



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**28th November 2021**  
**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.*

## *Gospel Reflections    Slow waiting    Donal Neary SJ*

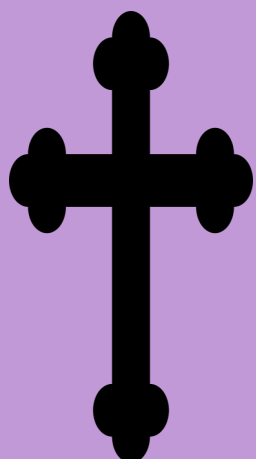
The four weeks of Advent are a slow wait: one candle this week, the empty crib. With Mary and Joseph we wait for Christ. The candles light the way for them - and for us, one each week of Advent.

Christmas should come quickly - the message of the ads. We could be excused for thinking it is nearly over. The Christmas parties are well under way. Some dinners for the elderly have been held already. The carols have been playing for weeks now.

The best waiting, like waiting for birth, is slow. Parents wonder about their child - who will he/she be like? The mother needs support and love; the children look forward to another baby; grandparents wait in pride. Even when the family situation is limited, we wait in joy and hope for the child - like Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah and all the bible parents who waited, often for many years.

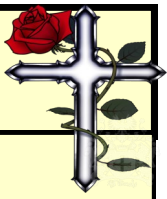
How is my faith this year from last year? And what would I be asking for? Would I promise anything to help me wait actively for Jesus - Mass more often than Sunday, the Angelus every day, to read the gospel each day, to be kinder and more just, care for the poor and needy at home or away. Let my Advent bring me closer to God and effect for the best the lives of those close to me. If we wait in faith and in hope, then everything, even the carols sung too early and the celebrations too early, can remind us of the God who is coming soon in Jesus Christ, to be born of Mary.

*Mary, may I wait with you in joy and in patience and in hope.*



*Sincere sympathy to the family of ...*  
*Stephen (Budda) Kavanagh, late of Monkton Row*  
*Sean McSherry, late of Raheenmore, Wicklow Town*  
*Michael (Mick) O'Reilly, late of Wicklow Town*  
*Martha Doyle, late of Rathnew*  
*Antoinette Noble late of Rosehill*  
*María O'Carroll late of Moneystown & former*  
*Principle of De La Salle College & teacher in CCM*

# Mass Intention List



## *This Weekend ~ 27th & 28th November*

- 6.00pm John O'Brien, Rosaleen Earls, Jack, Nelly, James & John Flynn, Evelyn Kelly, Joe, Betty, Maura, JoJo & Eileen Dickenson, James O'Toole, deceased members of the O'Toole & Mernagh families.
- 7.00pm *Tommy Buck RD*
- 9.00am *Jane Moody, Leo Devlin, Deceased members of the Duffy family*
- 10.00am *Maire Kenny, James Phillips (snr)*
- 11.30am *Larry Harmon MM, Rory Attley & remembering his father Michael, Sean Flood, John O'Brien, A I Zachariah, Philip & Mary Carroll & deceased members of the Carroll family*

## *29th November ~ 3rd December*

- Monday* - *Maureen & Des O'Toole*
- 7.00pm *Bernadette Doyle*
- Tuesday* - *Funeral Of Antoinette Noble RIP*
- 7.00pm *Sally Scully RD*
- Wednesday* - *Betty Lawless*
- Thursday* - *Special Intention*
- Friday* - *A.L.T.D.*

## *Next Weekend ~ 4th & 5th December*

- 6.00pm *Joseph Doran, Patrick & Elizabeth O'Brien*
- 7.00pm
- 9.00am
- 10.00am *William Bennett - Ist Anniversary,*  
*Alice Kinsella - 96th Birthday celebration*
- 11.30am *Jim & Teresa Byrne, Michael Kenny, Merci Ryan*
- Please note that the Masses in green type are in St Joseph's Rathnew*

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 21/11/2021

<b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 620
<b>2ND COLLECTION / SHARE</b>	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 285
<b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 2,190



### NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 5TH DECEMBER 2021

First Reading : Baruch 5:1-9

Responsorial Psalm 125

Second Reading : Philippians 1:3-6.8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

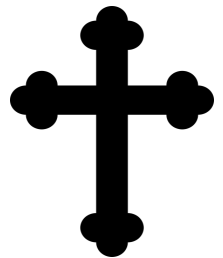
To reflect on the readings please check [catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

We are looking to recruit new Ministers of the Word for all Masses in the Parish. There would be a little training for this Ministry. If you think you may be interested please leave your name and number with the Parish Office or either of our priests.

### 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 your deceased family and friend. They will be remembered at the Mass on the First Fridays of every month for the next year.



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & HOLY HOUR**  
*are both suspended for the moment*

### PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Donal Roche : 0404 67196

Fr Pat O Rourke: 0404 67133

Wicklow Sacristy: 0404 69031

Parish Office: 0404 61699

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

Website: [www.wicklowparish](http://www.wicklowparish)

Office opening times -

**Monday - Friday : 10am - 12.30pm**

CHY3 FORMS - it would be appreciated if anyone who has received a CHY3 form from the office, could return them to the office or sacristy as soon as possible.

### PARISH OFFICE

Is open Monday to Friday from 10am till 12.30pm for general enquires, mass bookings, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc.

**Deadline for receipt of items for newsletter is**  
**Tuesday at 3pm.**

## WICKLOW BRIDGE CLUB

Notice for all members.

**NO BRIDGE  
TILL AFTER  
CHRISTMAS!**



## 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.

## WARA ~ WICKLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

*meetings have resumed on Tuesday  
mornings at 10.45am in the Parish  
centre - all are welcome*

**CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER**

**Telephone number 087 123 8054**

## St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



**01 855 0022**

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to contact the Parish Office. There will be an introductory meeting held through zoom which the parents will be expected to attend 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 zoom meeting will be on Monday 13th December 2021 at 8pm.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION 2022



Online registration is now open for First Holy Communion on [wicklowparish.ie](http://wicklowparish.ie) - go to the Sacraments page and click on to the letter which opens another document with the necessary links and information.

Confirmation registration will begin this week.

# Wicklów & Rathnew Parish

*Remembering our Dead and Praying for the Bereaved*

*O Lord of life and hope, as I stand at this grave, I remember with love (Name...). (pause)*

*Thank You for the gift of them in my life. I have been truly blessed by their presence, their words and actions, and their love. The pain of their loss is a reminder of the depth of the bond we shared.*

*Give me the strength and courage to leave them in your care. Help me, O God, to realize that the distance between us now is not so great and that one day, I will be reunited with them in heaven, sharing in Your promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*



*In November .....*  
*We remember.*

# Parish Christmas Novena Cards

*There is a lovely range of Parish Christmas Novena Cards, now available in the Parish Office. These cards are suitable for both the living and dead and cost €3 each. The intentions will be remembered at nine masses during the Christmas season in both Wicklow and Rathnew.*

## Synod Prayer



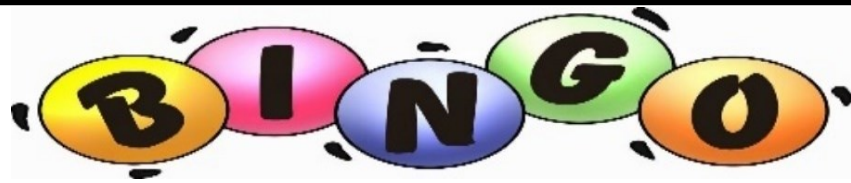
We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong  
path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal  
life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.



**We are delighted to announce that the Wicklow Parish Bingo is back on Monday evenings at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and everyone is very welcome.**



*The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to support those seeking assistance to the best of our availability. The many families that are helped are faced daily with impossible choices, but at this time of year, for many, these impossible choices get harder, put oil in the tank or get a child's special present*

*This year, more than ever, your help is needed to make sure that children & families have what they need to share in the magic of the season.*

*On Sunday 11th December, St Vincent de Paul will be holding a church collection in the hope to raise funds for people who are struggling this Christmas.*

*For more information, please contact your local SVP Volunteers*

## *Preparing our hearts for Christmas 2021.*

*This Advent you are most welcome to join us in the Dominican Ecology Centre, Wicklow Town, to reflect and pray the Gospels of the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of Advent.*

*Hopefully this will help us to prepare for the wonderful feast of Christmas. There will be a cuppa available after the sessions for those who would like to stay on a while.*

*7.30pm till 8.45pm on Wednesday 30th November and Wednesday 7th & 14th December.*

*If you would prefer to join us via zoom, please email the parish office at [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com) nearer the time and the link will be forwarded to you.*

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 LOTTO RESULTS  
CONGRATULATIONS**

**SHARON GREGORY**

**WEEKLY €50 RAFFLE WINNER  
THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE**

**11, 13, 24, 28**

**NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE**

**€2,725**

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

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

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



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](http://www.alone.ie)

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 rock of refuge for me,  
a mighty stronghold to save me,  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.  
For your name's sake, lead me and guide me.

PSALM 30

