

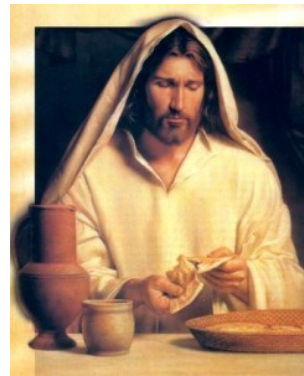
PARISH NEWSLETTER

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

4th August 2024



Gospel Reflections **The 'I' Word** *Donal Neary SJ*

Jesus is a man of the 'I' word – and not in a boastful way. He speaks of the bread in the desert, the manna which nourished the people in their wanderings. He builds on their belief in a bread from heaven, but now that he himself is the bread. The bread gives life to the soul. He is this bread.

Our Christian faith is centred on a '**person**', not on a book. The gospel is the book of life because it is the book of **J**esus. **J**esus is our life because he comes from **G**od. So we call this at times the bread of heaven.

What more ordinary ways can heaven and earth be linked than in the most ordinary of foods? In another country he might have said he is the '**rice**' of life. It means that in the ordinary events of our lives, **G**od is very near in **J**esus. He makes his home in us as the bread we eat becomes part of us.

The same with love – our faith links always human and divine love, and human love of all sorts is a share in the divine life of love. Can we really believe this? That the next time you really love your child, your friend, your spouse or anyone in your love-life, you are bringing them a bit of **G**od!

That is one of the main reasons why we want to live in love. That we link heaven and earth, divinity and humanity, Jesus and ourselves. Then the '**I**' of Jesus becomes the '**we**' of his earthly body and presence now.

*Breathing in and out –
let the word 'love' echo in your mind and heart
on the inbreath and the outbreath.
Lord, thy kingdom come!*



Sincere sympathies to the families of

Marie Crossan, Rathnew

Marie Mates, Glebemount

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 3rd & 4th August 2024

6.00pm Jack, Kitty, Jim & Myles Earls, Mary Fitzgerald (A), Michael Fitzgerald & Mary Merrigan Fitzgerald & all deceased members of the Kennedy & Thompson families, Jackie Sillery (RD, Chrissie & Michael Kinsella (A), Sally Scully (3rd A), Paul Jameson (A.), Christine Kearns (A.), Thomas Kilcoyne (A)

9.00am *Valerie Fleming (RD)*

10.30am Una Ryan, Mary Kavanagh (4th A.), Thomas Byrne (A.)

12.00pm Andy Doyle (A), Thomas Kilcoyne (A)

Deceased members of Male Voice Choir—Bob Byrne, Sean Cannon, Joe Cummiskey, Peter Darcy, Joe Furlong, Noel Furlong, Norman Mason, Tom Porter, John Solon, Pat Teahan, Matt Whyte and former Musical Director, Bernard Geary.

5th - 9th August 2024

Monday John Sillery (RD)

7.00pm **NO MASS**

Tuesday Steven O'Connor (1st) & his grandparents John & Kathleen O'Connor

7.00pm *Maurice McDonagh (RD)*

Wednesday Valerie Doran

Thursday **SERVICE OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION RITE**

Friday Edward Murray (RD)

Next Weekend ~ 10th & 11th August 2024

6.00pm Martin Carr, Hannah & John Ferguson (1st A.), Alistair McDonald

9.00am

10.30am Jack Burke, Anne Neiland

12.00pm Jane, Suzanna & Billy Dickenson

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

28th July 2024

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1450**
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€1260**
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€ 875**

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 : 1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm : 33:2-9

Second Reading : Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51

**Baptisms in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area
take place each month:**

in Wicklow - First Saturday at 2pm

- Third Sunday at 1pm

in Rathnew - Fourth Saturday at 2pm

in Barndarrig/Brittias Bay/Kilbride

- Second Saturday at 2pm

As the sum of money found in the church grounds recently was not claimed it has now been donated to Meals on Wheels.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGES IN MASS TIMES FOR NEXT WEEKEND (10/11 August)

ASHFORD - NO VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY 10th AUGUST
KILBRIDE - NO 9.00AM MASS ON SUNDAY 11th AUGUST
BRITTAS BAY - NO 12PM MASS ON SUNDAY 11th AUGUST

Mass will be available in the following Churches at the following times:

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 that there will be no Baptism Meeting in Wicklow in August. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 12 September.



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.



Would you like to join our Wicklow Baptism Team? Baptisms take place on the First Saturday and Third Sunday of each month. For further information please contact the Parish Office.



A warm welcome to all those who are home for the Regatta and to all visitors to our parish this weekend. We hope you have an enjoyable weekend. Stay safe.



The RNLI will be having their Annual Church Door Collection on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th August

Three Mile Water Cemetery

Wicklow County Council will be carrying out the following works in Three Mile ;Water Cemetery over the coming months:-

- ♦ Refurbishment of the Cross
- ♦ Refurbishment of the gate

The Cross and the gates will be removed from the cemetery for a time.



Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin
Wicklow County Council

VOLUNTEERS WANTED....



To arrange flowers for the Main Altar in St Patrick's Wicklow and also for the Altar area in St Joseph's Church Rathnew.

The requirements would be to get the flowers, and to arrange and maintain them for a month.

The Parish will re-imburse the cost of flowers on receipt.

If you think you would like to try this out please leave your name and number in the parish office.

Don't forget that Masses in Wicklow can be viewed live on the pastoral area website, www.stmantan.ie

Mass leaflets are available in all the churches.



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!

Phone 0404 32696 or
086 821 6694

Our office is open Mon-Fri
from 10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

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 Margaret Geary on 086 0700 758

WICKLOW TOWN

Heritage Trail

**JOIN OUR FREE GUIDED WALK EACH SATURDAY MORNING AT 11am
commencing from outside the Tourist Office in Fitzwilliam Square,
Wicklow Town.**

**Walk will take approximately 2 hours, spending some time at each
key location.**

**These guided walks will take place each Saturday until
Saturday 30th September 2024.**

**For information on the Wicklow Town Heritage Trail,
visit www.wicklowtown.ie**

**The Heritage Trail is an initiative of The Wicklow Town Team and Wicklow
Municipal Council and was funded by Wicklow County Partnership.**

Active Retirement Activities & Trips

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

Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.

Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00am

Choir will resume in September

Autumn Holiday to Sligo—9th-13th September

**** We will be closed for the month of August and resume our Tuesday morning meeting on 3rd September.**

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**

Summer Dues envelopes available at the Church doors - your support of this collection would be very much appreciated.



Bethany
Bereavement Support

*We offer you a safe, free, supportive place
to journey through your grief*

If you are struggling with your grief and would like to speak with a trained listener then why not come along to our meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow. You will be most welcome.

Or

If you are interested in helping bereaved people yourself, you would be most welcome to join as a volunteer.

A training course will be commencing in the autumn.

For more information phone 087 946 8971

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

WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

***Congratulations
Hugh Leonard***

25th July 2024: €50 raffle winner

Weekly winning numbers: 1, 3, 4, 24

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

Next weeks JACKPOT is €3,725

*Remember...if you aren't in you an't win!
Join by texting the word WICKLOW to 51444*

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 Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

GOD IS NOT
ASKING YOU TO
FIGURE IT OUT.

GOD IS ASKING
YOU TO TRUST
THAT HE ALREADY
HAS.