Coen's N.S. is enrolling for Junior Infants from November 8th - 28th inclusive.

Enrolment can be done on the school website www.stcoens.com or at the school reception between 9:00am and 2:30pm Monday to Friday.



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 4TH DECEMBER 2022

First Reading : Isaiah 11: 1-10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Second Reading : Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3.:1-12

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

ADORATION TEAM

The Adoration Team is there to provide a continuous presence during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which takes place on Wednesdays from 10.30am till 12 noon. So, for this purpose, two team members are rostered to be there all the time. If you would like to join the team, please leave your contact details in the sacristy or with the Parish Office.

The Pope's Intention for November

for true fraternity



We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 20th Nov

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €655

2ND COLLECTION / SHARE - goes towards diocesan administration - € 400

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €1505

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT

Our annual Christmas Carol Service will be on Sunday 18th December at 4pm in St Patrick's Church.



This has become a very popular part of our Christmas schedule and is a lovely way to lead into the Christmas season.

Our Hospitality Group will be on hand in the De la Salle Pastoral Centre with the mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

*Why not take a little time out and join us?
Everybody is very welcome!*

HOLY HOUR - Has been suspended until January

ROSARY - 9:30 Monday to Friday before 10am Mass

Christmas Food Drive

Now till 6th December

to help those who need some extra help this year.

In conjunction with the Wicklow Guide, Brigini & Cygnet group & the local Lions club.

All donations of non-perishable goods and toiletries welcome.

Donations can be left in the Parish Office or Sacristy



Help Ukrainian Hub in Wicklow town (old library) to collect new toys for children who are in Ukraine. The most vulnerable kids (who lost one or both parents, became disabled during the war) need your support. The delivery truck has leave on 7.12.22





FAMILY MASS

We are hoping to re-instate and re-invent the Family Mass in the Parish, starting off with one Mass a month at the 10am Sunday Mass. In order to do so - we are looking for some

volunteers to help with the organising of the Mass, and also for a 'musical person' to start up a children's choir. We would also love for all generations of families to become involved children, parents, grandparents, other relations, and we want to include all nationalities too.

If you think you may be interested in setting up the Family Mass again or would like to become involved in any way — please contact Katie on 086 409 4013 for more information .

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS CARDS are now available in the Parish Office at €5 each. These are suitable for both the living and the dead. Each person named will be remembered in the nine novena Masses over the Christmas season.

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES Friday 2nd December

10am in Wicklow/7pm in Rathnew

RATHNEW CRAFT FAIR & MARKET

PRESENTS **CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET** -

from 12noon till 4pm on the 4th & 11th December.

Over 20 stalls of locally crafted goods,
in Rathnew Community Centre,
St Brigid's Hall, A67 X583

Advent Scripture

You are invited to make a little space in your life during the busy time leading up to Christmas by exploring, living & praying with the beautiful Advent Gospels.

When: During the 4 Wednesdays of Advent, Nov 23rd & 30th, Dec 7th & 14th

Where: Dominican Ecology Centre from 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Finishing with a chat & cuppa for those who wish - all are very welcome.



Active Retirement-Activities and Trips

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

Tuesday coffee morning as normal at 11 am in the Pastoral Centre

Line dancing at 12 MD, led by Molly

Choir Friday upstairs, in the Pastoral Centre @ 3pm

Upcoming events: Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 6th December, Wicklow Golf Club

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 :

Jenny Murphy (Secretary) 087 6221766 ~ *You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte*

WICKLOW, ASHFORD, RATHNEW BETHANY BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Who we are?

We are a voluntary community and parish based service. Our objective is to support the bereaved through the grieving process and our services are totally free of charge and confidential within the law. The name "Bethany" is derived from the story of Jesus' friends Martha & Mary who lived in a village called Bethany and grieved over the death of their brother Lazarus.

Our Mission Statement

To provide a voluntary community and parish based service, which aims to support bereaved adults through the grieving process.

The Grieving Journey

Grieving is a natural process and is normally helped by the support and understanding of family and friends. Sometimes a bereaved person may need the support of a skilled person to help them journey through their loss in a positive way. Strong feelings such as anger, guilt, fear and depression are quite normal but need to be expressed, cried over; and put into perspective.

Are you interested?

The local group are looking for volunteers to train up as members. If you think this is something that you may be interested in—please ring Michael on 087 946 8971 or leave your details with the Parish Office on 0404 61699

BOATHOUSE SET DANCERS

Will be having their Christmas Party in the

Wicklow GAA Hall, at 8pm, on

Tuesday 6th December

Admission is €5.

All are welcome to join us.



WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,

REAR OF LEONDARD & MULVEY (BUTLERS) 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.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

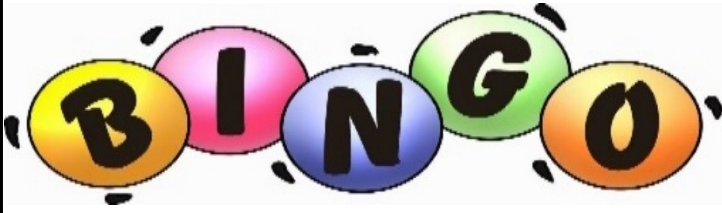
Telephone number 087 123 8054

WICKLOW & RATHNEW

**Deadline for receipt of items
for newsletter is**

Wednesday at 3pm.

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.**

**RATHNEW BINGO WHO HAVE NOW
RESUMED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 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.

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS

JILL MALONE

€50 winner

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

4, 9, 16, 19

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€4,825

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*

WICKLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY continues its Winter Lecture Series with a talk by Lisa Dolan, Archivist at the Military Archives, on the happenings in Wicklow and its environs during the Civil War period 1921/'23. "Don't fire the house lest the whole village be burned to the ground," was the directive from IRA Headquarters, Dublin, to the officer commanding the Ashford IRA and concerns a planned attack on the RIC Barracks in Redcross. The talk should prove both interesting and informative and all are welcome to attend. The presentation will take place in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre on Monday next, Nov. 28th, commencing at 8:00 p.m.

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.....

Be a reflection of what you'd like to receive. If you want love, give love. If you want truth, be truthful. If you want respect, give respect. What you give out will return to you.

-Kristen Butler
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