PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st November 2026



All Saints Day

Today, November 1st, the feast of All Saints is a distinctive day in our Catholic list of feast days. The Church has a very precise process, called canonisation through which it feels confident to say that somebody has lived a life in tune with the will of God and has now reached the kingdom of heaven.

However, the Church knows too that we can't limit the number of people who have reached eternal happiness in continuation of their holy Christian lives. They are people known to us – family, friends, colleagues and people like ourselves who have helped the thirsty, the hungry, those without clothes and shelter. The love of neighbour that, after our death leads to God's right hand. These were the gestures that carried weight with Jesus.

A holy elderly priest was once asked "how many people attended the early morning Mass today"?
He responded "*There were three old ladies, the janitor,*
several thousand archangels,
a large number of seraphim,
and several million of the triumphant saints of God".
But we always have room for one more!
We should always keep in mind the great cloud of witnesses that surround us at every Mass.

So, on this feast we remember the many good people gone before us whom we've met in life and without embarrassment pray to them to help us on our journey. May we join them one day in the communion of saints.

***All Saints' Day* is also known as All Hallows, Day of All the Saints, Solemnity of All Saints, or Feast of All Saints. It is a solemnity celebrated by the Catholic Church and various Protestant denominations in honour of all the saints, known and unknown. In Catholic theology, the day commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven.**



Sincere sympathies to the families of May (Mary) Taylor née Murphy of St Dominic's Road, Wicklow Town and formerly of Merrymeeting, Rathnew

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 31st October & 1st November

6.00pm Ann Mernagh (A)
Louis Carroll (A)
Maggie Dunne (A) also her husband Pat Dunne (A)
Thomas Tormey (A)

9.00am Special Intention

10.30am Ann Breen (A)
John Mitchell (A)
C.C. Thomas (A)
Michael White B.R

12.00pm Michael Quinn (A) deceased members of the Quinn & O'Neill Families

2nd November to 6th November

Monday (All Souls Day) Tom Murphy in Remb.
7:00pm Special Intention
Tuesday Bridget Gormley in remb.
7.00pm Clifford Ryan M.M
Wednesday Veronica Carroll in remb.
Thursday Special Intention
Friday Altar List Of The Dead
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Next Weekend ~ 7th November & 8th November

6.00pm Miriam O'Brien M.M
Dorothy Dickenson (A)
Tony O'Brien (A)
Mary Fitzgerald (A)
Michael Fitzgerald
Jackie Sillery
Mary Fizgerald

9.00am Kathleen Caffrey late of 4 Merrymeeting Rathnew whose 20th Anniv. Occurs on the 11th November
William Ronan, Ann Ronan, Peggy Ronan

10.30am Charlie Byrne (A)

12.00pm Thomas & Angela Leonard (A), Richard Redmond (A), Tim O'Sullivan (A), Delly Doyle (A)

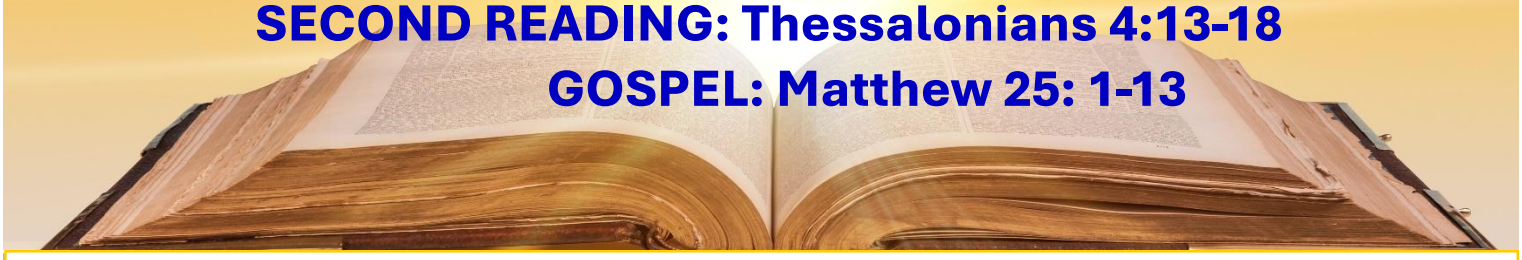
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings, please check...

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6: 12 - 16

PSALM: Ps. 62:2-8

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 4:13-18

GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 1-13



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:	Thursdays 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
KBB	Second Saturday	2.00pm

The next meeting will be on Thursday 12th November at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre. There will be no baptism meeting in December. Thursday 26th November at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office. Next KBB meeting Wednesday 4th November at 7:30pm In Barndarrig Church

Children's Choir



New recruits are welcome to our Children's Choir

Place: Saint Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town

Time: 9.45am Sunday morning for 10.30am Family Mass

Senior Infants to 6th year welcome

Instrumentalists especially welcome ☺

Contact: 086 084 2942 or just come along!

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

25th October 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
The Envelope/Standing Orders are what funds the Parish. This money stays locally and is vital to sustain our Parish. The money from these envelopes and Standing Orders maintain the Churches, Parish Centre, Houses, general maintenance and administration expenses.	The Common Fund account is funded by all the loose notes & coins in the First Collection It is used to provide suitable and equitable remuneration and support for all priests serving in the diocese, including active, sick, and retired clergy.	The Share account is funded by all loose notes & coins in the Second collection. It is primarily used to finance central support services for all parishes, and to provide financial assistance to low-income parishes.
The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account	This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account	This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account
€1755 (104 envelopes received)	€1170	€1115

Dear Parishioners,
St. Mary's National School, Barndarrig – Enrolment Open
St. Mary's N.S., Barndarrig, is delighted to announce that we are now accepting enrolments for the upcoming school year across Junior Infants & all mainstream classes (Senior Infants through 6th Class).
At St. Mary's NS, we offer a welcoming, supportive, & vibrant learning environment where every child is encouraged to reach their full potential. Our dedicated staff provides a rich curriculum filled with hands-on learning, exciting STEM activities, sports, and creative arts.
If you are new to the parish or looking for a school community where your child will thrive, we would love to welcome you!
Application Forms & Information: Available on our school website www.barndarrigns.com.
Contact Us: Phone 0404-48322 or email secretary@barndarrigns.com to request an enrolment form.
We look forward to welcoming new families & pupils to our school community!
Warm regards,
Eimear O'Dwyer
Principal, St. Mary's N.S., Barndarrig



Unwanted Gift Sale

in aid of
St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow
and
Wicklow Cancer Support

8th Nov

Date: Sunday 8th November 2026
Time: 10am to 3.30 pm, with Coffee & Raffle
Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town
(across from St Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town)

Pick up a Great Christmas Present and support
Wicklow Parish Church and Wicklow Cancer Support Services



Wicklow Cancer Support

Special Christmas Room



Full of Decorations



ONE WEEK TO GO

Next Sunday 8th November, 2026 is the day for the Sale of the Century

"Unwanted Gift Sale"

I have to say the gifts are so unreal, so please call in to The De la Salle Pastoral Centre to get lovely gifts and a nice cup of tea, you will be supporting your local church St. Patrick's and Wicklow Cancer Support.

Many thanks to you all for your support

Maureen

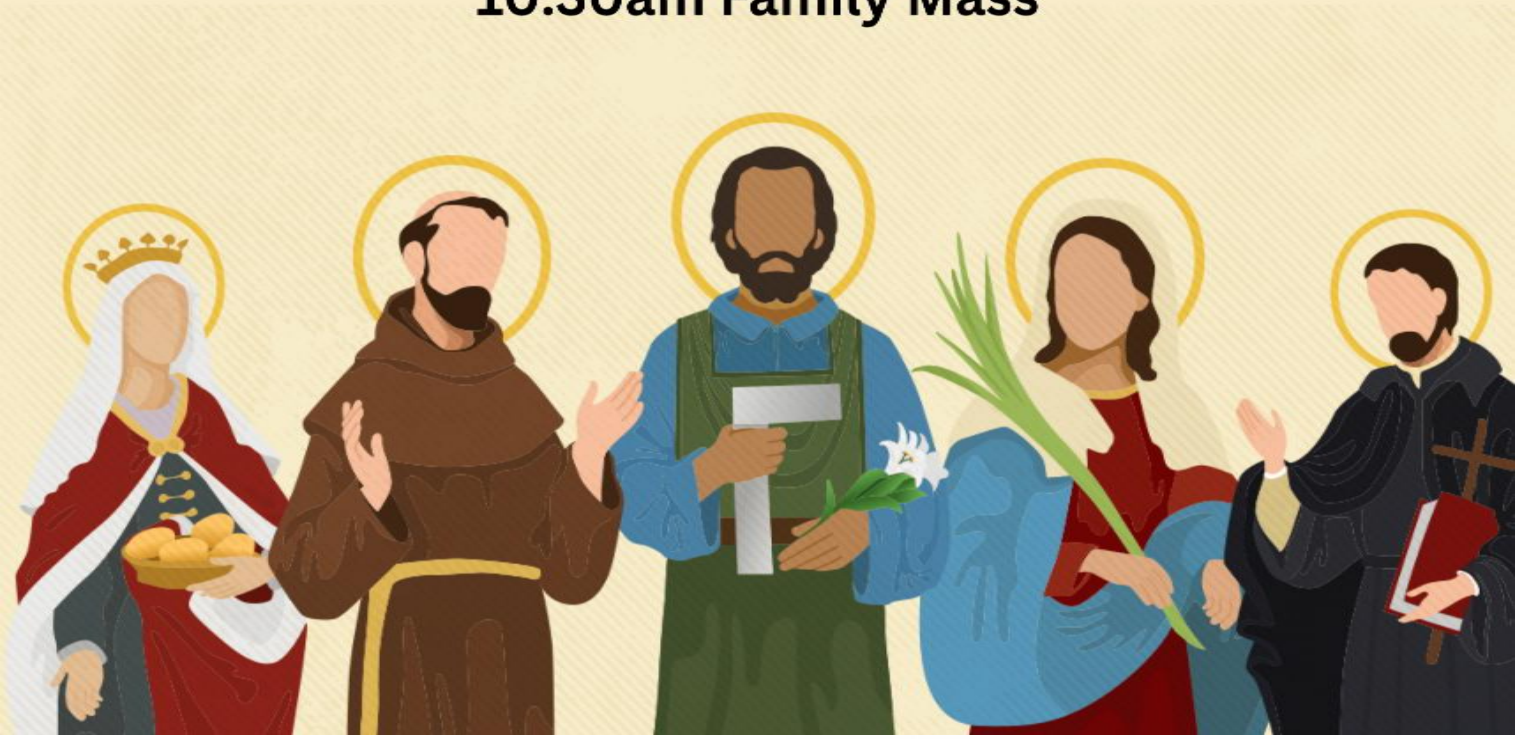




The Feast of All Saints

November 1st

All children welcome to dress as their favourite Saint at 10:30am Family Mass



Tuesday 3. November

11am to 12:30pm

Rosary Session

Join us in the Dominican Chapel as we pray the rosary alongside our Harry Clarke windows

Tea & Coffee served afterwards



AN TAIRSEACH

KILMANTIN HILL, WICKLOW TOWN

0404 61833 www.antairseach.ie

Bethany

Bereavement Support

WICKLOW GROUP

Whenever you feel ready, Bethany Bereavement Support is here to listen.

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a free, confidential listening service for adults who are grieving.

It offers a quiet and supportive space where people can speak about their loss and be listened to with understanding and compassion by trained volunteers.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Tuesday 27 October at 8pm
Tuesday 3 November at 10:45am

VENUE

The De La Salle Centre
Wicklow
A67 FX65

FOR INFORMATION

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Annual Masses for the Deceased

PARISH OF WICKLOW AND RATHNEW

The Annual Masses for the Deceased from the Parish of Wicklow and Rathnew will take place this year in:

St. Joseph's, Rathnew

Friday, 6th November 2026
at 7.00 PM

and

St. Patrick's, Wicklow

Friday, 13th November 2026
at 7.30 PM

All families who have lost a loved one, buried from our church in the last year, will receive a letter. If anyone would like to include a relative, friend, or someone with a strong association with the parish, who died in the last twelve months, please contact the Parish Office in Wicklow on **0404 61699** or email parishofficewicklow@gmail.com as soon as possible.

All are welcome to attend.



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

Parish Lotto Results for 22/10/2026

No jackpot won this week

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The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Carmel Meade

Next Week's Jackpot will be:

€700

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.....

