

PARISH NEWSLETTER
Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166

Year A

4th January 2026

*Happy
New Year*

*May God bless you
with a new year
of peace and happiness.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Melanie Carton late of Springfield Court &
formerly Darragh Park, Wicklow
Walter Vaughan late of Brittas Bay - former
teacher in Dominican Convent*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 3rd & 4th January 2026

6.00pm *Cathy Cullen, Tommy Gregory,
Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Pauline Callinan.*

9.00am *Special Intention*

10.30am *Kathleen Connolly*

12.00pm *Brendan O'Connor, Sonny O'Toole, Joe Cummiskey,
Gerry O'Reilly, Joan Vermeulen - 25th Ann*

5th ~ 9th January 2026

Monday *Christmas Novena Mass (4)*

6.00pm *Vigil Mass - Special Intention*

7.00pm *NO MASS IN RATHNEW*

Tuesday *6th January - Feast of the Epiphany*

Jane McCoy—Birthday Remembrance

7.00pm *Bridget (Bíde) Doyle*

Wednesday *Christmas Novena Mass (5)*

Thursday *Christmas Novena Mass (6)*

Friday *Timothy & Josephine Desmond (A)*

Next Weekend ~ 10th & 11th January 2025

6.00pm *John Porter, Mary & Richard Bell,
deceased members of the Bell & Porter families*

9.00am *Rita, Dora & Thomas Jameson, Moll & Tom Doyle
Tom Quinn & remembering Kate Quinn & deceased
members of the Quinn family*

10.30am *Alice Fox - 1st Anniversary*

12.00pm *Breda Vickers - Months Mind, John McAulay - 1st Ann
Eileen Myrtle, Rita Vickers, Dick Kavanagh, Gerard
Cullen, Martin Carr, Andy O'Brien, Bridget & Nevin
Thornton, John & Kitty Kennedy, (all anniversaries)
Jackie Teevan - RD*

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

PSALM: PS. 28:1-4, 9-10

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-38

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17



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: Tuesdays at 9am



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 8th January at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on Thursday 22nd January 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 4 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.

Happy New Year!

As we stand at the threshold of a New Year, we wish to extend our heartfelt good wishes to each of you and to your families. The turning of the year invites us to pause, to give thanks for the blessings we have received, and to entrust the days ahead to God's loving care.

The past year has brought moments of both joy and celebration in our parish, as well as times of challenge and loss. Through it all, we have been deeply grateful for the faith, kindness, and quiet generosity that so many of you show each day — in your homes, in your work, and in your service to one another. These are the small but powerful ways in which Christ continues to be present among us.

As we begin this New Year, may it be a time of renewed hope and gentle trust. May we grow in compassion, patience, and understanding, and may our parish remain a place of welcome, prayer, and support for all who seek it. Whatever this year holds, we do not walk it alone — God goes before us, walks beside us, and carries us when the road is difficult.

We pray that 2026 will be a year of peace in your hearts, strength in your families, and deeper faith in your lives. Be assured of our prayers for you, and we ask you to continue to pray for us and for our parish community.

With every blessing for the New Year.

Fr Aquinas, Fr Gerard & Fr Eamonn

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

28th December 2025

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 Parish account.</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Diocesan Common Fund Account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Diocesan Share Account</p>
<p>Christmas & 28th December (108 envelopes received)</p>	<p>Christmas €4325</p>	<p>Christmas €3615</p>
<p>€1925</p>	<p>28th December €1212</p>	<p>28th December €916</p>

Many thanks to our local Undertakers Flannery's & Mc Creas for sponsoring our Christmas altar flowers and our Christmas trees, which always add to the look and ambience of our Christmas celebrations in the Church. Thank you also for continuing to sponsor our Parish Website and weekly newsletter.

Thanks also go to John, Joe & Andrew for organising the outside lights and our crib and doing the annual repairs to the crib figures. To Paddy and his helpers for the wonderful wreaths decorating the church. Thank you to the ladies who cleaned the Church several times before Christmas due to the number of events that had gone on in it.

Many thanks to Susan and the team in Rathnew for also having the Church looking so well and working so hard to get it organised for the Christmas season.

LOTTO RESULTS FROM CHRISTMAS

CONGRATULATIONS
to the **MUST WIN CASH PRIZES**
that were added to the Christmas Week Lotto!

OUR WINNERS ARE:

1ST PRIZE	€250.00
2ND PRIZE	€100.00
3RD PRIZE	€ 50.00
4TH PRIZE	€ 50.00
5TH PRIZE	€ 50.00

JACKIE OLOHAN
PAULINE LEONARD
CHRISTINE RYAN
DEIRDRE SMALL
COLM FINNEGAN

Pop into the Parish Office to collect your winnings!

Parish Lotto Results for 25/12/2025

No jackpot won this week

A golden lottery ball with the number 2 on it.A golden lottery ball with the number 4 on it.A golden lottery ball with the number 18 on it.A golden lottery ball with the number 26 on it.

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Aishleigh Doyle

Next Week's Jackpot will be: €925

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



WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

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**

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.

Are you stressed, depressed or just in need of some real self-care?



Join Rozel for gentle Yoga and Meditation sessions in:

**De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow.
Fridays at 10.00am.**

With an emphasis on breath work and deep relaxation, these sessions will help you to relax, renew and cope with life in the present moment. The sessions are subsidised by Social Prescribing in County Wicklow Partnership

Tel: 087 2485905 for more information



Bingo!

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

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 02/01/2026

No jackpot won this week

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The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Pauline Earls

Next Week's Jackpot will be: €1000

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.
More information from the Parish Office or ourfundraiser.ie

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.....

**BE STRONG AND TAKE HEART,
ALL YOU WHO HOPE IN
THE LORD.**

PSALM 31:24