

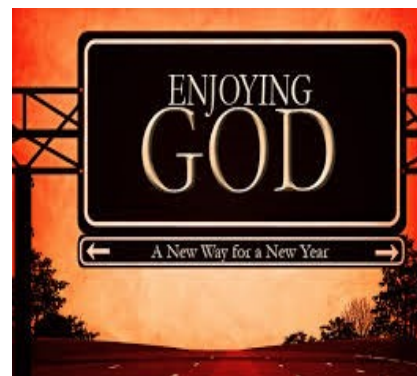
PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

2nd August 2025



Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Love not Wealth

You can look around a lot and the gospel today makes sense. It points at how we can get caught up in what we own and what people have. It's about possessions and how they take us over- or how we react when we lack what we once had. We enjoy wealth but we have a mixed reaction to it.

Saint Ignatius mentioned three obstacles to our faith - *wealth, honour, and pride*. He saw from his own experience that people wanted wealth so that they would be highly thought of:

- ~ it can be the right school,
- ~ the right address,
- ~ the right bank,
- ~ the right job.

We have pride in what we have, but as we know, things can change very quickly.

- ~ Shares go up and down;
- ~ you may become ill or die.

The battle is between being rich in the sight of the world and/or being rich in the sight of God.

The opposites of these obstacles are simplicity, integrity, and humility. Humility is pride in who we are - children of God, brothers and sisters to each other, and accepting ourselves just as we are. We need nothing outside of ourselves to make us feel good about ourselves. This too is simplicity.



What we have is a gift, given to us for the good of the world, the community, the neighbourhood, not just for the good of ourselves.

And in the end, what matters is that we are judged on love not on wealth. Or if we have had wealth, we will be judged on what we did with it. It can lead us away from God very easily. Do we live like him?

Lord,
May your kingdom of justice and peace come on earth today.



Sincere sympathies to the families of

Fiona Byrne late of Merrymeeting, Rathnew
Jimmy Kavanagh late of Wentworth Place

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 2nd & 3rd August 2025

- 6.00pm* *Marie Mates - 1st Anniversary, Christine Kearns, Sally Scully, Paul Jameson, Paddy Swan, Mary Fitzgerald, (A) remembering Michael Fitzgerald, Mary Merrigan-Fitzgerald, Jackie Sillery & deceased members of the Thompson & Kennedy families.*
- 9.00am* *Margaret & Andrew Doyle & their daughter Ellie Corrigan. (A)*
- 10.30am* *Josephine Siggins, Thomas Byrne (A)*
- 12.00pm* *Veronica & Matthew Carroll, their son Kevin, & daughters Pauline Doyle & Patricia. Anne Neiland (A) Tom Kilcoyne (A)*

4th ~ 8th August 2025

- Monday* *Peter & Annie Vickers - 100 yrs Wedding Anniversary*
- 11.30am* *Funeral Mass of Fiona Byrne RIP (Rathnew)*
- 2.00pm* *Funeral Mass of Jimmy Kavanagh RIP (Wicklow)*
- 7.00pm* *NO MASS - BANK HOLIDAY*
- Tuesday* *Elenor Vize RD*
- 7.00pm* *Stephen O'Connor, Liam Kelly, Kevin Kelly (A)*
- Wednesday* *Ann Marah RD*
- Thursday* *Valerie Doran (A)*
- Friday* *Alistair McDonald (A)*

Next Weekend ~ 9th & 10th August 2025

- 6.00pm*
- 9.00am*
- 10.30am*
- 12.00pm* *James, Susanna & Billy Dickenson, Robert Gelston*

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
27th July 2025**

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €2720
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1330
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 905

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: Wisdom: 6-9

PSALM: 32:1, 12,18-20,22

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

GOSPEL: 12: 32-48

PLEASE

Do not park in the 'Disabled Parking Bays' unless you have a badge permitting this.

We do have Parishioners who need these spaces and unfortunately it makes it difficult for them to attend the Mass/Service when these spaces are not available.

Unfortunately, these parking spaces are regularly used by inconsiderate people with no badges, which is very unfair to those who genuinely need them.

JUST TO CLARIFY

The TAP & GO Machine on the table at the main double doors at the back of the Church, has now been replaced and up and running again. Any donations to this machine goes towards the running costs of the parish and these

DONATIONS REMAIN IN THE PARISH.

The TAP & GO Machines on the stands at Our Lady's Side Door and the Main Door are for Diocesan collections. The donations received on these machines are for both the **DIOCESAN COMMON FUND** (which goes towards Priests salaries) & also the **DIOCESAN SHARE FUND** (which helps fund the workings of the diocese and poorer parishes). There is an automatic 60:40 split on these donations.

THIS MONEY DOES NOT STAY IN THE PARISH.

DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE



SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Going on holidays? Fruit and Vegetables left over? Excess garden vegetables? The new Cooler in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre is able to take Vegetables (potatoes, carrots, turnips, etc) and Fruits (apples, oranges, rhubarb, grapes) for someone else to take. It's a cooler, not a fridge or a freezer so no meat or fish. Also in the centre is an area for people to leave clean clothes and toys suitable for young children. Just out of the picture is a stand for books that have been donated. The books are for all ages.

PARISH FUNERAL TEAMS

The diocesan wide Building Hope co-responsibility with priests and mission of the church.

Programme emphasizes laity working together to serve the

Every parish in the diocese is required to have a fully trained funeral team.

Our Funeral team provides a Ministry of Consultation, Care & Compassion.

They are fully trained volunteers, who give of their time and resources freely. They represent our parish to provide a seamless, discrete, practical support at this most difficult time.

Our Funeral Team provides assistance to the priest as they accompany the grieving family through the journey that is the funeral rite

This assistance includes; providing help with the preparation of the liturgy, prayers in the home or funeral home, in the church on the day of the funeral and in the graveyard praying the prayers of committal.

We welcome in Baptism.....

*Daniel Nagle, Eloise McCormick,
Hugo Canavan, Robyn Canavan,
Poppy Greene, Ollie Waldron,
Finn Waldron, James Ford, Finn Gibbins,
Claythan Doyle, Síbéal Twomey, Emily Vickers-
Doyle, Layla Kowalska, Mary-Ellen O'Brien,
Laoise McAdam, Cillian Kelly, Matteo Iemma,
Rian Lowry, Ethan Findlay, Cillian McGettigan,
Nova Reign Keogh, Nina Morrison,
Blaithín Dickenson
& Mr. Joseph Ewohíme*



**A warm welcome to all those
who are home for the Regatta
and to all visitors to our parish
this weekend.**

**We hope you have an enjoyable
weekend.
Stay safe.**

GOOD LUCK !

**Wishing the very hard
working team of the
Regatta Committee
2025, the very best of
luck with this years
festival events.**

**Like all these things -
they don't just happen,
it takes months of
preparation and
organising and
commitment to pull it
all together.**

Well done to one and all!



**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.

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**

**You're not
alone**

Drink problem? We get it...



AA Open Meeting

Last Friday of Every Month
20.30-21.30
Kilcoole Community Centre
A63 X862
All Welcome!
www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie
01 842 0700

Alcoholics Anonymous

> www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie

> 01 842 0700 (ROI) / 028 90 351 222 (NI)

> gso@alcoholicsanonymous.ie



All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence

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 to listen to stories of Hope
and Recovery.

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



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 14th August, 2025,
at 8pm in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre*



BINGO!

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



Lifeboats

Fundraising in aid of the RNL

**The RNL will be having
their Annual Church Door
Collection this Saturday 2nd
and Sunday 3rd August.
Your support as normal
would be very much
appreciated.**

JubileeCamino

**Men's Hike - Carlingford to Newry
Saturday September 13th**



Mass. Adoration. Fraternity.

Cost: €70 (Lunch, Dinner, Bus)
Strictly an over 18yrs, Catholic male event.

Contact op.evangelisation@gmail.com for further details
Organised by Dominicans and Friends www.dominicans.ie



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7TH - 10TH
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CATHOLICS
EXPLORE YOUR FAITH.
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Phone 0404 69000, 24 hours
www.mccrea.ie - info@niallmccrea.com

Parish Lotto Results for 31/ 07 / 2025

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK

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The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Lilian Timmons

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,675

PARISH CONTACTS

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

Parish Office: 0404 61699

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

Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

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.....

