

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st February 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Today's gospel was described by the late Pope Francis: '*This is the new law, the one we call the "the Beatitudes."*' It's the Lord's new law for us' (February 2016). It highlights attitudes of the heart rather than just a set of rules to be followed.

We do not stay just with the words of Jesus. His life and teaching was a commentary on this sermon. Jesus invites us to watch how the sermon is lived out in his life. All the qualities – being poor in the spirit, able to mourn our losses and work for peace – are qualities of the human person. This is how we know our need for God, our need for each other. Even in his risen life he was the humble one who could listen to the doubts of his disciples and guide them to further faith, each in his or her own way.

The church is called to live these qualities, which lead us to the compassion of Jesus and to bring compassion in our lives. Compassion and understanding come from listening deeply to others, especially their joys and sorrows.

Compassion also grows in prayer – by asking for it, and by watching the compassion of Jesus in his life.

Someone working with young people once said that '*an ounce of compassion is worth a ton of exhortation.*'

Marriage, friendship and family life are all enriched by the quality of compassionate listening.



*Some time today notice now you are feeling:
share that with Jesus in prayer.*

*Notice too how these feelings affect
how you are with others during the day.*

Thank you, Lord, for your compassion for me in all times of my life.



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Fintan Moran Westmount Court, Wicklow Town, Wicklow*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 31st January & 1st February

6.00pm Patricia Byrne,

Margaret & Rodney Hodgkinson (A) & B.R.

Prudence Bonus (A), Pat O'Rourke (A)

9.00am Paddy Ronan 1st Anni. & remembering his wife Nancy
& his sister in law Noreen Holland 1st Anni.

Christy Murphy & Margaret, James Murphy & their
parents Margaret & Thomas, Willie O'Gorman

10.30am George Cardiff (A)

12.00pm Mary Graham M.M, May, Catherine, Pat & Sarah,
Judith & Annie Carr,
Patrick & Bridget Mahon (A),
Cathy O'Connell (A)

2nd ~ 6th February 2026

Monday Patrick & Bernie O'Riordan and the O'Riordan &
Whelan family, Ted Hanrahan of Limerick

7.00pm NO MASS

Tuesday Eileen & Patrick Rowan (A)

(PLEASE NOTE: change of time) 6.45 Eamon Maher R.D

Wednesday Madeline O'Brien R.D

Thursday Gillian Byrne Stanley (A), Michael Kinsella B.R

Friday Altar list of the Dead

Next Weekend ~ 7th February & 8th February

6.00pm Mary Merrigan Fitzgerald, Jackie Sillery,
Mary Fitzgerald, Michael Fitzgerald,
Brigid & William Kilbride

Collette Molloy

Billy Earls (A)

9.00am Nan Quinn (A) & her brother John

10.30am

12.00pm Margaret Conway 1st Anni. Cathy Flynn 1st Anni.
Noel Murphy (A) & his Daughter Carmel Wyatt,
John Dunne (A)

If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58: 7 – 10

PSALM: Ps. 111: 4 – 9

SECOND READING: Corinthians 2:1 – 5

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13 - 16



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Ashford: 1st Friday after Mass

Wicklow: Mondays and Thursdays after Mass

Kilbride: 1st Thursday at 7pm (Divine Mercy)

Brittas Bay: Tuesdays at 9am



St. Mantan Pastoral Area Baptism Details

Wicklow First Saturday 2.00pm

Third Sunday 1.00pm

Rathnew Fourth Saturday 2.00pm

Ashford First Sunday 12 noon
Glenealy Third Saturday 12 noon

BBK Second Saturday 2.00pm

Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday 12th February at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on Thursday 26th February at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office.

Congratulations to all couples planning their marriage.

Don't forget to give 4 months notice to the parish where you live.

Your local parish is responsible for organising the paperwork necessary for the Sacrament of Marriage irrespective of where the wedding will take place.

Be sure to get in touch with the Parish Office to make arrangements to complete wedding papers at least 4 months before the date of the proposed wedding.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

25th January 2026

Here is where your donations go to.

Many thanks for your continued support.

PARISH ENVELOPE & STANDING ORDER DONATIONS	1ST COLLECTION COMMON FUND & DUES ENVELOPES	2ND COLLECTION - SHARE
<p>The Envelope/Standing Orders are what funds the Parish. This money stays locally and is vital to sustain our Parish.</p> <p>The money from these envelopes and Standing Orders maintain the Churches, Parish Centre, Houses, general maintenance and administration expenses.</p>	<p>The Common Fund account is funded by all the loose notes & coins in the First Collection</p> <p>It is used to provide suitable and equitable remuneration and support for all priests serving in the diocese, including active, sick, and retired clergy.</p>	<p>The Share account is funded by all loose notes & coins in the Second collection.</p> <p>It is primarily used to finance central support services for all parishes, and to provide financial assistance to low-income parishes.</p>
<p>The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Parish account.</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Diocesan Common Fund Account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Diocesan Share Account</p>
<p>€1750 (105 envelopes received)</p>	<p>€1275</p>	<p>€950</p>

If you would like to help support your parish, please get in touch with the Parish Office to set up a box of weekly envelopes or through monthly Standing Order. Your support would be very much appreciated.



Accord will hold its annual collection on the 14th and 15th February, at all masses. It will replace the Share Collection.
Please support.

Candlemas Day – 2nd February

On Candlemas Day, February 2, followers of Jesus celebrate his Presentation at the Temple and the Virgin Mary being purified, with many of the faithful bringing candles to their churches to be blessed. Thereafter the candles represent Jesus and the day of his induction into Judaism, and they go toward explaining the name of the holy day, Candlemas.



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

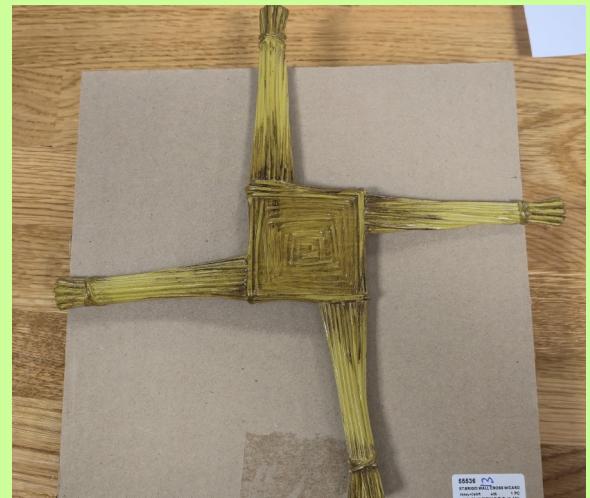
St. Blaise Day - Blessing of the Throats – 3rd February

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 Tuesday for anyone who wishes to avail of it.

ST. Brigid's Cross

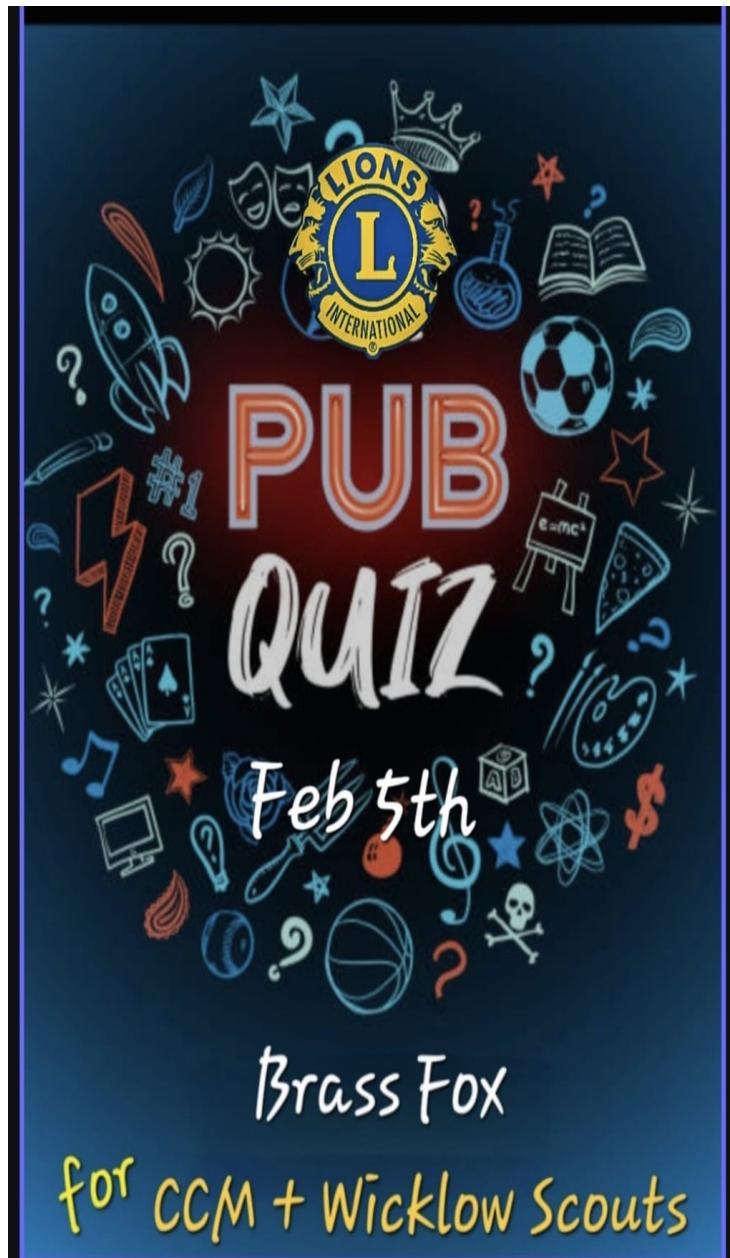
St. Brigid's crosses available in the parish shop. They cost €13 drop into the parish shop if you wish to have a look. Shop open same time as office from 10am till 12.30pm.

PLEASE NOTE: These Crosses are a resin design and will last forever



Ash Wednesday – 18 February

Ash Wednesday falls on February 18, 2026, marking the first day of Lent. Ashes at all masses



LECTIO DIVINA (GOSPEL REFLECTION)

Starting again on Wednesday the
4th of February.

Where: An Tairseach centre,
Dominican Convent, Wicklow.

TIME: 10.45 A.M- 12 NOON.

We read the Gospel for the following Sunday and Reflect on what the Gospel message is for each of us. No need to bring anything as we use the Mass missalettes which we have available. All welcome.

ALL WELCOME.

If a morning meeting doesn't suit you, you may be interested in considering coming to our meetings during Lent which will move to Wednesday evenings Starting on Wednesday 18th of February. Time : 7.30pm- 8.45 pm in the An Tairseach centre.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



WICKLOW SAVINGS CLUB - is open on Monday afternoons 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.



PARISH CONTACTS

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Email: parishofficewicklow@gmail.com, Website: www.stmantan.ie

Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

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 -
All our services are free of charge*

0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Email info@wicklowcancersupport.ie

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.
Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.



Active Retirement Activities & Trips

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

Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.

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 Mile
Fáilte*



**ON MONDAYS in the
DE LA SALLE CENTRE &
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS in
ST BRIDGETS HALL - BOTH
AT 8PM. STRICTLY OVER 18s.**



Dominican College Wicklow
Transition Year Students 2026
Presents

CAMP ROCK THE MUSICAL



**WEDNESDAY 4TH,
THURSDAY 5TH
& FRIDAY 6TH
FEBRUARY, 2026**

FATIMA HALL, WICKLOW TOWN
SHOWS NIGHTLY AT 7.30PM

Adult €18. Student €10
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE
AND ONLINE AT GR8EVENTS.IE



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McCrea's Funeral Home, Dublin Road,
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Parish Lotto Results for 29/01/2026

No jackpot won this week

A golden lottery ball with the number 2 on it.A golden lottery ball with the number 12 on it.A golden lottery ball with the number 13 on it.A golden lottery ball with the number 21 on it.

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Shane Carroll

Next Week's Jackpot will be: €1,350

**Please encourage friends and family to support this Parish Fundraiser from as little as €2 per line or €5 for three lines. (The price of a coffee) Its quick and easy to sign up.
More information from the Parish Office or ourfundraiser.ie**

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish.

If you would like to become a regular supporter to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return to the Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....



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The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

PSALM 27:1