



PARISH NEWSLETTER

31st OCTOBER 2021
Wicklow & Rathnew
31st 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

What is Religious?

Donal Neary SJ

We often ask people what is most important to them in life. Various words come to mind - family, faith, love, and peace of mind, money or others. Jesus is asked something like this in the conversation of today's gospel. His most important word is love – anything in the religious tradition of the time is secondary to love of God and love of the neighbour.

In August 2012 a survey indicated that the Irish are among the least religious people of Europe. This came out of a sample of 1,000 people and indicates something to do with religious understanding and practice. Maybe though we could challenge that we are most religious, not necessarily when we are in church or praying, but also when we are at our most loving and caring, or concerned for justice.

True religion is that, and is especially true when it cares for the needy. Jesus' heart went out mostly to people like that in his own time, especially any group who were outcast like people suffering from leprosy.

This can be the same today. He is the one on the side of the needy, and most on our side when we are most needy. This is the meaning and the reason for the Christian community – to be bearers of love in our world.

So maybe in Ireland we are much more religious than the survey shows! When we love, in the smallest and biggest ways, among the family, neighbourhood and wider world, then we are religious in the name of Jesus.



*Recall moments when you thought you were most 'religious' and soon after were internally critical of other's efforts.
Lord, may I find your love and call in everything I encounter this day.*

"Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!"

Psalm 31:24



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 30th & 31st October

- 6.00pm** Joan Delahunty, Suzanne Copeland, Marion Roche, Jim & Molly McCall, Jack & Molly O'Reilly, John Mitchell, Maggie Dunne (A) & remembering her husband Patrick & daughters Mary, Helen & Veronica
- 7.00pm** *Bid Hollingsworth*
- 9.00am** *Special Intention*
- 10.00am** Ann Mernagh - 1st Anniversary, Peter, Julia & Tommy Fitzsimmons, deceased members of the Fitzsimmons & Lynch families
- 11.30am** Angela Whelan

1st ~ 5th November

- Monday** - CC Tomas, Charlie & Maura Byrne
Pauline Postlethwaite (Intention)
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- Tuesday** - Deceased members of the Wicklow Active Retirement Assoc
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- Wednesday** - TJ Doyle RD
- Thursday** - Paddy Maher RD
- Friday** - Altar List of the Dead

Next Weekend ~ 6th & 7th November

- 6.00pm** Valerie Carroll MM, Mary Fitzgerald - 1st Anniversary
Olive O'Reilly, Ena Byrne, Mary Kavanagh, Tony O'Brien,
Anne O'Neill
- 7.00pm** *Thomas Buck MM, Hannah Butler*
- 9.00am**
- 10.00am** Ann Breen - 1st Anniversary, Fr Finian Duggan,
Srs Rita & Christopher Duggan

11.30am

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

Upcoming Parish Events

5th November at 7.00pm

Bereavement Mass Rathnew

10th November at 7.30pm

Bereavement Mass Wicklow

18th November at 7.30pm

Mass of the Angels

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 17/10/2021

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 788
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 400
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 1810



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 7TH NOVEMBER 2021

First Reading : 1 Kings 17: 10-16

Responsorial Psalm: 145: 7 - 10

Second Reading : Hebrews 9: 24 - 28

Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*is suspended at the moment due to the ongoing works
in the church*

HOLY HOUR

*will resume on Wednesday nights from
7.30pm - 8.30pm*

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

Website: www.wicklowparish

Office opening times -

Monday - Friday : 10am - 12.30pm

HOLY DAY - 1st NOVEMBER FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Please note that there will be no vigil Masses.

There will be the normal 10am Mass in

St Patrick's on Monday 1st and the evening Mass
in St Josephs at 7pm

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.

LECTIO DIVINA

6th Century term meaning 'Sacred Reading'

*Learning to live and love the
Sunday Gospel,
on Wednesday mornings,
from 10.45am till 11.45am
in the
Dominican Ecology Centre.
All are very welcome to attend.*



WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,

REAR OF LEONARD & 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.

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.

St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



01 855 0022

CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Telephone number 087 123 8054

WICKLOW & RATHNEW

Random Acts of Kindness Day

www.littlelewis-premium.com

LITTLE ACTS OF KINDNESS - MAD SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2021

Make a Difference (MAD) Sunday.

This beautifully simple initiative hopes to encourage ALL people make a conscious effort to do one simple thing to help another & share it to help, inspire, give hope & encourage others! It's a day on which we are encouraging everyone to look out for others, to reach out to others and make a small difference in their home, community, school, parish, etc. To consciously do at least one simple act of kindness and then share it on social media all using the hashtag **#MADSUNDAY**

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

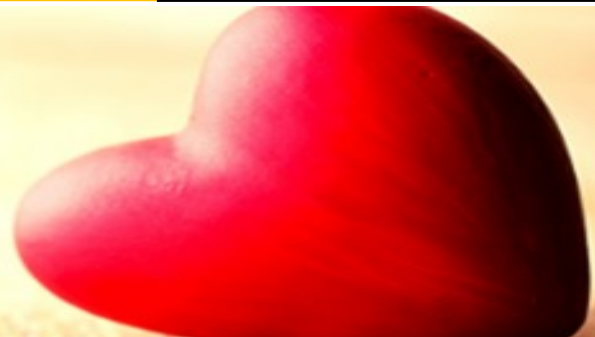
We are looking to recruit new Ministers of the Word for all Masses in the Parish. There would be a little training for this Ministry. If you think you may be interested, please leave your name and number with the Parish Office or either of our priests.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST ENVELOPES

Are now available at the Church doors, please take one home with you and fill out the sheet with your deceased family and friends, they will be remembered at the Mass on the First Fridays of every month for the next year.

Let there be kindness in your face,
in your eyes, in your smile, in the
warmth of your greeting... Don't
only give your care, but give your
heart as well.

Mother Teresa



Wicklow & Rathnew Parish

Our Annual Masses for those who have been bereaved during the past year, will be on Friday 5th November in St Joseph's Church Rathnew at 7pm, and on Wednesday 10th November in St Patrick's Church Wicklow at 7.30pm.
More information at wicklowparish.ie



In November.....
We remember.

wicklowparish.ie

Relatives of all those who were buried from St Patrick's and St Joseph's Church will receive a letter inviting them to this very special Mass.

Other people will have also experienced the loss of close family during the year; if you wish for them to be included at the Mass please leave the name/names into the Sacristy, Parish Office before Monday 1st November. Everyone is very welcome to attend and remember their deceased family and friends.

A candle will be lit for their intentions.

WICKLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

The annual Mass for deceased members of the organisation will be on Monday 1st November at 10am in St Patrick's Church. There will be tea and scones after the Mass in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre for all members.

Mass of our Angels

*In St Patrick's Church, Wicklow on
Thursday 18th November at 7.30pm*

*I
will not
forget
you*

*I have
carved you
in the
palm of my
hand*

Isaiah 49:15

This is an opportunity to remember our little ones who have passed on too soon.

For those who have been touched by the loss of a child or an unborn infant, you are invited to come together for "A Mass of our Angels". There will also be an opportunity to register your baby or child in the Register of our Angels.

Whether your loss is recent or a long time ago, you are very welcome to join us for this very special Mass.

ONLY ONE MORE WEEK!!!!

UNWANTED GIFT SALE, COFFEE MORNING

ART & PHOTO EXHIBITION & SALE

Put the date in your diary!

SUNDAY 7th NOVEMBER, 2021. From 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Maureen & her team are starting to accept unwanted gifts on Thursdays starting on 9th September from 10.30 to 12 at The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town or by appointment on any Wed, Thurs, Friday

This year we are also hoping to add an

ART & PHOTO EXHIBITION & SALE

to this event - so if there are any Artists or photographers who would like to donate a painting or photograph, we would be very grateful. The sale of your donation and proceeds will go to Wicklow Cancer Support & Wicklow Parish.



BINGO

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

ASHLEY McKEON

who won the snowball jackpot of €790

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



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

Gerry Galligan

WEEKLY €50 RAFFLE WINNER
THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE

2, 8, 9, 17

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€2,350

*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

**WARA ~ WICKLOW ACTIVE
RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION**

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

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.....

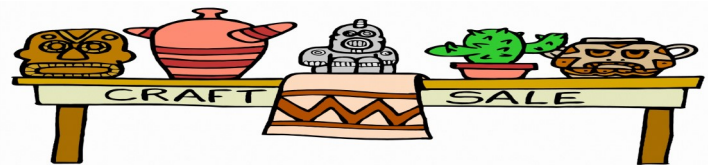


CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

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

Rathdrum Parish Craft Fair



A craft fair will take place in the R.D.A. Hall on
Sunday, 14th November 2021 commencing at 12
noon. If you would like to reserve a table in
order to sell your crafts, the cost is €50.00 per
table. For further enquiries, contact Fr. Derek
or Anne in the Parish office.

Office hours are 9.30am -12.30pm, Monday to
Friday. The office can be contacted on 0404
46517 or via email rpo2014frd@gmail.com to
book your table.

All proceeds will go towards the Parish Finance

Before you leave the house,
you need to make up your mind
that you're going to
stay positive
and enjoy the day
no matter what comes your way.
You have to decide ahead of time.

— JOEL OSTEEN