



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**29th May 2022**  
**Wicklow & Rathnew**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
**RCN 20016166**



*Welcome*

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

## **Donal Neary S.J** **Ascension of the Lord** **Gospel reflections**

*In the famous crucifix of San Damiano, the Lord ascends with a smile on his face. It is over, his mission is accomplished, and he has conquered death, and is now with us all days to the end of time. His earthly mission is accomplished, but not his mission of love for his people. He is with us now.*

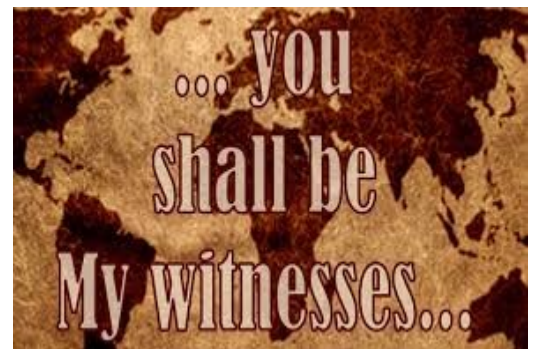
*Jesus often talks of joy, often the joy of God in forgiving a sinner. The big joy of God seems to be mercy, and even in the memory of his own death Jesus finds joy. In the chapel of the home of St Francis Xavier in Navarre, the crucifix is of the 'smiling Jesus'. He smiles not in comfort and ease, but in love and sacrifice.*

*While we think today of the loss of Jesus, we are invited to rejoice as he leaves one way of being with us – on earth, to another way of being with us – from heaven. He both awaits us there and helps us get there, the mystery of the Divine son who is one of us.*

*The mystery goes farther that we are invited and called into sharing this life of his on earth, for in each of us is the life of Jesus,. Who makes his home in us.*

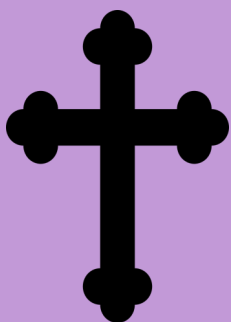
*This is background of the prayer of St Teresa of Avila:*

*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on this world,  
yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world...  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*



*Sincere sympathy to the family of ...*

*Elizabeth Yeats who died in Knockrobin  
& late of Glenview Road*



# Mass Intention List



*This Weekend ~ 28th - 29th May*

- 6.00pm** Christy, Grainne & Roisín Cooney  
**7.00pm** Frank, Lina, Francis & Martin Doyle  
**9.00am** Parishioners Intentions  
**10.00am** Charlie Howes, Tom Nagle, Rita Doyle  
**11.30am** Cyril Nevin - 1st Anniversary, Jim Rowan, Dick Melia  
Kathleen Michaels

*30th May ~ 3rd June*

- Monday** Funeral Mass of Elizabeth Yeats RIP  
**7.00pm** Michael Witter  
**Tuesday** Derek Hollingsworth  
**7.00pm** Beata Mickiewicz RD  
**Wednesday** Peter Moloney RD  
**Thursday** Sean McSherry RD  
**Friday** Altar List of the Dead  
**7.00pm** Altar List of the Dead

*Next Weekend ~ 4th - 5th June*

- 6.00pm** Gaye McGettigan - 1st Anniversary, Eddie Coffey,  
Peter & Peggy Finnegan, Andrew O'Brien  
**7.00pm**  
**10.00am** Bridie Cardiff  
**11.30am** Tony & Peggy Gillespie, Gerard (Ger) Gilbert,  
John & Maura McCall, Charlie Byrne, Monica O'Rourke  
*Please note that the Masses in green type are in St Joseph's Rathnew*



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 - 23RD JUNE**

Please contact the parish office to give your email address.

## **ROSARY AT THE GROTTA**



The "Rosary at the Grotto" will take place at the Grotto in Rathnew, during the month of May.

We invite you to join us and thousands of people in Ireland during the month of May. The Rosary will be recited each evening at 8pm beginning on Sunday, May 1, and ending with a special devotion on Tuesday, May 31. Please spread the word and let's honour Our Blessed Mother all over Ireland throughout the month of May

## **NEW MASS SCHEDULE**

Due to the untimely death of Fr Joseph Doran in Barndarrig on 7th May the Archbishop has requested that the three parishes of Wicklow/ Rathnew, Ashford/ Glenealy and Kilbride/ Barndarrig/ Brittas Bay come together as a single pastoral area to serve the spiritual and liturgical needs of the Catholic population of the area. Please be assured that a pastoral area does not mean a single parish: each of the three parishes will still have its own individual identity, but the three will be served on a rota basis by the team of Fr Donal, Fr Eamonn and Fr Pat.

It will be necessary to introduce a new Mass schedule in order to ensure that each of the seven churches in the area will have at least one weekend Mass and the timing of the Masses has to be such that, in the event of one of the priests being absent, the schedule can still be fulfilled by two priests. We regret that this will mean a loss of a Mass in two of the churches, but we ask for your support and understanding in this. If the Mass you normally attend is not on, there will be another at the same time in one of the other nearby churches.

In the event of one of the Priests been unavailable at some stage in the future, unfortunately there will be further reductions. We know that this will be disappointing for some parishioners, but this is the situation in the majority of parishes in the diocese due to the shortage of priests.

The following schedule will come into effect from the weekend of 4th/ 5th June and will be reviewed at the end of the Summer.

### **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**



## 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**

## DIARY DATES: MAY

- 31st /1st: Collection for Parish Lourdes Group  
1st : Baptisms - Wicklow  
8th: Day of Prayer for Vocations.  
14 /15: Collection to Support Lay Ministry in the  
Archdiocese of Dublin  
15th : Baptisms - Wicklow  
21st : Baptisms - Rathnew,  
26th: Zoom Baptism Meeting - 8.00pm  
29th: The Ascension of the Lord,  
World Communications Day - Theme: Listen!  
31st: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## The Pope's Intention for May

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### For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young  
people, called to live life  
to its fullest; may they  
see in Mary's life the  
way to listen, the depth  
of discernment, the  
courage that faith  
generates, and the  
dedication to service.



## NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 6TH JUNE 2022

First Reading :Acts 2: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm: 103

Second Reading : Romans 8: 8-17

Gospel: John 14: 15-16,23-26

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: **22nd May**

|                                     |                                        |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b> | - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese  | - € 1090 |
| <b>2ND COLLECTION / SHARE</b>       | - goes towards diocesan administration | - € 600  |
| <b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>  | - goes towards maintaining our parish  | - € 3290 |
| <b>FUNDRAISING APPEAL ENVELOPES</b> | - goes towards parish structural works | - € 500  |

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

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

**PARISH PILGRIMAGES 2022**

**MEDJUGORJE - 24th August 2022 - 7 nights**

€729 per person in accommodation close to St James Church

Direct return flights, Return airport transfers in Medjugorje,

Breakfast & dinner each day

Full religious programme

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR - Fr Pat O Rourke

More information from Marion O Meara 085 803 1751

**LOURDES - 12th September 2022 - 5 nights**

€799 per person sharing in the Hotel La Solitude

Direct return flights, Return airport transfers in Lourdes,

Full board, breakfast, lunch & dinner each day

Mass at grotto, anointing of the Sick, torchlight Procession

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR - Fr Donal Roche

More information from Nancy Colgan 086 1099 112 or

Carol Kavanagh 086 060 1956 or Parish Office 61699

**Please note that all balances must be  
paid in full by Tuesday 28th June**

**Glendalough Hermitage Centre  
celebrates 21 years.**

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will launch the celebrations with mass on Sunday the 29th May at 10.30am in St. Kevin's Church Laragh.

On Friday the 3rd of June there will be a concert in St. Kevin's at 8 pm.

All are welcome to visit the Hermitages at the open days on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June from 11 till 5 each day.

There are 7 different Pilgrim walks arranged for Saturday the 4th of June. Please see details on noticeboard about the walks and registering for them.

General enquires to Anne Savage on 087 7936 818

A ritual with Deirdre Ni Chinneide will take place in the meditation garden at St. Kevin's on Saturday the 4th and Sunday the 5th from 2.30 till 3.30pm.

Tickets for the concert and information about the walks are available by phoning 087 9356696 or by email [failte@glendaloughhermitage.ie](mailto:failte@glendaloughhermitage.ie)

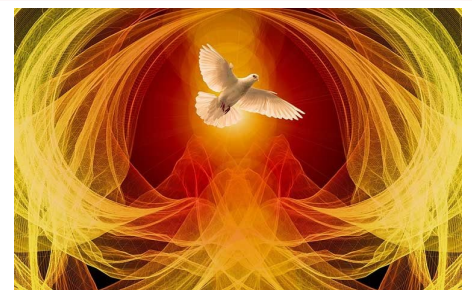
**TROCAIRE BOXES** - Last call for Trocaire boxes, they can be dropped into the Parish office up to Wednesday of next week for collection at the end of the week.

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

28th May: St Coens NS  
at 11am & 12.30pm

**HOLY HOUR**  
every Monday evening  
at 7.30pm

The Christian holiday of Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles



## 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 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.

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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.



## 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**

**Congratulations to the children from Ashford NS & Wicklow Montessori who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.**

# Active Retirement-Activities and Trips

Now with 96 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Choir continues, Friday upstairs, in the Pastoral Centre @ 3pm

Theatre Trip Thursday - fully booked

Planning a local trip for Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> June as the Pastoral Centre won't be available - details to follow

More trips and activities planned

So, watch this space and updates 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 me:

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

## WICKLOW DEMENTIA SUPPORT CLG

Wicklow Dementia Support CLG is a registered charity set up to support people with dementia maintain their interests and independence and live life to the full in their community.

We provide a number of programmes to support people with dementia living in east Co Wicklow including the Wicklow Activity group which takes place in An Tairseach, Wicklow town on Wednesdays from 11am to 12.30pm. This group provides people with dementia an opportunity to meet with their peers and take part in activities of interest to them. Other programmes include AlzPals, a befriending service, Musical Memories, a weekly music session that takes place in Greystones and Carer Support groups.

For an application form,

email: [info@wicklowdementiasupport.org](mailto:info@wicklowdementiasupport.org)

or call 089 4286928

## **Daniel O'Donnell**

at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Dublin

Monday 6th June at 3pm

Tickets €49.50 from the Pro-Cathedral Parish

Office 01 874 5441

Mon to Sat 9.30am to 2pm

or [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)

Linda Martin MC & Special Guest - Sean Gilligan

Halleluiah Gospel Choir

All Proceeds to Peter McVerry Trust and the

Dog's Aid Animal Sanctuary

**THE SALE OF THE YEAR IS BACK!**

**THE UNWANTED GIFT SALE  
& COFFEE MORNING**

**Put the date in your diary!**

**SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER, 2022.**

**From 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.**

Maureen & her team are starting to accept unwanted gifts on Wednesdays starting in June from 10am at The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town  
This year we are also hoping to add an

**UNWANTED CLOTHES SALE**

but clothes must be new and with the tags still on

The sale proceeds will go to  
Wicklow Cancer Support & Wicklow Parish.

**(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT SECOND HAND  
OR USED ITEMS OR BOOKS OR CLOTHES**

## Rathnew Women's Shed

Monthly Craft Fair

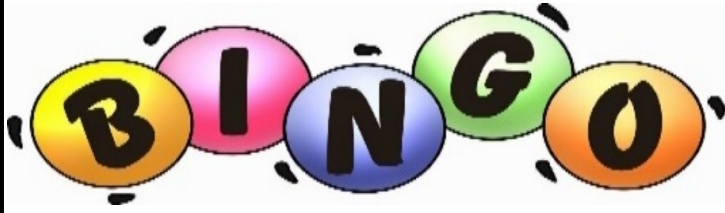
Rathnew Community Centre-

Sunday May 29

12pm-4pm

20+ Fabulous Stalls—essential oils, candles, quilts, books, raffle, teas and coffees

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**

**SUSAN RICE**

**€50 winner**

**THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE**

**4, 7, 15, 30**

**NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE**

**€2,825**

*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*



**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)

*Congratulations to the children from  
St Coens NS who will receive the  
Sacrament of First Holy Communion  
this weekend*

*Wishing them all a lovely day.*

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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Yes, I'm smiling  
because god is always  
teaching me to be  
strong.

