

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

2nd August 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Of Feeding the needy Pope Francis remarked:

We find Jesus' wounds in carrying out works of mercy caring for the body of your wounded brother, because he is hungry because he is thirsty because he is naked, because he is humiliated, because he is a slave, because he is in jail, because he is in the hospital. Those are the wounds of Jesus today.

And Jesus asks us to take a leap of faith, towards him, but through his wounds in his people today We need to touch the wounds of Jesus, we must caress the wounds of Jesus, we need to bind the wounds of Jesus with tenderness, and we have to kiss the wounds of Jesus, and this literally. Just think of what happened to St Francis, when he embraced the leper. (May 2016)

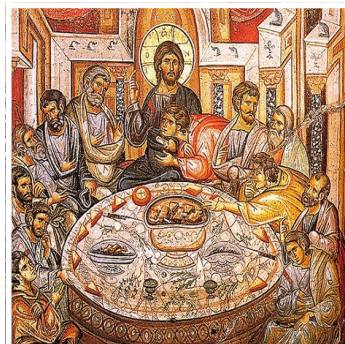
This is what is behind Jesus' wish to feed the hungry. He feeds bread for physical hunger, but the story of the gospel today is more than bread for hungry people. It is getting fully involved in the lives of those in need. It is the calling of the church: to practice the works of mercy.

Any Christian group, parish or otherwise, tries to reach out to those most in need in their area. Today the hungry need to be fed, refugees and homeless need a home, and those wounded by life need healing. The call of the church is truly to be 'the field hospital' of Jesus and his disciples in the world.

Think of someone really poor; see Jesus beside him or her.

Pray as you feel drawn.

Give us today, O Lord, and to all our world, our daily bread.



PARISH CONTACTS

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Parish Office: 0404 61699

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

Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 1st & 2nd August

- 6.00pm** P.J O'Brien (A), Mary Fitzgerald (A)
Michael Fitzgerald, Mary Merrigan Fitzgerald,
Jackie Sillery & deceased members of Kennedy &
Thompson Families, Marie Mates (A) Paul Jameson
- 9.00am** Margaret & Andrew Doyle (A) also their daughter
Ellie Corrigan née Doyle
- 10.30am** Seamus O'Brien (A), Special Intention for a
parishioner who is having surgery.
- 12.00pm** Deceased members of Wicklow Male Voice Choir
Joan Fox (A), Marie Crossan (A), Veronica,
Matthew, Patricia, Kevin & Pauline Carroll (A),
Anne Neiland, Thomas Kilcoyne, Christine Kearns.

3rd August ~ 7th August

- Monday** Parishioner's Intentions — Mass Cards
- 7:00pm** NO MASS — BANK HOLIDAY
- Tuesday** Michael and Chrissie Kinsella (A)
- 7.00pm** Stephen O'Connor (A)
- Wednesday** Special Intention
- Thursday** Pauline O'Neill - 1st Anniv.
- Friday** First Friday

Next Weekend ~ 8th & 9th August

- 6.00pm** Michael Cullen B.R, Mary Kavanagh (A),
Nick Lawlor (A), Sally Scully & her recently deceased
husband Gerry
- 9.00am** NO MASS - Schedule B
- 10.30am** Valerie Doran (A)
- 12.00pm** Gretta Kavanagh M.M, Michael McInerney 1st Anniv.
James, Suzanna & Billy Dickenson (A), Eamon Cerasi(A)
Mary Kavanagh & her parents Charles & Josephine
Robert Gelston .

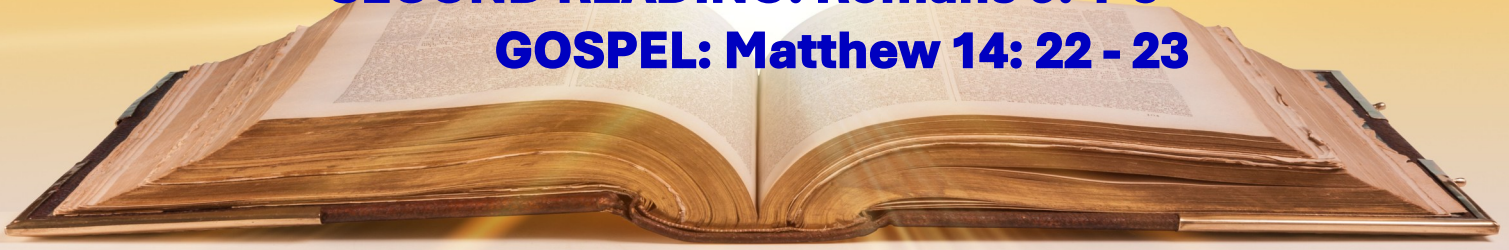
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...

FIRST READING: Kings 19:9.11 - 13

PSALM: Ps. 84: 9-14

SECOND READING: Romans 9: 1-5

GOSPEL: Matthew 14: 22 - 23



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



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 4 months before the date of the proposed wedding.

BAPTISM

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 13th August at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on Thursday 27th August at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office. Next BBK meeting Wednesday 5th August at 7:30pm In Barndarrig Church

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

26th July 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 money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account	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. This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account	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. This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account
€1410 (99 envelopes received)	€1310	€895

Wicklow Male Voice Choir

**Wicklow Male Voice Choir will be singing at the 12:00pm
Mass this Sunday 2nd August.**

PARISH ENVELOPES

If anyone is missing a box of envelopes, please notify the parish office directly on 0404 61699 or email us on parishofficewicklow@gmail.com.

We will be happy to sort out the issue immediately.

Please note that envelope numbers do change and this is noted on the system, before envelopes are distributed.

Please do not change or erase numbers on envelopes, as it can cause problems with the diocesan recording platform.

Please remember to turn off the mobile phone

Mass Schedule B and C.

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule B: 8th /9th August 2026 & 22nd/23rd August

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule C: 15/16 August & 29th/30th August

Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Barndarrig Vigil Mass	7.30pm	(Saturday)
Rathnew	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Glenealy	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)

Please note.....

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. The only money that stays in the parish is what comes in, in these envelopes/ standing orders, which makes them vital for the running of the Parish. Your support to your parish would be very much appreciated.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

We would love to hear what is happening in the parish so that we can include it in the parish newsletter.

If you are organising any event or activity—non-profit—please email us with the details at
parishofficewicklow@gmail.com
We look forward to hearing from you.



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

WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT



**Unit 2, First Floor,
Rear of Boots Pharmacy,
Abbey Street, Wicklow**

*Have you, or a family member, been
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*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.



Lifeboats

Fundraising in aid of the RNLI

**The RNLI will be having their
Annual Church Door
Collection on Saturday 1st and
Sunday 2nd August.
Your support as normal would
be very much appreciated.**



*A very warm welcome - to all of you
who are visiting our town during the
Regatta festival. We hope you enjoy
all the events and have a lovely time
with family and friends.*

*A massive congratulations to the
extremely hard working Regatta team,
who have provided a huge range of
activities for both young and old over
the last couple of weeks.*

Enjoy all the festivities and stay safe.



Bethany

Bereavement Support

Wicklow Group

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a 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.

Meetings are held in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.



Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 28th July at 8:00 pm



Tuesday 4th August at 10:45 am

You are welcome to attend,
or to make contact for a chat.



Tel: 087 0060 700

5 DAY RETREAT

Tuesday 25. - Saturday 29. August

Women of the Well

Wellness Retreat for Christian Women
with Taylor Marie Daniels & Melanie O'Driscoll



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4 WEEK SABBATICAL

Sunday 4. - Friday 30. October

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13TH - 16TH AUGUST 2026

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AFRAID, FOR THE LORD GOD IS MY
STRENGTH AND MY SONG" - ISAIAH 12:2

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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 23/07/2026

No jackpot won this week



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Una McDonald

Next Week's Jackpot will be:

€2,950

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.

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.....



You don't choose
your family. They
are God's gift to you,
as you are to them.

- Desmond Tutu