

PARISH NEWSLETTER

30th July 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166



Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew – Donal Neary

The good, the bad, and the treasure

Jesus takes the ordinary for his story asking what you would really want never to lose/ asking what your treasure is. Is it money, reputation, locality? I gave up a better job but had time for the family and for love'; words of a young father. We know that parents give up a lot for their children; as do grandparents/ god-parents and others. As people we look for what's most important in life: the love of God; deep and enduring friendships/ success after hard work in school/ commitment to the poor - what cannot be lost and what is worth sacrificing other good things for.

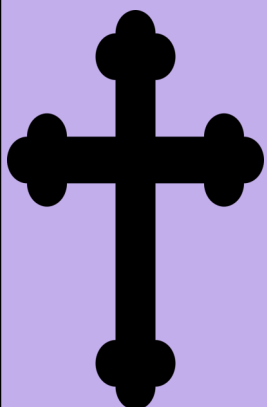
Life is a mixture of the good and the bad. There is an old Dublin saying: 'There's good in the worst of us and bad in the best of us. We work for God with the strengths and weaknesses of all we work with. God sows the seed of the gospel in good and bad soil; it bears fruit in its own way wherever it is sown. The treasure is in our people. So much hidden generosity comes out at bad times - floods, power cuts, illness and death. We need always to find the hidden treasures in our own people and even in our history. The kingdom of God is close, near and is within us.

Think of what you really value in life.

Take time.

Give thanks to God for what brings deep joy in life.

Thy Kingdom Come, Lord Jesus.



Sincere sympathy to the family of

*Elizabeth (Betty) Ryan (née Dooley)
Wicklow Town, Wicklow /Ballyouskill, Kilkenny*

*Dolores (Lo-Lo) Doyle who died in Australia,
originally from Lower House Rathnew.*

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 29th & 30th July

6.00pm *Nicholas Byrne (A) Aidan Giffney,
Special Intention for the success of an operation*

9.00am *Margaret & Andrew Doyle, Ellie Corrigan nee Doyle
Michael Murphy - 1st Anniversary*

10.30am *Rhona Dargle - In remembrance*

12.00noon *Pat Madden (A)*

31st July - 4th August

Monday *Michael Murphy - 1st Anniversary, Henry John Hubbard*

7.00pm *Special Intention*

Tuesday *James Sherlock*

7.00pm *Liam & Kevin Kelly Birthday remembrance & Anniversary*

Wednesday *Alistair McDonald, George Henry,
Mary Gallagher, Christine Kearns*

Thursday *Joan O'Brien - In remembrance*

Friday *Altar List of the Dead*

7.00pm *Altar List of the Dead*

Next Weekend ~ 5th & 6th August

6.00pm *Sally Sculley, Mary Fitzgerald, Mary Merrigan
Fitzgerald, Michael Fitzgerald, Deceased members
of the Thompson & Kennedy families*

9.00am

10.30am *Mary Kavanagh*

12.00noon *Deceased members of the Wicklow Male Voice Choir*

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

23rd July 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 2215
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1485
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - go towards Diocesan Administration € 1122

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 : Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm 97: 1-2, 5-6, 9

Second Reading : 2 Peter 1: 16-19

Gospel : Matthew 17: 1-9

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 - 10TH AUGUST

AT 8PM

IN THE PARISH CENTRE

“A day of immersing ourselves and learning ways to celebrate the Season of Creation”

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home, the Oikos of God. The Season “Celebration” begins 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on the 4th October. This year we will unite around the theme, *“Let Justice and Peace Flow.”*

This day long programme will include input, ritual and practical resources. It will be facilitated by Sr Colette Kane OP (An Tairseach) and Sr Anne Curtis RSM (Mercy by the Sea, USA). A light lunch will be provided and teas and coffee.

Date: Friday 4th August 2023, Time: 10am to 4pm, Price: €60

The Pope's Intention for July

For a Eucharistic life.

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH & MINISTRY PROGRAMME

Pathways is a two year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, on Thursday evenings in DCU, St Patrick's campus, Upper Drumcondra Rd, Dublin 9, September to May 7pm—9pm. Application is now open and early application is advised. Contact Pathways Director: Eileen Houlahan at 01 808 7594 or pathways@dublindioocese.ie

PARISH CONTACTS

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Fr Gerard Deegan CC: 0404 67133

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parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

**BBK Website: work
in progress**

Office opening times

Monday - Friday:

10am – 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH RATHNEW

As parishioners will be aware, there was an ongoing problem with dampness and ingress of rainwater in and around the windows of St Joseph's Church Rathnew, leading to damage to the window frames, particularly the large stained glass window behind the altar.

The area has been assessed by an engineer and has now been treated by a specialist because of the delicate nature of the windows.

We are happy to say that great progress has been and the windows are almost complete now. We have been advised not to put flower vases or pots on the sills for the moment - they need to dry and harden completely.

We will be happy to add flowers/plants to the windows at a later stage once all the proper requirements are in place. Can we please ask parishioners to go along with this request for the foreseeable?

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES - 4th AUGUST

WICKLOW AT 10AM & RATHNEW AT 7PM

Unfortunately there will be **NO** First Friday Mass in Barndarrig this month.

There is a delay with Fr Gerard's move, which is completely out of his control and therefore he's not actually in the parish at the moment.

Please bear with us during this transitional time and be aware that there could be other minor inconveniences for the time being. We are, however trying to keep these to a minimum.

**PLEASE
MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE
PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF
WHILE IN THE CHURCH.**

WICKLOW COPD GROUP

COPD Exercise class to help improve your breathing every Monday in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre.

Fully qualified Instructors

Further information from Denis Teevan on 086 8174 703

YOUNG ADULT CAMINO

Summer 2024

Register your interest using the
QR Code below



**Full Details and Booking
available from September.**

**Send all queries to:
natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie**



Escorted 3 Night Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine,

19th August 2023. Price includes return transfers via train, 3 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. €549.00 per person sharing.

Single supplement €150.00. For more information contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

See noticeboard for more information and the schedule.

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



A massive thanks to the ICA ladies from Wicklow & Ashford guilds who so kindly did a wonderful repair job on the old Lourdes Banner. They ripped and repaired it to a wonderful standard. The first time this banner was brought to Lourdes was in 1989, and it will be re-visiting Lourdes again this year. The banner was requested by Jim Rowan RIP, for the Rathnew /Wicklow Lourdes group and was made by Robbie Tyrrell from Arklow. Robbie sadly died in 2010 and would have been 100 years old on Monday 24th July last. Currently there is an exhibition of his work in the Maritime museum in Arklow to celebrate his 100th birthday. The banner will be on display in St Patricks Church this weekend and in St Joseph's Church the following weekend before travelling to Lourdes the week after.



The 1989 Lourdes Pilgrimage Group with the new banner.



Sheila & Mary with the repaired banner

Front view



And the rear view



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.

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

GROW

mental
wellbeing
programs

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, low mood or just the stresses of life. They offer a tried and tested method of self help and personal growth.

Experience new hope and meaning through working on issues together in a peer support setting

MEETINGS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.
Ring Trish for further info on 086 0129 082
And see Grow.ie to listen to stories of Hope and Recovery.

Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

HAS CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

AND WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY 5TH OF SEPTEMBER

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

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations

TANYA MOYSEYEVA

27th July 2023: €50 raffle winner
Weekly winning numbers: 11, 27, 28, 30

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

*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!*

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

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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Never blame anyone
in your life.
The good people give
you **happiness.**
The bad people give
you **experience.**
The worst people give
you **a lesson.**
The best people give
you **memories.**

