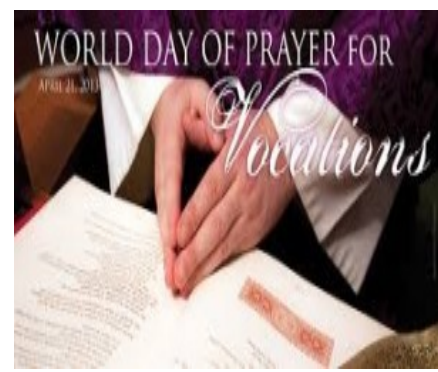


PARISH NEWSLETTER

30th April 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166



Gospel reflection Donal Neary Follow in Love

The first big moment of vocation is baptism. The anointing of chrism at baptism might be called the anointing for vocation.

The baptismal vocation is for witness, love and service. This is expressed in ways in which people live out their baptism in married life, single life - and within the single life, maybe religious life or priesthood.

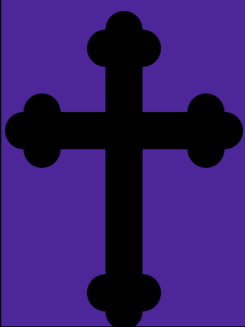
Our active witness is to the life and the values of Jesus in our lives. Teaching is not itself a vocation, for example, but the way we teach is a way of living out our vocation. It is the same with many of the helping professions and employments. Being a good neighbour can be a living out of our vocation.

We witness to love in marriage, in family, extended family, and in friendship. Any love is a sharing in the love of God. In the moments of unselfish love in any relationship we are living out our vocation. When we love, we are doing God's will!

We witness to service in the wider world in our care for the poor and in welcoming the stranger.

In a place of silence, let the words 'Come, follow me' echo in your mind and heart.

Lord, be with me as I offer myself in partnership with you to work in your world.



*Sincere sympathy to the families of
Tom Malone late of St Patrick's Valley*

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 29th & 30th April

6.00pm John Whelan - Months Mind, Jim & Pauline Murphy, Pat & Nancy Stakelum, Bill Bury, Dan Breen, Dan Breen, Mary & Richard Bell & deceased members of the Bell Family

7.00pm *Special Intention*

10.00am Ellen (Nellie) Dunne, Mac Hanlon, Joan Lynch

11.30am Jo Carraher & Mick Tobin - both Months Mind, Maura Fadden - 1st Anniversary, Jack Meehan, Paul Keelaghan, Michael Lavin, Michael Hanlon & deceased members of Hanlon & Scully families

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

1st - 5th May

Monday Funeral Mass of Tom Malone RIP

7.00pm **NO MASS - BANK HOLIDAY**

Tuesday Liz & Michael Foley & deceased residents of St Kevin's Terrace

7.00pm *Special Intention*

Wednesday *Special Intention*

Thursday Aubrey O'Neill,

Deceased members of the Courtenay & Johnson families

Friday Altar List of the Dead

7.00pm *Altar List of the Dead*

Next Weekend ~ 6th - 7th May

6.00pm Timmy, Lily & Anne Kelly

7.00pm *Jordan Quinn*

10.00am Tom Keogh

11.30am Christine Roche - 1st Anniversary, Ann Roche, May & William O'Neill, deceased members of the O'Brien family

Building Hope in Partnership

As part of the 'Building Hope' initiative that is taking place across the diocese, the Pastoral Councils of the three parishes in our grouping of Wicklow/ Rathnew, Ashford/ Glenealy and Kilbride/ Barndarrig took place recently. The priests and members of the three Parish Pastoral Councils attended and discussed hopes and fears for the partnership as we face the future.

The main items we were asked to consider were:

- ♦ What role can the pastoral councils play in working together to provide for the pastoral care of our different parish communities?
- ♦ How can we work towards a Partnership Council for the three parishes, so that there is a balance between the parish and the partnership?
- ♦ Mass schedules: how can we review this to ensure quality celebrations across the seven churches in the grouping?
- ♦ Baptism and Funeral ministry: sharing resources, more voluntary lay involvement.

From the list above, the most urgent item that needs attention is the Mass schedule and this is being looked at for our next meeting in mid-May. At present, we have ten weekend Masses between three priests and some of these are in a very tight time schedule – e.g. two 6pm Vigil Masses and two 7pm Vigil Masses.

The Archbishop has directed that no priest should be scheduled to have more than three weekend Masses, so we will need to drop at least one and rearrange the times of the others to allow enough time for the priests to travel between the different churches. These changes will be discussed and decided upon at the next joint meeting of the three councils and it is hoped that our new weekend schedule will be in operation by early June. We will look at the weekday Masses at a later date but there will be some changes there as well.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we plan for the future in our parish grouping.

ROSARY RALLY

There will be Rosary around Our Lady's Grotto in St Patrick's Church in Wicklow on Saturday May 13th at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us for this occasion. Bring a candle along with you or there will be some available to purchase on the day .



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

Now taking bookings for this years pilgrimage which will be 19th - 23rd August costing €879 per person sharing. This Pilgrimage is open to all—not just parishioners, family and friends from other parishes are also very welcome.

Places are now limited and need to be booked as soon as possible!

This is a wonderful pilgrimage to do - with a fantastic mix of both spiritual and social occasions.

The price includes flight + 20k luggage and a very comfortable hotel, close to all the organised events with three meals a day with various choices - something to suit everyone. There is plenty of assistance and wheelchairs which are readily available for anyone with mobility issues.

There are some very special processions - the Torchlight Procession every evening, the Blessed Sacrament Procession to the underground Basilica, Mass for the Sick, the International Mass, private Mass for the Pilgrim groups in various different churches, and of course, Mass at the Apparition Grotto and the Stations of the Cross done at the Low Stations which is very much accessible to all. The High Stations are also available to anyone who likes a challenge.

Along with the processions and Masses there is a visit to the City of Bartres - where Bernadette lived in her early years, followed by a trip to the stunning Lourdes Lake for refreshments. A visit to the City of the Poor is a must and a cable car trip up the mountains (Pic de Jur) or a trip to Gavargny - another mountain trip - (small charge on those trips) are also available and a great way to view Lourdes. All of these are optional.

There are plenty of gift shops - which are all easily accessible, beautiful coffee shops for during the day and plenty of bars to socialise and get to know the group in the evenings. This is a very casual pilgrimage whereby you can join in with the organised events or do your own thing with no pressure on anyone.

The organisers are so committed and helpful to everyone, and the friendliness and welcome within the group is second to none.

Wicklow Cancer Support

We would like to thank the local community for all their support at the recent Coffee Morning in the Pastoral Centre. It was a huge success due to the team work of so many people.

To Fr. Donal for the use of the room. The Hospitality Group for looking after the refreshments. Our MC Liam Redmond and Sandra Robinson for the lovely entertainment. Fabulous raffle prizes and beautiful bread and cakes delivered to us the morning fresh from the oven donated by so many. This has become one of our main fundraising events and seems to get bigger and better every year when we always look forward to meeting our many volunteers, patients, friends and supporters.

Thank you all.

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:

23rd April 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €1980
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €1180
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards diocesan administration - € 945

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

First Reading : Acts 6: 1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32

Second Reading : 1 Peter 2: 4-9

Gospel : John 14: 1-12

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 - 11TH MAY

AT 8PM

IN THE PARISH CENTRE

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.



DIARY DATES: MAY

- 5th: Baptisms - Wicklow
7th: Collection to support lay ministry in the Archdiocese
19th: Baptisms - Wicklow
21st: The Ascension of the Lord
World Communications Day
26th: Baptisms - Rathnew
28th: Pentecost Sunday

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES 5th MAY 2023

WICKLOW 10.00AM
BARNDARRIG AT 10.00AM
RATHNEW AT 7.00PM

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Donal Roche : 0404 67196

Fr Pat O Rourke: 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

**BBK Website: work
in progress**

**Office opening times
Monday - Friday:**

10am – 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings

LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION

The Lay Ministry Collection will take place on the weekend of May 6/7. This collection will replace the usual Share collection. Your support for this collection would be very much appreciated.

MEDJUGORJE



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

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is located in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and is open Monday through to Friday from 10am till 12.30 pm. Please contact the office for all general parish enquiries / to book masses / baptisms / weddings / to drop in envelopes / buy mass cards etc. Contact number 61699.

TROCAIRE BOXES

All Trocaire boxes can now be returned to the Parish Office during Office hours - Monday—Friday from 10am till 12.30pm.



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 Dail Eireann - Wed 17th May

Spring Holiday to North Wales 15th -19th May.

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

AN TAIRSEACH - ORGANIC FARM & ECOLOGY CENTRE

UPCOMING TALKS

TUESDAY 2ND MAY: 9.30AM TILL 12.30PM

**EMERGING MODELS OF CHURCH:
PARISH AS OASIS WITH KEVIN HARGADAN & CIARA MURHY.**

This course introduces you to an alternative model of church, one which functions from the margins and tends lovingly to our common home, which can exist and thrive in our ever changing world.

WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY 9.30AM TO 12.30PM

**“THE CRY OF THE EARTH, THE CRY OF THE POOR” - PASTORAL LETTER OF
ARCHBISHOP DERMOT FARRELL -**

Panel of speakers including Ms Jane Mellett of Trocaire & Dr Lorna Gold of Faith Invest.

The purpose of the programme is to build awareness and highlight the significance of the Archbishops pastoral letter given the realities that are impacting the Earth and her community of life today.

**More information on notice board or from An Tairseach on 0404 61833 -
booking is essential for these courses.**

Praying Together for Peace in Ukraine

**Prayers for peace in Ukraine will continue on the first
Saturday of each month, in St Patricks Church at 3pm.**

**Everybody is very welcome to
attend this prayerful half hour
of praying for peace to end the
conflict in war torn Ukraine.**

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations

NIAMH TARRANT

27th April 2023: €50 raffle winner

Weekly winning numbers: 11, 14, 17, 29

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

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

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.

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

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*There is not,
and there wont be,
anyone who loves you
more than God.*

