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WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

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ELAINE McDONALD

1st February, 2024: €50 raffle winner
Weekly winning numbers: 12, 19, 28, 30

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

Next weeks JACKPOT is €3,600

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

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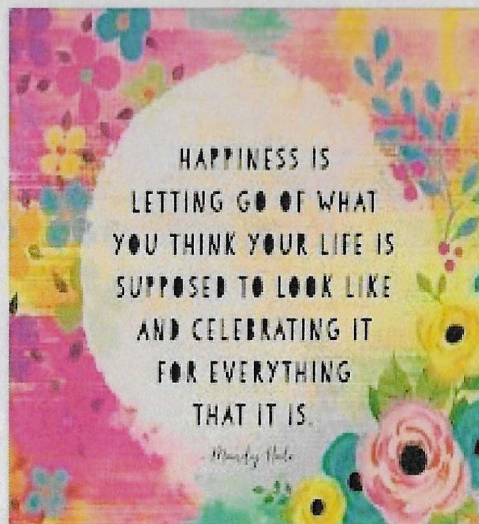
or go to the website : www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow

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Contact Number.....

Address.....



PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th February 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year B
Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166

GOD KNOWS YOU
BY NAME.
GOD LOVES YOU
BY NAME.
GOD CALLS YOU
BY NAME.

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Fr Donal Neary, S.J ~Gospel Reflections for the Year B.

Darkness and Light

The first reading is tough to hear and we admire Job. We talk of 'the patience of Job'. Job is the example and the hero of depression. He just had it bad. All had gone wrong and he felt no good, no hope, no meaning. His family collapsed, his wealth disappeared and he cursed the day he was born. He went through all of the depressions people have, but somehow kept that glimmer of light alive. He never totally lost God, and God never lost him.

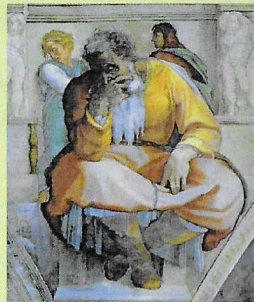
Depression is a huge illness. Many suffer; many are affected. Treatment can be of help, and the listening times of friends as well as therapy is healing.

A great priest wrote

.... At the worst of the burn out I couldn't say mass, never mind preach. Dry, empty, with out light or life. Thanks again for the card you sent. It means a lot to me now. Funny, in the worst of my anxiety, nothing, no compliment, and no reassurance meant anything to me."

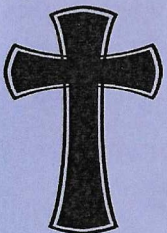
There are many helps on the human level. There is the help also of faith and prayer at times. And the help of someone who, listens, sympathises, doesn't judge nor give easy cures. Love from God never ends even though it may not appear near just now. This is the Jesus of the gospel – bringing the grace of healing, of freeing from any evil, of constant love.

Imagine a time of darkness in life; picture it in its colour, and imagine the bright light of Jesus penetrate that darkness. Ask for help and give thanks for help. Give light, Good Lord, to all who live in the valley of darkness and the shadow of doubt.



Sincere sympathies to the families of

Cecil Ward late of Friars Hill



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 3rd & 4th February

- 6.00pm** Cathy Cullen MM, Rodney Hodgkinson B/R,
Billy Earls, Margaret Hodgkinson, Pat O'Rourke,
Michael Fitzgerald, William & Bridget Kilbride,
James & Mary Fitzgerald, Mary Merrigan-Fitzgerald,
Vera & Joe Kavanagh, Mons Gerard Finegan
- 9.00am** Nan & John Quinn
- 10.30am**
- 12noon** Darragh Kavanagh MM
Christine O'Toole RD in Liverpool

5th February - 9th February

- Monday** Patrick & Bridget Mahon
- 7.00pm** NO MASS
- Tuesday** Gillian Stanley nee Byrne (A)
- 7.00pm** NO MASS
- Wednesday** Maura O'Brien & Philip Costello-Birthday Remem
Kitty Redmond Jim Kelleher, Bridget & Jim Costello (A)
- Thursday** Eucharistic Service - No intentions
- Friday** William & Betty Conway, Leo Cullen

Next Weekend ~ 10th & 11th February

- 6.00pm** Harry & Philomena Leonard, Michael Murphy,
Albert, Elizabeth, Peter-(Barney), Patrick, Rita & Noel White,
deceased members of the White & O'Brien families.
- 9.00am** Anne Ronan - 1st Anniversary
- 10.30am** Thomas & Agnes Grant
- 12noon**

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

28th January 2024

- ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1685
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1215
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration €930

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 : Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

Psalm : 31

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31, 11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

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 – 8TH FEBRUARY AT 8PM IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Aquinas Duffy PP : 0404 67196

Fr Gerard Deegan CC: 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

BBK Website: work
in progress

Office opening times

**Monday - Friday:
10am – 12.30pm**

For all enquires and bookings

The Pope's Intention for February

*For the terminally ill.
We pray that those with a
terminal illness, and their
families, receive the
necessary physical and
spiritual care and
accompaniment.*



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

PARISH SHOP

The Parish shop is situated in the lobby of the parish office. It has been restocked with new candles, cards and some new general stock.

Drop in and have a browse, baptism candles small baby gifts, angel gifts, rosary beads, car medals, visor medals, cards and much more.

There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards and ordinary cards available.

We have also got a beautiful new range of First Holy Communion & Confirmation gifts & cards available now.

Shop open same time as office from 10am till 12.30pm.

10.30AM WEEKLY FAMILY MASS

Family Mass has resumed at 10.30am on the weekends. We are really hoping that families will volunteer & participate in this Mass. We are looking for families to read, bring up the gifts and of course, to join in the singing and maybe even join the choir. You would be most welcome.

Anyone who is interested, please come along to the practices at 9.45am on the Sunday mornings. Contact Katie on 086 409 4013 for more information.



Ministers of the Word for 10am weekday Masses



We would like to invite more people to join this ministry. If you think that you might be interested, speak to any of the regular readers, to Fr. Aquinas or Fr. Gerard or the Parish Office.

Training will be provided and an opportunity given to practice until you feel comfortable with reading on the altar. If you have ever thought about getting involved in this Ministry - now is your chance and you would be very welcome!

Please note that there will be NO MASS on Thursday 8th February. Instead, that morning there will be a Eucharistic Service at 10am on in St Patrick's Church Wicklow and everybody is very welcome to attend.

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

PLEASE NOTE

THERE WILL BE NO MASS IN RATHNEW NEXT MONDAY 5TH AND TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY.

ALSO, NO MASS NEXT WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY IN BARNDARRIG AT 10AM.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

It is proposed to have Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays as well as Thursdays. Both 10.30am to 11.30am. Therefore we intend to reorganise the Adoration Team.

Depending on member's availability, members are asked /rostered to be there about once every month on six weeks.

We consider it an honour to guard the Lord in His Eucharistic presence. Indeed, many prayers have been answered, many blessings bestowed and confirmed, through and because of this form of prayer.



If you would like to join the team please tick your choice of day.

MONDAY () THURSDAY () OR BOTH DAYS ()

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Please return the form to the Parish Office - 61699 or Sacristy 69031

For those already on the team, please inform Joan McCann of your choice of day

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 Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00 am

Choir Fridays 3.00pm—4.00pm

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

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

GROW

mental
wellbeing
programs

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.

WICKLOW & RATHNEW BINGOS



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

Volunteers required for Wicklow
Dementia Support Memory Group,
Wicklow Town

Wicklow Dementia Support (WDS) is seeking volunteers to support people living with memory loss attending a new Cognitive Stimulation based Therapy Group to engage in activities.

The session takes place in De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow on Monday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm.

WDS will provide volunteers with training.

For further information/application form:
Email admin@wicklowdementiasupport.org
Call 085 1345128

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



WICKLOW & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

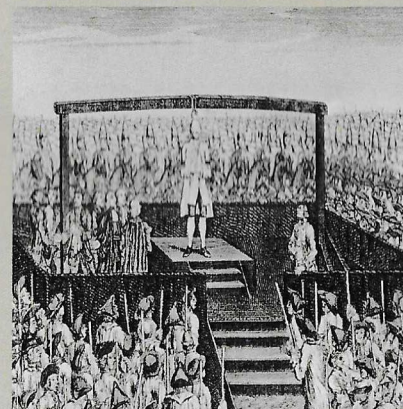
QUIZ NIGHTS 2024

DATES * VENUES * CHARITIES

FEB 1 ERNIE'S LOUNGE WICKLOW
FEB 8 THE BRASS FOX WICKLOW
FEB 15 BRIDGE TAVERN WICKLOW
FEB 22 CHESTERS ASHFORD
FEB 29 O'SHEA'S LOUNGE WICKLOW

*DCW and WICKLOW CHORAL SOCIETY
CCM and WICKLOW SCOUTS
PARKINSONS and WICKLOW TOWN TEAM
ASHFORD NS and WICKLOW ICA
WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT,
LEINSTER FLEADH and
HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL*

MARCH 7 WICKLOW GOLF CLUB GRAND FINAL



'Rough Justice: crime and punishment in 19th century Wicklow' with historian James Scannell

From latter half of the eighteenth century until the passage of the Act of Union in 1800, over 220 crimes were punishable by death as the Irish Parliament in Dublin enacted increasing draconian legislation in a bid to deter criminal activities. While this was reduced to ten by 1820, sentencing remained severe. Convicted persons who received a sentence of more than two years were generally sentenced to transportation overseas to the Caribbean islands or Australia.

ROUGH JUSTICE: CRIME AND PUNISHMENT IN *WITH JAMES SCANNELL* 19TH CENTURY WICKLOW

JAMES SCANNELL EXAMINES POLICE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS FROM LOCAL NEWSPAPERS FROM THE 1860S TO HIGHLIGHT HOW WICKLOW OFFENDERS WERE TREATED AT THIS TIME. THE TALK WILL DEMONSTRATE HOW SENTENCES FOR EVEN MINOR OFFENCES WERE OFTEN OUT OF PROPORTION TO THE NATURE OF THE OFFENCE

**WICKLOW TOWN
LIBRARY**

**THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 15TH
@ 7PM**

TO BOOK CALL 040467025 OR EMAIL
WICKLOWLOCALSTUDIES@WICKLOWCOCO.IE

Following from his successful 'Rough Justice' talks in Dublin last year, historian James Scannell will be using local case studies dating from the 1860s to demonstrate that, while rehabilitation of offenders evolved during the 1840s, this was very limited in its application. His talk will show that sentencing of Wicklow offenders for minor offences remained, in many cases, out of proportion to the nature of the offence.

The talk will take place in Wicklow Town library on Thursday 15th February @ 7pm. Attendance is free but booking is required as the venue has a limited capacity. Book by e-mail to Wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie or call Wicklow Library 0404 67025.