

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

28th May 2023

Pentecost Sunday -Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew  
RCN 20016166



## Gospel reflection Donal Neary Spirit Alive

Someone dies and we say he kept his spirit alive to the end; or we say that 'his spirit lives on'. A word we talk of easily. It's something elusive, you can't pin it down. It comes from somewhere. Maybe from parents, a spirit of endurance or being able to make it through tough time; or from our prayer and faith. We talk of good team spirit, or of a person who kept joyful and courageous to the end. Today is the feast of the Spirit of God, alive, active and joyful.

The flame of the Spirit of love is the flame of God. The tongues of fire over the apostles and the followers of Jesus were flames of love, the Spirit of God that would burn on the inside forever. Pentecost is the flame of God's own love, given to his followers to mark the birth of the community, the body of Jesus, the church.

It is the spirit of forgiveness always, a gift of the first Pentecost. Did this blow in our own country during the visit of the British queen, when the Good Friday Agreement and other peace agreements were Signed, when the call came for a new reconciliation among people hurt badly in the times of the troubles?

Compassion, mercy, forgiveness and a hope for justice for all are gifts we ask from the Spirit who blows among us strongly today.

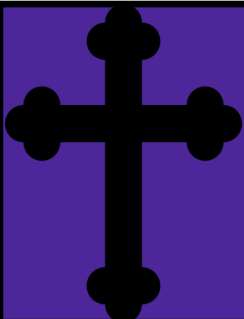
*On each inbreath, pray  
'Come, Holy Spirit',  
live in me and in all of us  
as you lived in Mary and the apostles.*



*Sincere sympathy to the family of*

*Elizabeth O Toole late of Churchill &*

*Knockrobin*



# Mass Intention List



*This Weekend ~ 27th - 28th*

- 6.00pm** Tom Malone - Months Mind, Tom O'Neill,  
Dylan Murphy, Tommy O'Sullivan
- 7.00pm** Leo Devlin BR, James Doyle
- 10.00am** Charlie Howes,  
Michael Doyle his wife Rita & son Michael
- 11.30am** Elizabeth Yeats - 1st Anniversary, Jim Rowan,  
Kathleen Michaels, Eamonn Deehan, Cyril Nevin

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

*29th - 2nd June*

- Monday** Oliver Coleman RD
- 7.00pm** Special Intention
- Tuesday** Derek Hollingsworth, Marie O'Brien
- 7.00pm** Special Intention
- Wednesday** Eithne Kavanagh RD
- Thursday** Nuala Lawlor RD
- Friday** Altar List of the Dead
- 7.00pm** Altar List of the Dead

*Next Weekend ~ 3rd & 4th June*

- 6.00pm**
- 7.00pm** James Doyle
- 10.00am**
- 11.30am** Peggy & Tony Gillespie, Ger Gilbert,  
John & Maura McCall, James O'Sullivan

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# NEW PARTNERSHIP MASS SCHEDULE

The following Mass Schedule will be in place in the Churches from the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> of June and will be reviewed in 6 months.

	Wicklow	Rathnew	Ashford	Glenealy	Brittas Bay	Barndarrig	Kilbride
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>		<b>6.00 pm</b>			<b>7.30pm</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>		<b>10.30 am</b>			<b>9.00 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12 noon</b>				<b>12 noon</b>		

New Mass Schedules like this one, are happening throughout the diocese as part of the Building Hope initiative whereby we have to consider the:

- ◆ Pastoral care of priests
- ◆ The Directive about each priest being scheduled for no more than three Masses
- ◆ The Time between Masses to allow time for chat / travel to next appointment.



Are you celebrating your  
**65th, 60th, 55th, 50th, 40th or 25th**  
wedding anniversary this year?



The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be on Friday 16th June at 7.30 p.m.  
in St. Patrick's Church.

Invitations will be sent out to couples who were married in St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow, and St. Joseph's Church, Rathnew. We would like to extend an invitation to any couple and their families who were **not** married here, but who are celebrating any of these anniversaries, to join us, on the occasion.

If you wish to attend on the night please complete the slip on this newsletter and leave in the Sacristy or Parish Office **as soon as possible**. Following Mass there will be a presentation of Commemorative Certificates.

Refreshments will be served in the De La Salle Parish Centre after the Mass.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS 2023

(please print clearly)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF MARRIAGE \_\_\_\_\_

We will have \_\_\_\_\_ family members with us.

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 JUNE AT**  
**8PM**  
**IN THE PARISH CENTRE**



**ADORATION ~ BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Continues on Wednesdays in St Patrick's 10.30 am to 11.30 pm, usually finishing with Benediction. **Please note the change of time!!**

**ROSARY**

*For the month of May, the Rosary will be prayed at the grotto in Rathnew every evening at 7.30pm.*



*The Rosary will also be recited every Thursday morning before the daily Mass at 10am, for an end to war in Ukraine, Sudan and all war-torn countries. All are very welcome*

*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 to join us.*



**BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES 2023**

BARNDARRIG CEMETERY	~ TUESDAY 4TH JULY AT 7.30PM
THREE MILE WATER CEMETERY	~ MONDAY 10TH JULY AT 7.30PM
CASTLETIMON CEMETERY	~ MONDAY 17TH JULY AT 7.30PM
RATHNEW CEMETERY	~ WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY AT 7.30PM

## *The Pope's Intention for May* *For a culture of peace and non violence*



*We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.*

### **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:**

**21st May 2023**

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - €1420  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €1060  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - goes towards diocesan administration - €755

*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 : Exodus 34: 4-6,8-9**

**Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3:52-56**

**Second Reading : 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13**

**Gospel : John 3: 16-18**

### **Weekly Envelope Collection**

The new packs of envelopes are now ready in the Parish Office for collection during the week. We would like to thank the team of volunteers who very kindly distribute the boxes every year, and would be very grateful if they could collect them after Tuesday during the week. If you are unable to distribute them this year - please let us know and we will allocate them to other volunteers.

Once again, a very sincere thank you to all of you of kindly give up your time.

If you do not receive a box of family offering envelopes and would like to - please ring the parish office on 61699 or fill in the request form on the back of this newsletter.

The weekly envelope or Direct Debit contribution is the only money that stays in the parish. This runs the parish on a day to day basis and covers all parish expenses, maintenance/improvements on all parish buildings, car parks etc. It is a vital collection for the upkeep of the parish and we are very grateful to all those who do contribute so generously by both parish envelopes or direct debit.

CHY 3 forms will be sent out automatically to those people who need to have them updated this year. If you haven't already completed a CHY3 form, we would really appreciate you filling it out and allowing the parish to reclaim the tax on donations. If you need more information about the CHY3 tax reclaim please contact Debbie in the parish office.

**The Sacrament of First Holy Communion**  
Congratulations to the children from Gaelscoil  
who have received their First Holy Communion this weekend.

**Upcoming First Holy Communion dates:**

De La Salle Sunday 11th June



## **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 Bord Gais Theatre on the 28th June to see the Show The King & I.**

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.**



ST PATRICK'S NS will host a cake sale on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June in the school hall. All money raised will go towards both Wicklow Cancer Support and Wicklow Hospice. We would like to invite parishioners to attend after 10am mass. If anyone would like to contribute baked goods/treats, they would also be welcomed either after school on Thursday or Friday morning. We would be delighted to meet with the wonderful ladies who support our Communion and Confirmation classes and offer them a cup of tea/coffee and a treat as a thank you for all they do for us. They would be most welcome after mass too.

**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 or low mood and offer a tried and tested method of self-help and personal growth. Meetings are confidential. Ring Trish for further info on 0860129082. And see [Grow.ie](http://Grow.ie) to listen to stories of Hope and Recovery.



## **Fr. Joe Doran Memorial Car Run**

**In Aid Of FHSC  
(Family Heart Screening Clinic)**

**Barndarrig, Wicklow  
Sunday 18th June**

**Registration 11.30am - Leaving 1pm**

**PLEASE BRING PICNIC**

May Novena to the Holy Spirit 21st – 29th

## NOVENA PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us  
Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us  
Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us

Open our eyes to see God's grace around us  
Open our ears to hear God's voice within us  
Open our hearts to welcome God among us

Send us out with joy to live the Gospel  
Send us out with peace to act as one  
Send us out with love to build up hope

**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

## ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH RATHNEW

The PPC group in the parish are delighted that works have started on the Church windows in Sr Joseph's Church in Rathnew. A specialist has been down and assessed the conditions of the windows and repair work is now commencing on their restoration. Further updates will be announced as they happen.



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.**

# WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

## *Congratulations*

### DERVELA EARLS

25th May 2023: €50 raffle winner  
Weekly winning numbers: 3, 4, 25, 28

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

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

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](mailto:dataprotection@dublindiocese.ie).

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

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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