

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklów & Rathnew

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Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

3rd May 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

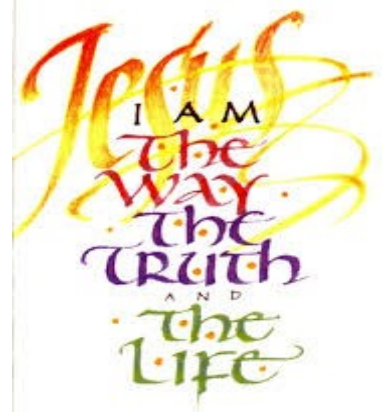
The Centre Holds

The Gospel presents **J**esus as the guide in life, the 'way, truth and life'. The Christian centre is the person of **C**hrist. Our work for Jesus and our love for people, no matter what our calling in life, flow from this. **M**other **T**eresa was once asked why she did what she did, and she simply said 'for **J**esus'. This centre always holds, it cannot be unhinged. It is a deeply personal relationship: we are led by **J**esus 'one by one', known by name, not as one of a group. We follow him as one we know, not a stranger.

We study his life and times, getting to know the places and events of his life, we become familiar with the Gospels and get to know him in the heart. Prayer is the way of keeping our centre of conviction and motivation strong. Freedom grows and we begin to find him everywhere.

Different types of people/ spiritualities stress different aspects of **J**esus as a sign. *The Eastern approach* to Jesus is very much the 'way'; while the African is the 'life'. *The European stress* is the 'truth'. In Europe we need to re-discover also the joy and vibrancy of the *African and Latin American expressions* of faith, and also the presence of God in all life's moods and journeys of the Indian and Eastern traditions. We can get so caught up in small or even big truths and doctrines that we miss other centres of faith. All faith needs the balanced approach to **J**esus - way, truth and life. Recall people who guided you well in your life. Pray for them.

*Jesus, our way - guide me in life;
Jesus, our truth - teach me your meaning of life;
Jesus, our life - love me always.*



Sincere sympathies to the families of

Ronan Griffey Dundrum, Co. Dublin and Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow

Lily (Elizabeth) O'Reilly née Ronan of Wicklow Town

Peter Byrne Ashford, Wicklow

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 2nd & 3rd May

6.00pm John Cullen M.M

Jim & Pauline Murphy (A)

Robert Kearns (A)

Noel Mooney

9.00am Jordan Quinn

10.30am Thomas, Margaret, Michael, Anne, Tom & Annie Barry

12.00pm Richard Davis 1st Anni.

Yvette Davis (A)

Michael Lavin (A)

Jack Meehan (A)

4th May ~ 8th May

Monday Joan Lynch (A)

Aubrey O'Neill,

7:00pm No Mass

Tuesday Special Intention

7.00pm Parishioners Intentions

Wednesday

Thursday Thornhill Family

Friday Kieran Keddy, Gráinne Tierney

Next Weekend ~ 9th & 10th May

6.00pm Pat & Nancy Stakefum (A)

Anna Maguire (A)

9.00am Frank, Lena, Francis & Martin Doyle

10.30am Owen Malore

12.00pm Eileen Murphy M.M

Ann Roche (A)

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

FIRST READING: Acts 8: 5 - 8, 14 - 17

PSALM: Ps. (Psalm 65: 1-7,16,20)

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3: 15 - 18

GOSPEL: John 14: 15 - 21



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



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
BBK	Second Saturday	2.00pm

Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday 14th May at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on Thursday 28th May at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

26th April 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
<p>The Envelope/Standing Orders are what funds the Parish. This money stays locally and is vital to sustain our Parish.</p> <p>The money from these envelopes and Standing Orders maintain the Churches, Parish Centre, Houses, general maintenance and administration expenses.</p>	<p>The Common Fund account is funded by all the loose notes & coins in the First Collection</p> <p>It is used to provide suitable and equitable remuneration and support for all priests serving in the diocese, including active, sick, and retired clergy.</p>	<p>The Share account is funded by all loose notes & coins in the Second collection.</p> <p>It is primarily used to finance central support services for all parishes, and to provide financial assistance to low-income parishes.</p>
<p>The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account</p>
<p>€1510 (114 envelopes received)</p>	<p>€1245</p>	<p>€1100</p>

Lay Ministry Appeal

Lay Ministry Sunday, and the Associated Lay Ministry Appeal, takes place on the weekend of May 2/3 and will replace the Share collection. Your support in promoting this important appeal is deeply appreciated.



The Rosary will be said each evening at the Grotto in Rathnew every evening for the month of May at 7.30pm - weather permitting. We look forward to seeing you there.



Parish Pilgrimage Lourdes Trip

From the 17th August for 4 nights in the hotel La Solitude. €945.00 per person sharing. A single room supplement €49.00 per night. Travel insurance €55 per person up to 79 years. €75 per person from 80 years up. Deposit of €350.00 per person, with the balance due 12 weeks before departure.

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

Coláiste Chill Mhantáin Lourdes Collection:

We raised an incredible €1125.18. Thanks to everyone for their support. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers when we travel to Lourdes.

Congratulations to all the candidates who recently received certificates at the Catechist Graduation Mass on Sunday 19th April by Archbishop Dermot Farrell.

We would especially like to congratulate our own parishioner Katie Reville nee Alvey who successfully completed this course. Katie is one of the leaders involved with the Children's choir at the 10.30am Mass, and has become very involved in volunteering in various other parish groups. She is a very talented, enthusiastic and committed person and a joy to have on the parish team.

We would like to congratulate Karen Martin who also completed the course and is based in the Barndarrig Parish. Well done to both women on their dedication and commitment and wishing them both many happy years of parish involvement.

Please remember to turn off the mobile.....

MINISTRY SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Ministry Sunday is a special time in the life of our church, set aside to celebrate the many ways people serve and to invite others into that shared mission. It highlights that the church is not just a place we attend, but a community we build together through active participation.

Volunteers are at the heart of this, giving their time, energy, and gifts to support everything from prayer and music to outreach and hospitality. Their service strengthens connections, meets real needs, and reflects the spirit of generosity and compassion that defines our faith.

Without our volunteers, many of the church's ministries simply wouldn't be possible, making their contribution not only valuable but essential to the growth and vitality of our wonderful Parish community.

Thank you to every single one of our wonderful volunteers!

As we celebrate Ministry Sunday, we warmly encourage everyone to consider how they might get involved—whether by trying something new or offering skills you already have.

Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference, and there is a place for everyone to serve and belong.

Please see the Ministry booklet at the Church doors and/or contact the Parish Office for more information.

CHAIR YOGA

WICKLOW LIBRARY



Classes

Wednesday 6th May 10:15 - 11:15
Wednesday 13th May 10:15 - 11:15
Wednesday 20th May 10:15 - 11:15
Wednesday 27th May 10:15 - 11:15



To sign up for all 4 classes, please register at the desk or phone 0404 67025.



Bethany Bereavement Support

HAVE YOU BEEN BEREAVED? You are not alone.

The death of a loved one can be overwhelming and isolating — but **you do not have to face it** alone.

If you are grieving the loss of someone special, or any kind of loss, and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement Support offers free and **confidential support** to adults in a safe, welcoming and understanding environment.

We hold our meetings in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.

Our next meetings are:

Tuesday 28th April at 8.00pm
Tuesday 5th May at 10.45am

You are very welcome to come along, or simply contact us for a chat.

086 835 9148

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



REFLECTING ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

When? - Wednesday Morning

What Time? - 10:45 - 11:45

Where? - An Tairseach Dominican Ecology
Centre

Tea & Coffee served All welcome.



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 23/04/2026

No jackpot won this week

1

10

14

22

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

- **Billy O'Reilly**

- **Next Week's Jackpot will be:**

€2,175



A Golf Day for **WICKLOW HOSPICE**

May 15 Blainroe GC



**Book a spot now and help
support this great charity**

Tee Off from 9 to 1
Contact Ethna : 086-0603612
Everybody Welcome !

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4:15am • May 9th

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