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## WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

*Congratulations*

**SHARON GREGORY**

29th February, 2024: €50 raffle winner

Weekly winning numbers: 2, 5, 9, 29

*Please call into the office to collect your prize.*

*Next weeks JACKPOT is €3,625*

*Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!*

*Join by texting the word WICKLOW to 51444*

*or go to the website : www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow*

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return to Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

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### DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

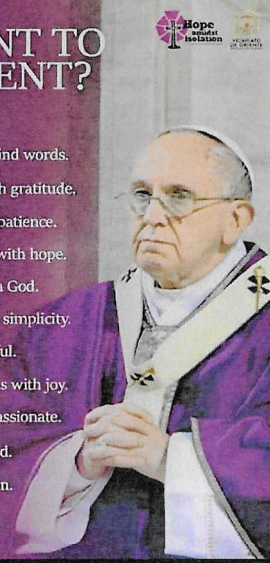
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent - Year B  
**Wicklow & Rathnew**  
 RCN 20016166



## Just LENT 3

### Our Prayer

Loving God,  
 in this season of Lent  
 you call us to act justly,  
 love tenderly  
 and walk humbly with each other  
 so that we can build  
 your Kingdom of justice and peace,  
 your Kingdom of love and truth,  
 your Kingdom of holiness and grace  
 in our world today. AMEN

### Sunday Scripture Link

3rd Sunday of Lent  
 Exodus 20: 1-17  
 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25  
 John 2: 13-25

### Theme:

**Poverty & Cost of Living**



- We know this Sunday's Gospel story well and often ask ourselves 'Why did Jesus get so angry?'
- The animals in the story were sold so that those on pilgrimage could make their symbolic sacrificial offerings to God.
- Jesus realised that the poor were being manipulated by the money changers.
- He replaced all of this by the sacrifice of his own body, given for others.
- Many believed in him because he was on the side of the poor, the lost, the disadvantaged, the downtrodden and wanted to set them free from oppression.
- Followers of Jesus are called to do likewise; to be on the side of the poor.

“The needy generally “practise the special solidarity that exists among those who are poor and suffering, and which our civilization seems to have forgotten or would prefer in fact to forget... Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labour rights. It means confronting the destructive effects of the empire of money”.

#116 Fratelli Tutti  
 Pope Francis

**SEE** What are you noticing about the cost of living?  
**DISCERN** How can you live more simply so that others can simply live?  
**ACT** What lifestyle changes can you make this Lent?



# Mass Intention List



## This Weekend ~ 2nd & 3rd March

**6.00pm** John Wilson, Mary & Edward Canavan, Adele Doran,  
Annie Corkish

**9.00am** *Special Intention*

**10.30am** Ann Jordan

**12noon** Leo Byrne - 1st anniversary, James Cox, Kathleen Doyle  
Sham & Eily Furlong, James & Breda Merrigan, Monina Nagle

*Please note that the Masses in green type are in St Joseph's Rathnew*

## 4th - 8th March

**Monday** Brian Forde RD

**7.00pm** William Laing RD

**Tuesday** Eddie Hanlon (A)

**7.00pm** *Special Intention*

**Wednesday** Jacqueline Blood - Birthday Remembrance

**Thursday** Billy McCormack RD

**Friday** John Gallagher RD

## Next Weekend ~ 9th & 10th March

**6.00pm** Maura & Andy O'Brien, Teresa Aherne

**9.00am** *Kitty Jameson - 1st Anniversary*

**10.30am** Joe Vickers - 1st Anniversary, his wife Josie & parents  
Ger & Maggie. Jack Burke & deceased members of  
the Burke & Kirrane families.

**12noon** George & Kathleen Newsome



*Sincere sympathies to the families of  
Patrick Joseph (Joe) Conroy of Wicklow Town,  
Co. Wicklow & formerly of Ballylusk, Ballyfin, Co. Laois.*

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

25th February 2024

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1655  
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1230  
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration €965

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

**First Reading : 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**  
**Psalm : Ps 136**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10**  
**Gospel: John 3:14-21**

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to attend an introductory meeting before booking a date for the baptism. At this meeting you will be given all the necessary information about the Sacrament of Baptism and the commitment required of the parents who request it for their child. The next meeting will be on

**THURSDAY – 14TH MARCH**  
**AT 8PM IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE**

## The Pope's Intention for March

For the new martyrs  
We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



## TROCAIRE BOXES

Are now available in the Churches and Parish Office, please feel free to take one home with you. They can be returned to the Parish Office or Sacristies after Lent.

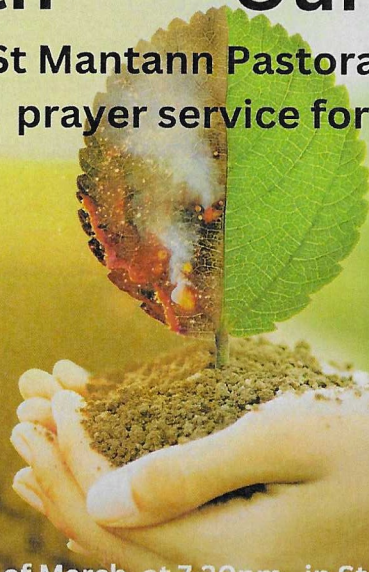
**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIME  
ST JOSEPHS CHURCH - RATHNEW**

**Due to other commitments the Masses scheduled for Tuesday 5th March & Tuesday 12th March in St Josephs will be changed to WEDNESDAY 6th & 13th respectively for those two weeks.**



# Our Earth - Our Problem !

The St Mantann Pastoral Area are hosting a prayer service for Climate Crisis



On Wednesday 13th of March, at 7.30pm, in St. Patrick's Church Wicklow  
All are very welcome to attend!

## Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The death of a loved one is very devastating. Most of us are not prepared for the long journey of grief. At first we don't really believe it. Often by the time the reality hits us our friends and relatives think that we are or should be okay and they go back to their busy lives.

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary parish based ministry which aims to help the bereaved and grieving. Although grieving is a natural process which can be helped by the sympathy and understanding of friends there are times when one needs support to work through it in a positive way. Feelings need to be expressed rather than repressed. It helps the healing process to talk with a trained listener and confront the very strong feelings associated with grief.

Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group meet on the last Tuesday of the month in the De La Salle Centre at 8pm and if you are struggling with your grief and think you might like to talk with a trained listener, you are very welcome to attend this meeting. More information from 087 946 8971

This group is also looking for people to join the group as listeners - full training will be given and more information from the above number.

 Family Carers Ireland  
No one should have to care alone

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs?

**NO ONE SHOULD CARE ALONE.**  
Caring for a loved one can be rewarding, but it can also be difficult, frightening and isolating. It shouldn't be.

Family Carers Ireland want carers to know they have the support they need to care safely, to make it less of a battle and to know they are not alone. We are the national charity supporting the 500,000+ family and young carers across the country who are caring for their loved ones with additional care needs. We believe no one should care alone.

**MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS!**  
Alongside our FREE supports and services, FCI offers an annual membership for family carers (and young carers for free), with over 100+ discounts, such as free venue entry, fuel discounts, Three mobile/broadband deals plus much more, for only €20 per year! Apply online or call us on 057 9370 221.



Local Centre Support	Freephone National Careline	Rights & Entitlements Guidance	One-One Advocacy	Learning & Training	Crisis Support Counselling
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Family Carer Support Groups are also organised locally across all our centres nationwide.

[www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie)  
Freephone Careline 1800 24 07 24  
Search 'Carers Ireland'    

## Scripture Reflection

Making time to pause & reflect with others on the Sunday Gospels, on Wednesday mornings from 10.45am till 12noon in the Dominican Ecology Centre.

Tea & coffee is provided and everyone is very welcome

# CRAFT FAIR

## RATHNEW WOMEN'S SHED

Knits, Crochet, Quilts, Candles, Jewellery, Gifts, Toys & More

### Sunday 3rd of March

12-4pm St Brigid's Hall, Rathnew  
A67X583



## LOURDES



### LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Wicklow Rathnew  
10 September 2024  
5 Nights  
€939 per person sharing

- Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- 20kg bags included.
- Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- 5 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

For information please contact:

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## RNLI AGM

The AGM of RNLI Wicklow Fundraising Branch will take place in Wicklow Lifeboat Station, East Pier, on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm. All welcome to attend.





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## WICKLOW & RATHNEW BINGOS



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

## 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

## Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.

Conversational Irish Tuesdays at 10.00 am

Line Dancing Tuesdays 12.00 to 1.00pm

Walking on the Murrrough Wednesdays at 11.00 am

Choir Fridays 3.00pm-4.00pm

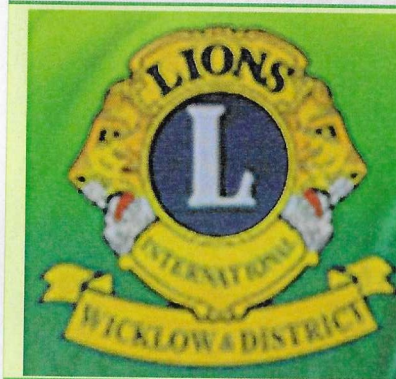
Trip to Sive at the Gaiety Theatre on Wednesday 28th February.

Spring holiday to Killarney from the 14th April to 18th April.

Follow us on our facebook page: Wicklow Active Retirement

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring Pauline on 087 227 6760

*You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte*



## WICKLOW & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB GRAND FINAL

MARCH 7TH  
WICKLOW GOLF CLUB

## The Arklow Question - Sectarian disturbances in the 1890s An illustrated lecture by Pat Power.

### THE ARKLOW QUESTION SECTARIAN DISTURBANCES IN THE 1890S by Pat Power



Wicklow Town Library - Thursday 7th of March @ 7 pm

TO BOOK CALL 0404 67025 OR EMAIL  
WICKLOWLOCALSTUDIES@WICKLOWCOCO.IE

In his lecture, historian Pat Power will look at the series of events that convulsed Arklow's religious communities for two decades as evangelical protestants took to street preaching in Southern Ireland during the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Disturbances saw clergymen and towns people jailed, dozens of police and troops deployed to control the peace and commercial life in Arklow disrupted.

The Arklow Question, as it was referred to in the British House of Commons, was eventually to be settled locally after many failed efforts.

Come to Wicklow Town Library branch on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm to hear Pat Power recount the fascinating story of the Arklow Question.

Admission is free but booking is required. To book email: [Wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:Wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie) or call: 0404 67025