

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

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The Ascension of the Lord - Year C

1st June 2025



Gospel Reflection ~ The Ascension of the Lord ~Donal Neary SJ

In the famous crucifix of San Damiano, the Lord ascends with a smile on his face. It is over, his mission is accomplished, and he has conquered death, and is now with us all days to the end of time. His earthly mission is accomplished, but not his mission of love for his people. He is with us now.

Jesus often talks of joy, often the joy of God in forgiving a sinner. The big joy of God seems to be mercy, and even in the memory of his own death Jesus finds joy. In the chapel of the home of St Francis Xavier in Navarre, the crucifix is of the 'smiling Jesus'. He smiles not in comfort and ease, but in love and sacrifice.

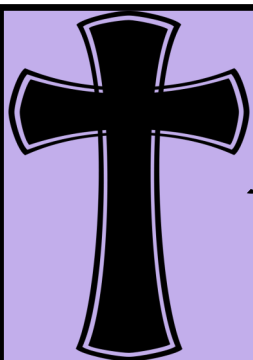
While we think today of the loss of Jesus, we are invited to rejoice as he leaves one way of being with us – on earth, to another way of being with us – from heaven. He both awaits us there and helps us get there, the mystery of the Divine Son who is one of us. The mystery goes farther that we are invited and called into sharing this life of his on earth, for in each of us is the life of Jesus,. Who makes his home in us.

This is background of the prayer of St Teresa of Avila: his life of his on earth, for in each of us is the life of Jesus, who makes his home in us.

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world...
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

It should not be possible for Christians to be disillusioned. We should have no illusions in the first place. Our faith is in Jesus Christ alone.

Gene Edward Veith Jr.



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Paul (Purple) Flynn, Station House, The Murrough and
formerly of St. Laurence's Rd.
Rita Deignan (née Meehan), Blainroe, Co. Wicklow
Elizabeth (Elsie) Hickey (née Haughton), late of
Robertstown, Co. Kildare and formerly of Rathnew*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 31st May ~ 1st June 2025

- 6.00pm* *Derek Hollingsworth, Evelyn Goodman,
Kitty O'Rourke (died in UK)*
- 9.00am* *Leo Devlin*
- 10.30am* *Veronica Carroll (MM), Peggy & Peter Finnegan,
Denis O'Brien & his wife Marie O'Brien*
- 12.00pm* *Monica O'Rourke, Tony & Peggy Gillespie,
Jim Rowan (A), Una Neiland (A),
James Benjamin O'Sullivan (A)*

2nd ~ 6th June 2025

- Monday* *Majella Turner (RD)*
- 7.00pm* *NO MASS*
- Tuesday* *Ann Earls (Birthday Remembrance),
Liam Moore (A), Sr. Eileen McGrath (RD)*
- 7.00pm* *Ed Scallan (1st A.)*
- Wednesday* *Jane McCoy (RD)*
- Thursday* *Andrew O'Brien (A)*
- Friday* *FIRST FRIDAY*

Next Weekend ~ 7th ~ 8th June 2025

- 6.00pm* *Vincent Byrne (1st A), Ger Gilbert (A), Eddie Coffey*
- 9.00am* *James Gill (A)*
- 10.30am*
- 12.00pm* *John Doyle (M.M.), Maureen Doyle (50th A.),
Deirdre O'Reilly*

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
25th May 2025

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1710**
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€1300**
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€1145**

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 2:1-11

PSALM: 103: 1,24,29-31,34

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 8-17

GOSPEL: John 14:15-16,23-26

Baptisms in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow	First Saturday	2pm
	Third Sunday	1pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2pm
Ashford Glenealy	First Sunday	12 noon
	Third Saturday	12 noon
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm



Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday 12th June, 2025, at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre

Congratulations to the girls & boys from the De La Salle religion class who are receiving the Sacrament of Communion this weekend.



Hoping that all the families have a very special day. Many thanks to all who helped them to their First Holy Communion Day - their teachers, parents and parish co-ordinators who all worked very hard in preparing them.

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



Mass & Blessings of the Graves - 2025

Barndarrig Cemetery: Tuesday, 1st July @ 7.30pm

Three Mile Water Cemetery: Monday, July 7th at 7.30pm

Castletimon Cemetery: Monday, July 14th at 7.30pm

Rathnew Cemetery: Wednesday 16th July at 7.30pm

Glenealy Cemetery: Saturday 19th July at 3.00pm

Killoughter Cemetery: Tuesday 22nd July at 7.30pm

Interested in arranging flowers for the altar but not feeling confident enough to do it?

The parish is hoping to organise a short course in flower arranging with a view to expanding the current team

- if you would like to learn more about this please give your name in to the parish office.

PLANNED GIVING COLLECTION

The new packs of envelopes for the next year are now available for distribution. We would be very grateful if the distributors could collect their boxes during the week. If you don't receive your box of envelopes, please inform the parish office. We would most sincerely like to express our thanks to the team of volunteers who very kindly give up their time to distribute these boxes every year.

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## **THE WEEKLY ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDER**

This collection funds the parish. It pays for the day to day expenses of running the Parish such as electricity, heating, insurance as well as maintaining the Churches, the Parish Centre and houses.

The Parish depends very much depends on the Weekly Envelope and Standing Order contributions, in order to continue to maintain and improve the parish. We would not be able to maintain our parish without these contributions.

We are appealing to parishioners who don't use the box of envelopes or the standing order option to consider these options for donating to the parish because unless your donation is in an envelope or paid through the bank, it does not stay within the parish. All loose monies go into the other collections for Share and the Common Fund.

If you have thought about contributing to the Parish regularly - please arrange for a box of envelopes or a Direct Debit form to be sent to you by ringing the parish office on 61699

## **TAX RELIEF SCHEME**

The Tax Relief Scheme for donations to Eligible Charities is of immense benefit to the Parish. It is a very simple but effective way of increasing revenue, whereby the parish can claim back the tax paid on any **recorded contributions** of €250 or more per annum. Many people have already signed up for this and it has made a big difference to parish income. If you have not already done so, perhaps you would consider signing up for it now. Full details are available on the parish website or from the office.

As the church is registered as a charity, any contribution of €250 or more (which is €5 a week), allows the parish to claim back up to 40% of that, which is approx. €100, where applicable. However, we do have to be able to link the donations to a donor which is where the envelopes/ Direct Debit/Standing Orders becomes important. The only information that is required from the contributor is - name, address, PPS number and a signature. Please be assured that any information received is treated with the strictest of confidence and that there is **NO** involvement at all from any tax officials. If you pay income tax and if you have contributed €250 or more to the **Dues and Family Offering**, the Parish can claim back the tax on your donation at no cost whatsoever to the contributor.

Please be assured that the parish staff do not have any access to any personal details of any parishioner signing up to this scheme. **It is totally confidential.**

**Please note that any cash placed in the collection baskets does not qualify for Tax Relief as it cannot be traced back to a donor and is therefore added to the Diocesan 1st & 2nd collections, so, it does not stay in the parish**

*A sincere thanks to all parishioners who continuously support the parish through their contributions and to those who have signed up to the CHY3 scheme and we look forward to your continued support in the future.*



## **Congratulations to all couples planning their marriage.**

**Don't forget to give 3 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 3 months before the date of the proposed wedding.**



Are you celebrating your  
**65th, 60th, 55th, 50th, 40th or 25th**  
wedding anniversary this year?

**The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be on  
Friday 20th June at 7.30 p.m.  
in St. Patrick's Church.**

Invitations will be sent out to couples who were married in St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow, and St. Joseph's Church, Rathnew. We would like to extend an invitation to any couple and their families who were **not** married here, but who are celebrating any of these anniversaries, to join us, on the occasion.

For this year, we are also opening the invitation to those couples celebrating 30 years as they missed the 25<sup>th</sup> celebration due to Covid.

If you wish to attend on the night please complete the slip on this newsletter and leave in the Sacristy or Parish Office **as soon as possible.**

Following Mass there will be a presentation of Commemorative Certificates.

Refreshments will be served in the De La Salle Parish Centre after the Mass.

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### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS 2025**

**(please print clearly)**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF MARRIAGE \_\_\_\_\_


We will have \_\_\_\_\_ family members with us.



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Email [info@wicklowcancersupport.ie](mailto:info@wicklowcancersupport.ie)

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

**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**

**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.

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



Many thanks to the sponsor of our newsletter  
**McCrea's Funeral Home, Dublin Road,**  
Phone 0404 69000, 24 hours

**Parish Lotto Results for 30/ 05 / 2025**

**NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK**

**12**

**21**

**26**

**29**

**The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:**

**Aidan Earls**

**Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,650**

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

**Fr Aquinas Duffy : 0404 67196 // Fr Gerard Deegan : 0404 67133**

**Parish Office: 0404 61699**

**Email: [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com), Website: [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie)**

**Office opening times**

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 Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

If we fail, we should not lose hope & trust. We have to re-organize and pursue.

LIGHT AGE MASTERS