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## WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

# Congratulations

# KEVIN PEDRESCHI

16th November, 2023: €50 raffle winner  
Weekly winning numbers: 3, 10, 14, 25

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

## JACKPOT €3,525

Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!

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

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th November 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wicklow & Rathnew  
RCN 20016166



Fr Donal Neary, S.J ~Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew

### Well Done !

**Why did he hide the money?** Maybe he was asked to be dishonest - to use the money for purposes that diddled others. At the time of this parable most money was made dishonestly. Today this could be like trafficking in drugs or sex, treating our migrant workers badly, paying off violence or buying in a way that diminishes others. The servant was an honest man and suffered for it.

**Did you ever feel you were being compromised** by being asked to do something that you knew was wrong? A person pressured into watching internet porn, or engaging in sexual activity, or trying out alcohol? They may feel they will suffer in the future if they don't give in.

**The godfathers of crime and drugs and violence** have a lot to answer for. They are those that make money at the expense of others. This is one way of reading this parable: that people try to get other people to do their dirty work, and they can punish for not doing it.

The man in the end got thrown out by the greedy master - but from God he will, 'Well done, come and inherit the kingdom.'

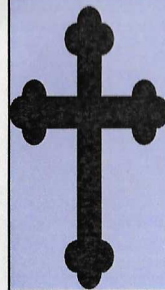
Today we are encouraged by the man who would not do the dirty work for anyone, would not take part in schemes that damaged others, and is the one who really 'did well.'

Can you imagine when you or someone you know went 'against the tide?'  
Imagine Jesus saying to you, well done.

What might it be for?  
Lord, may I be faithful to you always

Some people will only "love you" as much as they can use you. Their "loyalty" ends where the benefits stop...

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*Sincere sympathy to the families of*

*Josephine (Jo) Clarke (nee O'Rourke) late of Weston Close*



# Mass Intention List



*This Weekend ~ 18th & 19th November*

**6.00pm** Eleanor Fitzpatrick - Months Mind, Pat Marah  
John & James Doyle, Séan McSherry, Peter Moloney

**9.00am** Michael Barry - In Remembrance

**10.30am** Mary Brien - In Remembrance

**12.00noon** Maura O'Brien Months Mind, Helen Gorman &  
Betty Kennedy - both 1st Anniversaries, Christine  
Dianne Fowler, Raymond & Marjorie Maguire

*20th - 24th November*

**Monday** James Whelan, Eleanor Canterbury

**7.00pm** Adrian Healy - In Remembrance

**Tuesday** Frank Whelan - In Remembrance

**7.00pm** Celia & Shay Doyle

**Wednesday** Síneád Cahill - 1st Anniversary

**Thursday** Margaret McGrath

**Friday** Kathleen Reburn - 1st Anniversary  
Paddy Duffy

*Next Weekend ~ 25th & 26th November*

**6.00pm** Siobhan Doyle - 1st Anniversary, William Dunne Jnr,  
Rosaleen Earls, Sean Flood, John O'Brien, Ben & Maura  
Mahon, Marie Kenny

**9.00am**

**10.30am**

**12.00noon** Philip O Sullivan - 1st Anniversary

## PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Aquinas Duffy PP : 0404 67196

Fr Gerard Deegan CC: 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

[parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com)

BBK Website: work  
in progress

Office opening times

**Monday - Friday:**

**10am – 12.30pm**

For all enquires and bookings

## *The Pope's Intention for November*

*For the Pope*

*We pray for the Holy Father, as he  
fulfils his mission.*

*May he continue to  
accompany the flock  
entrusted to him, with the  
help of the Holy Spirit.*



**PLEASE .....**

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

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 –14TH DECEMBER**  
**AT 8PM**  
**IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE**

## Sacred Scripture

*Every Wednesday in the Dominican  
Ecology Centre from 10.45am till noon.*

*We reflect on the following Sundays  
Gospel, by going deeper into it. This  
helps us to live the word of God in our  
daily lives.*

*Everyone is very welcome to come along  
and try these sessions!*

THANK YOU .....

To the Wicklow Bingo  
Committee for the generous  
donation that was made to  
Fr Aquinas for the Parish  
recently.

We are very grateful to all  
who continue to support the  
Bingo and in doing so -  
support several different  
charities in the local area.

Bingo is in the De La Salle  
Hall at 8pm every Monday  
night and all are welcome.



## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

12th November 2023

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1905  
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1360  
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 893  
*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) /[sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

First Reading : Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalm : 22

Second :1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

Gospel : Matthew 25: 31-46

## ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD - ENVELOPES

*Envelopes and lists are now available in all Churches. Please feel free to take home the list and envelope and include all your deceased family and friends on it. Mass will be offered for all those named on these lists on the First Friday of each month. Lists can be returned to Churches or Parish Office.*



## PASTORAL AREA WEBSITE

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new and updated website. It has become the new Pastoral Area Website, which is covering Wicklow/Rathnew, Ashford/Glenealy & Kilbride, Barndarrig & Brittas Bay. Each parish will have its own platform within the website, and another section that will be common to all parishes.

Work started on this a few months ago, and we are very happy with the end product. Many thanks to Michelle in Tribec, who has been very patient and obliging with us, over the past couple of months. There are still some little tweaks to be sorted but it is 90% there now.

Another THANK YOU to William Doyle Undertakers for agreeing to cover all the updates expenses and agreeing to continuing to sponsor the new Pastoral Area Website. We are very grateful for your support.

## The Wicklow Gold Rush

An illustrated talk by  
Peter O'Connor



de la Salle Pastoral Centre,  
Wicklow

Tuesday, 28 November @ 8pm  
Wicklow Historical Society



WICKLOW & DISTRICT  
LIONS CLUB  
QUIZ NIGHTS

THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER AT  
8.30PM IN ERNIES, WICKLOW  
SUPPORTING RNLI &  
EDUCATE TOGETHER SCHOOL

THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER AT  
8.30PM IN FITZPATRICK'S  
WICKLOW SUPPORTING  
BLUE DOLPHINS &  
ST COEN'S SCHOOL, RATHNEW

## Caife agus Comhrá

Leabharlann Chill Mhantáin  
Wicklow Library



An Satharn / Saturday  
25 Mí na Samhna / November  
3pm-4pm

SENIOR CITIZENS  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY RATHNEW

ON SATURDAY 2ND  
DECEMBER FROM  
2.30PM TILL 6PM IN  
ST BRIGID'S HALL.

CONTACT DOREEN ON 087 781  
4472 FOR MORE INFORMATION



Please note that the PARISH TAP & GO BOX for Parish donations is not working at the moment. We are in the process of getting a new one installed in the Church. The other two boxes at the side doors are working and accepting donations for the Dublin diocese. Donations to these boxes are split 60:40 to pay the First & Second collections. The money from these boxes does not stay in the parish.



**CITIZENS INFORMATION SERVICES AND WICKLOW LIBRARY COME TOGETHER TO PROVIDE TRUSTED INFORMATION AND ADVICE SERVICES**

The Citizens Information Board (CIB) has announced an innovative new pilot scheme in Wicklow town.

From 9 November, members of the public can access free, confidential and trusted information and advice online from an Information Officer from South Leinster Citizens Information Service (CIS) in a dedicated private space in Wicklow Library. Members of the public can book an appointment with an expert Information Officer and have a one-on-one online session in a private space in Wicklow Library. The Information Officer will offer expertise and guidance on a range of topics including social welfare, taxation and education.

This new service will be available on Thursday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm by appointment.

This service is open to any member of the public and an appointment can be made by contacting the CIC in Bray on 0818 07 6780 or email [bray@citinfo.ie](mailto:bray@citinfo.ie). The public can also drop into Wicklow Library to enquire about the service.

CIB is a State agency under the remit of the Department of Social Protection and funds the Citizens Information Services. CIB was awarded funding to run this pilot project in Wicklow and two other libraries through the Public Service Innovation Fund. This project is supported and funded by the Department of Public Expenditure NDP Delivery and Reform.



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Wicklow

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from 10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

**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](http://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  
Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.

Conversational Irish Tuesdays at 10.00 am

Line Dancing Tuesdays 12.00 to 1.00pm

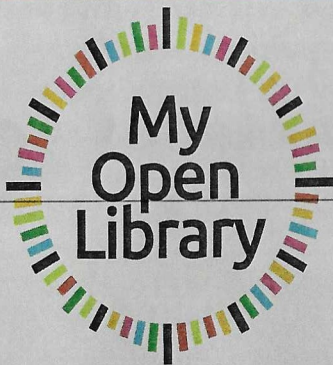
Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00 am

Choir Fridays 3.00pm-4.00pm

trip to the National Concert Hall on Saturday 11th November to see the musical Oliver.

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



**My Open Library is a service that allows you to access the Wicklow or Arklow Libraries after hours.**

Just bring in your library card and we'll sign you up!

Must be 16 years old and 16-17 year olds must be accompanied by a parent to sign up.

If you don't have a library card it's easy to join.

Just bring in photo ID and proof of address.

**Wicklow Library Events November 2023**

- Saturday 10th, 18th & 25th Mindfulness and Meditation 4.00-5.00 pm Booking not required
- Thursday 16th Local History Talk with Rosemary Raughter 7.00-8.30 pm Impact of 1918-19 influenza epidemic in County Wicklow Sign up at the desk, call 0404 87000 or email: [wicklowlocalhistory@wclib.ie](mailto:wicklowlocalhistory@wclib.ie)
- Saturday 18th Fun Drama Workshop for the Whole Family 2.30-3.30 pm Sign up at the desk, call 0404 87000 or email: [wicklow@wclib.ie](mailto:wicklow@wclib.ie)
- Tuesday 21st & 28th Chair Yoga with Louise - Adults 2.00-3.00 pm Sign up at the desk, call 0404 87000 or email: [wicklow@wclib.ie](mailto:wicklow@wclib.ie)
- Wednesday 22nd Film Club - The Quiet Girl - An Cailin Cúin 7.00 pm No need to book - Must have HDL accessibility
- Thursday 23rd Varn Storytelling Booking not required 6.30-7.30 pm Story Tellers of Ireland Adults Only
- Thursday 23th Irish Conversation Group-All Levels Especially Beginners No need to book 3.00-4.00 pm
- Saturday 2nd DECEMBER BINGO! For the Whole Family 3.45-4.45 pm Lots of great prizes to win Sign up at the desk, call 0404 87000 or email: [wicklow@wclib.ie](mailto:wicklow@wclib.ie)
- Saturday 2nd DECEMBER History Talk - Bill Nelson 2.00-3.00 pm Events surrounding Spinkers crash 12th August 1946 in the Dublin/Wicklow Mountains Booking not required

**CHRONIC PAIN SUPPORT GROUP**  
Friday 7pm- 8pm  
De La Salle Pastoral Centre  
A67 FX65  
Tea, coffee and a chat  
Start date:  
8th September 2023  
For more information contact  
Katie Reville RGN, RM  
086 4094013  
[kalvey37@gmail.com](mailto:kalvey37@gmail.com)

**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