



PARISH NEWSLETTER

**30th January 2022
Wicklow & Rathnew**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
RCN 20016166**



Welcome

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

Gospel Reflections Christian Love Donal Neary SJ

'God, that's very true' - a remark at our liturgy meeting after the second reading. Jealousy kills, envy too, and isn't it great to rejoice in the good fortune of another?

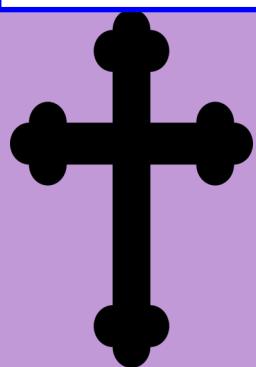
Love is what we bring with us at the end of life. 'We will be judged in the evening of life by love (St John of the Cross). Love for those near and far, for love in the gospel is more than love for just the family, the friend, the attractive one, the neighbour, for all.

There are different calls to Christian love - near and dear daily love, friendship, marriage, relationships. The wider world like in our job where we live in a loving way, in justice with all, not using others for personal gain; the wider world where a universal love makes me want to make a difference in the bigger world. Love carries us into wide seas and waters. It involves us with everyone. It obviously doesn't mean we relate to everyone - nor that we even like everyone. Love is when others' lives become at least as important as our own; and in the deepest loves like marriage, family, and often friendship, others' lives become even more important.

Love changes - we look back and see how the people we loved make the difference. Life is too short to look love in the face and say no.' We are moulded and remoulded by those who have loved us, and though their love may pass, we are nevertheless their work' (F. Mauriac).

The second reading today is hard to beat!
We see it in action when we look at the life of Jesus.

*Jesus whose heart is wide enough to love us all,
make our hearts like yours.*



Sincere sympathy to the families of ...

*Baby Ayla Faye Dickenson late of Rose Hill, -
daughter of Nadine Fagan & Conor Dickenson*

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 29th & 30th January

- 6.00pm** Jim Vickers - Months Mind, Beata Mickieawitz RD,
Baby Matthew Eugene O'Leary, Margaret & Thomas Malone,
Margaret Hodgkinson, Rodney Hodgkinson (BR)
- 7.00pm** *Michael Doyle, remembering Esther, Paul & Kate Doyle*
- 9.00am** *Special Intention*
- 10.00am** George Cardiff, Cathy O'Connell
- 11.30am** Angela Mulligan - Months Mind
Breda Merrigan, Iain McCarthy

31st January - 4th February

- Monday** - Patricia Byrne, Special Intention
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- Tuesday** - Katherine (Kitty) Redmond
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- Wednesday** - Rose & Jim Coffey
- Thursday** - Deceased Members of the Vickers Family
- Friday** - Altar List of the Dead
- 7.00pm** *Altar List of the Dead*

Next Weekend ~ 5th & 6th February

- 6.00pm** Billy Earls, Mons. Gerard Finnegan, Leo Cullen & deceased
members of the Lambert & Cullen families.
- 7.00pm** *John Quinn - 1st Anniversary & Nan Quinn*
- 9.00am**
- 10.00am** Thomas & Agnes Grant
- 11.30am** Noel Murphy - 1st Anniversary, Gillian Stanley-Byrne,
Rose Flaherty, Margaret Ronan

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 23/01/2022

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 980
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 440
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €1545



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 7TH FEBRUARY 2022

First Reading : Isaiah - 6:1-8
Responsorial Psalm 137: 1-5, 7-8
Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

PARISH CONTACTS

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Office opening times -

Monday - Friday : 10am - 12noon

PARISH OFFICE is open Monday to Friday from 10am till 12noon for general enquiries, mass / baptism bookings, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc.

Contact number 61699.

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

Any groups using the De La Salle Pastoral Centre are asked to remember that each group must comply with whatever the guidelines of the day are, but are also expected to comply with the centre's guidelines too.

Follow the Government & DLS centres instructions/guidelines

- ◆ Do not attend the centre if feeling unwell, sneezing, coughing or compromised in anyway.
- ◆ Anyone entering the centre **must wear a face-mask or visor** and sanitise their hands on entering and leaving the premises.
- ◆ No waiting around on the corridors, come along just in time for your group meeting,
- ◆ Do not bring unnecessary equipment, into the centre.
- ◆ Take responsibility for your own safety, i.e. facemasks etc

St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



01 855 0022

CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Telephone number 087 123 8054

WICKLOW & RATHNEW



WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,

REAR OF LEONDARD & MULVEY (BUTLERS) PHARMACY
ABBAY 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.



Volunteers are needed to arrange flowers for the main altar in the church. This is done on a monthly basis, and is a very rewarding and attractive way to help out in the churches. If you would like more information or think you would like to give this a try - please leave your contact details with the parish office.

The Pope's Intention for February

*For religious sisters & consecrated
women*

**We pray for religious sisters and
consecrated women; thanking
them for their mission and their
courage; may they continue to find new
responses to the challenges of our times.**



DIARY DATES: FEBRUARY

1st: St Brigid's Day

2nd : The Presentation of our Lord -

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

3rd: St Blaise – Blessings of Throats

6th: Baptisms - Wicklow

11th: World Day of the Sick

13th: Annual Accord Collection

17th : Zoom Baptism Meeting - 8pm

20th: Baptisms - Wicklow


26th : Baptisms - Rathnew

THIS WEEK'S FEASTDAYS:

31st: ST JOHN BOSCO - 1815 88, born in Piedmont, founded the Salesians to educate boys for life. He also became involved in publishing catechetical material for youth. He is patron saint of youth and of Catholic publishers.

1st: ST BRIGID - renowned for her hospitality and care of the sick. She received the veil from St Mel, and stayed under his direction in Ardagh. She founded a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. She died in 524. The St Brigid's Cross, in legend, was used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith and remains a popular sign of God's protection

3rd: St BLAISE died in 315, Bishop of Sebaste, martyred in Armenia. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eighth century he has been venerated as patron saint of those who suffer from disease of the throat. BLESSING OF THROATS is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. Using two crossed and unlit candles, which have been blessed, they are placed at the throat and the blessing of St Blaise is administered.



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 Baptism zoom meeting will be on Thursday 17th February 2022 at 8pm.

LECTIO DIVINA

*Learning to
love and live
the Sunday Gospels.*

*On Wednesday mornings
at 10.45am in the
Dominican Ecology
Centre and all are
very welcome.*

Some Diary Dates for Next week ...

ST BRIGID'S DAY - Tuesday 1st February

The 10am Mass on Tuesday will be for Grandparents Day with the children from St Patrick's school participation in it. All are welcome to the Mass but especially all our grandparents.

CANDLEMAS DAY - Wednesday 2nd February

Anyone wishing to have candles blessed will have the opportunity to do so at the 10am Mass. Please put your name on your candles.

ST BLAISE DAY - Thursday 3rd February

BLESSING OF THROATS is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. This Blessing will be available at the 10am Mass on Thursday for anyone who wishes to avail of it.

Annual Collection

12/13th February

The annual Collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of 12 & 13 February 2022.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

Marriage Preparation courses - online, small groups.

Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone.

A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.

Please give generously on 12 & 13 February



ST PATRICK'S CHURCH CHOIR

A special meeting of the members of the choir will be held in the Parish Centre in St Ernan's room at 3pm on Saturday 5th February 2022 to discuss the arrangements for the choir going forward.

As this meeting is indoors please note that Covid restrictions will apply including the wearing of masks.

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

St Patrick's Church at 10am

St Joseph's Church at 7pm.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

New rosters will be sorted out over the next couple of weeks for the six months of March to August. If you are not going to be available to go on duty during that time due to holidays etc - please let Debbie know as soon as possible via text message.



WICKLOW BINGO IS BACK IN THE DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE ON MONDAY NIGHTS STARTING AT 8PM. ALL ARE WELCOME!

PLEASE NOTE THAT DOORS OPEN AT 7.30PM

WICKLOW SAVINGS CLUB - has re-opened on Monday's at 1.30pm, in the De La Salle Parish Centre. This is a great way to save a little bit every week for Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join this savings scheme. There is a €10 fee to cover the bank charges on the account.



MEDJUGORJE



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Group Leader: Marian O'Meara
Accompanied by Spiritual Director

4 May 2022

7 nights

€729.00 per person*

(*€50 discount when paid in full by 31 January 2022)

- » 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
- » Group Travel Insurance

For information please contact:
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ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

All Retirees are welcome to our coffee/tea morning every Tuesday in the Pastoral Centre from 10.45am. Outings and cultural trips are organised regularly.

Transport to and from the Centre for meetings can be arranged on request.

*New members are always welcome.
More information from 087 982 7703.
Follow/like us on our Facebook page - Wicklow Active Retirement Association
There is always something to suit all tastes so come along any Tuesday
You will be given a Cead Míle Fáilte.*

LOST - a Disabled Car Parking Disk - if found please contact the Parish Office.

WANTED - a card player who would be willing to teach a parishioner to play 'Whist', if you think you, may be able to help, please contact the parish office.

"The NCBI charity shop in Wicklow Town, raises funds to help people who experience sight loss within our community & all across Ireland. We are looking for volunteers to join our friendly team. Have you a morning or afternoon free? Would you like to learn a new skill? Working in the shop or in our sorting room? Please call into the shop or call 0876894172 for more information."

Please excuse the appearance of St Patrick's Church at the moment; the Church is in the middle of getting necessary works done to it, but it is causing a lot of dust which inevitably ends up on the seats and ground. Although its cleaned every morning, it is proving difficult to win the battle of the dust.

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



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

WICKLOW BRIDGE CLUB

THE CLUB IS RE-OPENING ON TUESDAY
1ST FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM UPSTAIRS IN
THE DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE.
PLEASE BE SEATED BY 7.20PM. FACE
MASKS MUST BE WORN BY EVERYONE
FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS

DEIRDRE GILL

€50 winner

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

1, 12, 23, 26

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€1,300

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*

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all
creation.

Mark 16:15



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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GOD
DOESN'T CALL THE QUALIFIED
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HE QUALIFIES
THE CALLED