

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

2nd November 2025



Your word is a lamp for my feet and light for my path ~ Martin Hogan

It is perhaps fitting, that November is the month when we reflect upon more personal experiences of loss, the loss of significant people in our lives, people who have journeyed with us, who gave us love and whom we loved in return. The commemoration of All Souls is a day when we do that in a special way.

On this day, we feel a sense of communion with our faithful departed. As followers of a risen Lord, we believe that our faithful have not just departed from us but have also returned to God, from whom they came. We understand death as a door through which we pass back to the source of our being, the Creator of all life. We also believe that our loved ones, in passing over into God, do not break their communion with us. Even though they have departed from us, they remain in communion with us and we remain in communion with them. A vital stream of life continues to flow between our deceased loved ones and ourselves. The faith and love that bound us together in this life still binds us to them when they pass over into the next life. In the gospel reading, Jesus gives her son back to the grieving widow. One of the ways we expressed our love for our loved ones in this life was by praying for them. Our loved ones who have died can still be touched by the love that finds its voice in prayer. Prayerful remembrance is one of the ways we continue to give expression to our loving communion with them. Such prayer helps them and can also help us. None of us will have had a perfect relationship even with those we have loved the most. When someone close to us dies, there is always some unfinished business. Praying for our loved ones can help to heal whatever may need healing in our relationship with them. As a result, our communion with them can deepen after their death until it comes to fullness at the moment when we too pass over from this life and are united with them in God's love at that great banquet of life portrayed in today's first reading.

Although nothing is more painful than the loss of a loved one in death, our faith gives us this hope-filled vision in the face of death. St Paul says that 'hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us'. Our hope is grounded in God's love for us now, a very personal love that is poured into the hearts of each one of us through the Holy Spirit



*Sincere sympathies to the family of
Bridie Delaney née Byrne of Wicklow Heights
Michael (Mick) Lambert Ballyguile Beg, Wicklow
Liam Vickers late of St. Laurence's Park Wicklow
Christy Moorehouse Ballinteskín, Wicklow Town,*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 1st & 2nd November 2025

10:00am *All Saints day* Special Intention

6.00pm Catherine O'Toole M.M,
Charlie & Maura Byrne,
C.C. Thomas,
Michael Quinn (A)
Mary Fitzgerald (A)

9.00am *Pat Rutledge R.D*

10.30am Brenda Keenan RD

12.00pm Peggy O'Sullivan 1st Anni.,
Phillip O'Sullivan (A)
Tom Synnott (A) & his daughter Ann (A)
Peter & Betty Kenny (A)
Ann Mernagh (A)

3rd November ~ 7th November 2025

Monday Special Intention

7.00pm *Special Intention*

Tuesday Special Intention

7.00pm *Alice, Paddy, Michael, Mary Sexton & Jimmy Dilworth*

Wednesday Thomas Tormey (A),
Liam Vickers R.D died in Boston USA

Thursday Flor McCarthy RD

Friday Des O'Toole R.D

Friday *Rathnew Bereavement mass*

Next Weekend ~ 8th & 9th November 2025

6.00pm Ann O'Neill (A)

9.00am

10.30am

12.00pm Tim O'Sullivan
Matt Wolohan (A)

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

26th October 2025

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1635**
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€1160**
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€1300**

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: Ezekial 47:1-2,8-9,12

PSALM: Ps 45:2-3,5-6,8-9

SECOND READING: Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22



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

St. Joseph's, Rathnew on Friday, 7th November
2025 at 7.00 PM

and

St. Patrick's, Wicklow on Friday, 21st November
2025 at 7:30PM

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 strong association with
the parish, who died in the last twelve months
please contact the Parish Office in Wicklow 0404-
61699 or email parishofficewicklow@gmail.com
as soon as possible.

All are welcome to attend.



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 13th November, at
8pm in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre

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.



THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER BAPTISM MEETING

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**

An Tobar Nua

We provide confidential counselling nationwide via telephone and Zoom. Our service is donation-based, because we do not want finances to prevent anyone from receiving support.

If any parishioners, are struggling with grief, anxiety, depression, or other life challenges, please know that we are here to help.

☎ Phone: 091 562 175

✉ Email: counselling@antobarnua.com

Pockets of Hope

*A project of hope based on
the message of Pope Francis for The
Year of Jubilee 2025*

Hopelessness can often be a characteristic of many lives today. This is not difficult to believe as with increasing secularism, war, violence, lack of social cohesion, the lack of care for our planet and general brokenness, it can be a real challenge to be a person of hope. In response to our plight Pockets of Hope is a project created by Fr. Alan Hilliard and designed by Mary-Aoife Ong which is based on the writings of Pope Francis in the document *Spes Non Confundit* (Hope Does Not Disappoint) which is the theme for The Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. Pockets of Hope draws on the imagery of the Burren Landscape on the western shore of Ireland. The display aims to highlight how hope can be discovered even amidst the most bleak of landscapes.

Our selection of Pockets of Hope reflection posters will be on display in St. Patricks Church, Wickow until the 10th of November

You are invited to complete your own mini pilgrim journey as you contemplate each message of hope and let God speak to you through the reflections. This is a selection from the complete set of forty-two posters which are on display in the Dublin Churches. It allows the pilgrim journey through the document, contemplating its rich and life-giving narrative for today's world. It is the desire that many people in Ireland can be filled with the gift of Hope through this project!

Abide in His Love Women's Conference

A few tickets remaining! Abide in His Love Women's Conference Nov 21-23. The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal. A beautiful event for women exploring the beauty & gift of their feminine identity in Christ.

Guest Speakers include Sr. Mary Madeline Todd OP (USA), Megan Madden from 'A Mother's Lace' (USA/UK), Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton (UK), Fr. Francesco Mary Gavazzi, CFR, the Nashville Dominican sisters, & Mass with Archbishop Eamon Martin. Check Eventbrite for tickets & more information.



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

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.

Rathnew Senior Citizens Christmas party

There is a Rathnew Senior Citizens Christmas party taking place on Saturday the 6th of December in the Rathnew Community Centre at 2:30pm – 6pm. If you like to attend you must contact Elaine Doyle 086 078 3024 or Doreen McGettigan 087 781 4472 to Confirm a place.

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

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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.

Labhair Gaeilge linn!

GAELIC
Conradh na Gaeilge
peig

Ciorcal Comhrá

Irish conversation circle

Wednesdays 7 - 8:15pm

@ The Bridge Tavern, Wicklow Town



085 831 0552

All welcome!

Fáilte roimh chách!



Unwanted Gift Sale

in aid of

St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow

and

Wicklow Cancer Support

16th
Nov

Date: 16th November, 2025

Time: 10am to 2pm, with Coffee & Raffle

Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre
Wicklow Town

Pick up a Great Christmas Present and support

Wicklow Parish Church and Wicklow Cancer Support Services



Special Christmas
Room



Full of Decorations

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

*Have you, or a family member, been di-
agnosed 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.



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 SHOP

The Parish shop is situated in the lobby of the parish office. It has been restocked with new candles, cards and some new general stock, grave candles & ornaments. Drop in and have a browse, baptism candles small baby gifts, angel gifts, rosary beads, car medals, visor medals, cards and much more. There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards and ordinary cards available.

Shop open same time as office from 10am till 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.....

Psalms 121:8

The Lord keeps watch
over you as you come
and go, both now and
forever.

