

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

4th October 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

The Vineyard is Ourselves!

God is all the time caring for his people and thinking of us, making sure we're not endangered when he can help it. His care for his people goes into the heart of the Trinity, one of whom becomes one of us, for our sake.

He wants us to bear fruit, as in the second reading. He will give these fruits - and wants us to value them.

In our society today, we could say that in many countries child protection and care is better today, We are more inclusive of people who differ from us and the church is open to the whole human family.

In Ireland we have more peace now than we had, but maybe not more justice, especially for our migrant people. These are some fruits. We miss out on some issues - the value of faith and community is low and sometimes in public or political life we go for the temporary and the illusory and the dramatic. The gap between rich and poor is wider than ever. We have had bad experiences of greed and financial abuse, even in the charities sector. Our care of the elderly leaves much to be demanded.

Looking at the gospel vision, we can ask how the vineyard is nourished. We find that the cornerstone of the Christian way of life is love, and the love is a person in Jesus. He is the one who will invigorate the vine ... Some will ignore him, some will follow. All of us are probably a bit in between. God sent his own Son into the vineyard of human life, not because life is perfect, but because love is. Jesus comes among us because we need him.

*Imagine a situation where people try to do well
in underdeveloped countries and are prevented. Pray for them.
Lord, may your kingdom come, here, there and now, today.*

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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 3rd October & 4th October

6.00pm Catherine O'Toole 1st Annív.

9.00am

10.30am Noel McMahon M.M

Anna May Gíll (A)

12.00pm John Woloohan M.M

Donal Henderson 1st Annív.

Brendan Phelan R.D

5th October to 9th October

Monday Special Intention

7.00pm Special Intention

Tuesday Special Intention

7.00pm Special Intention

Wednesday Ann Marah in remb.

Thursday Special Intention for Parishioner having serious Surgery

Friday Anselm Fidgeon in remb.

Next Weekend ~ 10th October & 11th October

6.00pm Tom & Helen Fitzgerald

Michael & Mary Kavanagh (A)

Cathal Martin (A) & his grandad Lesley Martin (A)

Melissa Butler B.R

9.00am Richard Hennessy M.M

Cathal Martin (A) & his grandad Lesley (A)

10.30am Roisín Bunn (A)

Victoria Leonard nee Egan 2nd Annív

Baby Anthony Lacek O'Rourke 10th Annív

Miriam O'Brien (A)

12.00pm Eoghan Whelan 1st Annív.

Pat & Sarah Byrne (A), Oliver Neiland

Tommy & Maí Long (A), Mary & Noel Gallagher (A)

Seamus McCarthy (A), Valerie Carroll (A)

Sylvia Ford (A)

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25: 6 - 10

PSALM: Ps.22

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 1-14

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
KBB	Second Saturday	2.00pm

*The next meeting will be on
Thursday **8th October** at 8pm in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on
Thursday **22nd October** at 7.30pm in
The Parochial House in Ashford-
which needs to be confirmed with the
Parish Office. Next KBB meeting
Wednesday 7th October at 7:30pm
In Barndarrig Church*

Children's Choir



New recruits are welcome to our Children's Choir

Place: Saint Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town

Time: 9.45am Sunday morning for 10.30am Family Mass

Senior Infants to 6th year welcome

Instrumentalists especially welcome ☺

Contact: 086 084 2942 or just come along!

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

27th September 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
The Envelope/Standing Orders are what funds the Parish. This money stays locally and is vital to sustain our Parish. The money from these envelopes and Standing Orders maintain the Churches, Parish Centre, Houses, general maintenance and administration expenses.	The Common Fund account is funded by all the loose notes & coins in the First Collection It is used to provide suitable and equitable remuneration and support for all priests serving in the diocese, including active, sick, and retired clergy.	The Share account is funded by all loose notes & coins in the Second collection. It is primarily used to finance central support services for all parishes, and to provide financial assistance to low-income parishes.
The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account	This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account	This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account
€1570 (104 envelopes received)	€1170	€995

Cross Care Annual Appeal 2026



The Cross Care Annual Appeal collection is took place on the weekend 19th & 20th of September. The Total that was collected was €2860.00. A sincere thanks to one and all for your generosity to this collection



Society of St Vincent de Paul

QUARTERLY COLLECTION.

The quarterly Church Door collection will take place this weekend 3rd/4th October, Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford & Glenealy church. Your support of this collection would be very much appreciated.

Fauré REQUIEM

with Wicklow Choral Society & Merrion Ensemble
David Kennedy, Baritone
James Bingham, Director
Tatiana Konina, Accompanist

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2026, 8PM
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
WICKLOWTOWN

Tickets on sale at
GR8events.ie
and Earls Newsagents



SCAN HERE

WICKLOW
CHORAL
SOCIETY

Parish Religious Education Classes

The parish offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children who are attending non-Catholic Schools. Parents who wish to present their child for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation are invited to enrol them for a two-year programme of preparation.

Online Registration is now available on
www.stmantan.ie

Go to General Information click into Sacraments then click Parish Religious Education Programme and enrolment. You can now enrol your child by clicking on the relevant link and filling in the form. Payment can be made at the end of the form.

Sacramental Registration 2026 ~ 2027

Parents wishing to have their child receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation may now register online on www.stmantan.ie. Go to general information then sacraments, choose your sacrament & fill in the form.

Any problems or for more information, please contact the parish office on 0404 61699 between 10am & 12.30pm



Unwanted Gift Sale

in aid of
St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow
and



Wicklow Cancer Support

Date: Sunday 8th November 2026
Time: 10am to 3.30 pm, with Coffee & Raffle
Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town
(across from St Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town)

Pick up a Great Christmas Present and support
Wicklow Parish Church and Wicklow Cancer Support Services



**Special Christmas
Room**



Full of Decorations



Can't believe its only 5 weeks to "The sale of the Century"

"THE UNWANTED GIFT SALE"

I would like to say a very big thank you for all your generous support towards this sale. It couldn't go ahead without the help of the fantastic team of helpers, the people who donate, the amazing parish office who support us so much and the fabulous hospitality team. We are starting to accept unwanted gifts of all kinds which can be left in the parish office. Again, many thanks for your support and hope to see you there.
Maureen & her fantastic team.

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Providing support & a social outlet for older people

DRAW RESULTS September 2026

		Winner	Seller
1 st	€300	Mary Rielly	Ann Lyons
2 nd	€150	Bridget Noonan	Ann Lyons
3 rd	€100	Margaret & Sean Barrett	Catherine Barrett
4 th	€50	Sarah McKiernan	Oona McKiernan

Thank you for your ongoing support

Registered Charity Number (RCN) 20200036

Laudato Si'

Care for Our Common Home

"The Earth is our home, and we all share it together."

POPE FRANCIS



Protect biodiversity

Every living thing has a place and a purpose.



Conserve natural resources

Water, soil, air and energy are not limitless.



Reduce, reuse, recycle

Less waste today, cleaner tomorrows.



Tackle climate change

Care for creation means caring for future generations.



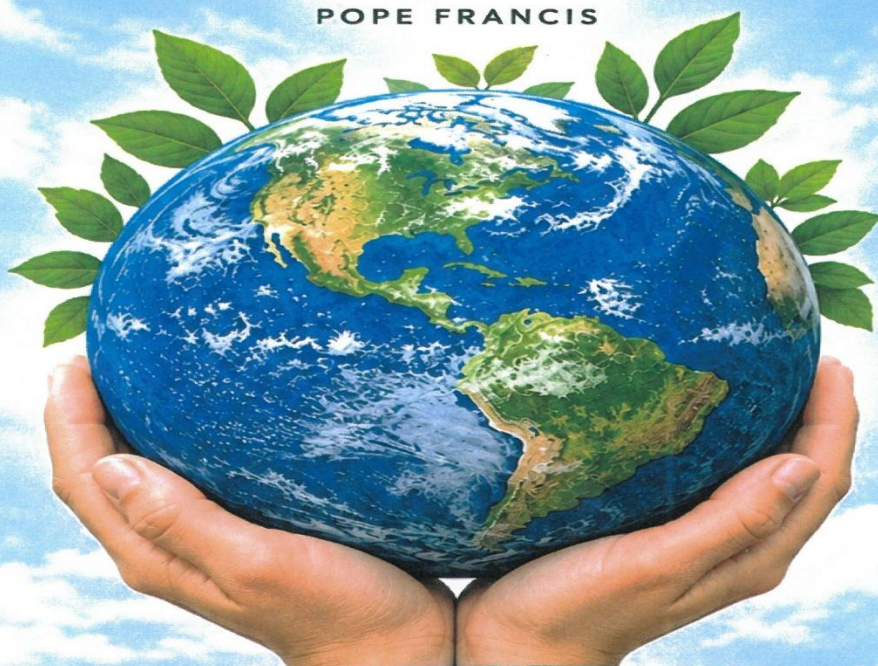
Choose sustainable living

Small actions make a big difference.



Live in harmony

A healthy planet builds healthier people and stronger communities.



*A healthier planet
is a brighter future*

In 2015, Pope Francis calls all of us to urgent action to combat the destruction that is being inflicted on earth, our common home and reminds Christians of our duty to be good stewards of creation.

More information can be found online and at
www.trocaire.org



Here are some practical ideas for what can be done in a home to help answer this call.

- Use washable - not disposable- napkins, mugs, cutlery etc.
- Install energy-saving light bulbs
- Switch off lights when leaving a room
- Don't leave electrical appliances on stand-by
- Stop using disposable plastic water bottles
- Avoid take out cups
- Enjoy more time in nature
- Wash laundry at 30 when possible
- Dry washing outside
- Avoid clingfilm - use a tub with a lid, cover bowls with a plate or a tea towel

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 24/09/2026

No jackpot won this week

4

7

8

26

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Susan Rice

Next Week's Jackpot will be:

€3,500

RATHNEW WOMEN'S SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Craft fair

11 AM - 3 PM

SUNDAY 11TH OF OCTOBER

HAND CRAFTED GIFTS,
COSY QUILTS, KNITWEAR,
CROCHET, SENSORY TOYS,
UP CYCLED CREATIONS,
BAKED GOODS & REFRESHMENTS

ST. BRIGID'S HALL
RATHNEW
A67 X583

The Heart of Rathnew
Craft Fair

Kilshon na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Coimisiún na hEirann
European Union

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community support committee

LCDC
Local Community Development Centre

"The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co-funded by the Irish Government, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training (EIST) Programme 2021 - 2027."



Bethany
Bereavement Support

WICKLOW GROUP

Whenever you feel ready, Bethany Bereavement Support is here to listen.

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a free, confidential listening service for adults who are grieving.

It offers a quiet and supportive space where people can speak about their loss and be listened to with understanding and compassion by trained volunteers.



NEXT MEETING DATES

Tuesday 6 October at 10:45am
Tuesday 27 October at 8pm



VENUE

The De La Salle Centre
Wicklow
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