

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

Easter Sunday Year A

5th April 2026



### Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Alleluia - for singing, not for humming!

The reason for the joy of Easter is that Christ is risen - the women who came to the tomb found their joy in this. They may have found joy also in a beautiful dawn in the garden, or in their friendships, but the joy of Easter is a joy of faith, which nothing need take away.

The joy of the resurrection is a joy in giving the life we have received from God: *'Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others'* (Pope Francis).

The Alleluia is for singing, not for humming; it is to be heard from the voice of the heart, and should lift the hearts of those who hear:

**'Jesus Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'**

We often see great joy in the middle of huge poverty: often the poor can live for the present moment and enjoy it to the full. Sometimes in the middle of illness we find a peace we don't know from where it comes. The grace of the risen Jesus can touch our lives at any time. Let's not be like Christians 'whose lives seem like Lent without Easter' (Pope Francis). Having lived through the joyful season of Lent, our hearts are wholly lifted now in joy received and joy given.

***Breathe in and out: on the inbreath echo the word 'joy'; on the outbreath echo the word 'thanks'.  
Risen Christ, raise our lives in joy.***



*Sincere sympathies to the families of*

*Phil Burke, late of St. Manntan's Court, Wicklow Town  
Baby Max Joey Kodes late of Meadow View  
Dougie Bain Late of Wicklow Town*

# *Mass Intention List*

## *This Weekend ~ 4th & 5th April*

*8.00pm Easter Vigil*

*9.00am Kate Quinn & remembering Tom Quinn & Maisie and Harry Murphy*

*Maudie Kelly (A), Nancy Gill (A), Anthony (Nip) Clare (A), Esther Knowles (A)*

*10.30am Thomas & Bridget Cregg & Deceased members of Cregg & Hurley Families, Thomas & Anastasia Duffy & Deceased members of Duffy & Corrigan Families John & Eileen Nolan (A), The deceased members of the Malone Family, Sean & Lillian Kelly, Liam Turner, Jimmie Kenny (A)*

*12.00pm Dolly Henderson, Eamonn Manley (A) Mel McCann*

## *6th April~ 10th April*

*Monday Easter Novena 1.*

*7:00pm NO MAS*

*Tuesday NO MASS*

*7.00pm Easter Novena*

*Wednesday Easter Novena 2.*

*Thursday Easter Novena 3.*

*Friday Special Intention*

## *Next Weekend ~ 11th & 12th April*

*6.00pm Jack Fox & Deceased members of Fox & Robinson Families*

*9.00am*

*10.30am Eileen Tallon 1st Anni.  
Seamus & Nelly Dunne  
Margaret Byrne*

*12.00pm Kathleen Brennan (A), Bill Scott  
Tom Earls*

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

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43**

**PSALM: Ps. 117:1-2,16-17,22-23**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 1-4**

**GOSPEL: John 20: 1-9**



### 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
BBK	Second Saturday	2.00pm

*Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th April at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on Thursday 23rd April 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 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 4 months before the date of the proposed wedding.

# WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

## 29th March 2026

Here is where your donations go to.

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

<b>PARISH ENVELOPE &amp; STANDING ORDER / DONATIONS</b>	<b>1ST COLLECTION COMMON FUND &amp; DUES ENVELOPES</b>	<b>2ND COLLECTION SHARE</b>
<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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 Wicklow Parish account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account</p>
<p><b>€1445</b> ( 99 envelopes received)</p>	<p><b>€1165</b></p>	<p><b>€940</b></p>

**If you would like to help support your parish, please get in touch with the Parish Office to set up a box of weekly envelopes or through monthly Standing Order. Your support to your parish would be very much appreciated.**



Society of St Vincent de Paul

### QUARTERLY COLLECTION.

The quarterly Church Door collection took place last week on 28th/29th March in Wicklow & Rathnew

The total collected was €2907.60. A sincere thanks to one and all for your generosity to this collection.

*Please remember to turn off the mobile.....*



# Thank You to all our Volunteers!

*As we celebrate*

*Easter Time*

*We want to thank all the volunteers in all the churches, who continuously lend a hand and work so hard to make our parishes so vibrant and welcoming.*

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*“Volunteers aren’t paid - not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!”*

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THANK YOU ALL FOR BUILDING  
HOPE IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY.



## Parish Pilgrimage Lourdes Trip

From the 17<sup>th</sup> August for 4 nights in the hotel La Solitude. €945.00 per person sharing. A single room supplement €49.00 per night. Travel insurance €55 per person up to 79 years. €75 per person from 80 years up. Deposit of €350.00 per person, with the balance due 12 weeks before departure.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday, 12th April 2026 Holy Hour of Divine Mercy**

On the first Sunday after Easter, the Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy. To commemorate this great Feast, there will be a Holy Hour of Mercy. Confessions start at 2.45 pm, followed by the Holy Hour at 3 pm in Saint Mary's Church, Barndarrig (A67 K282).

Jesus said to St. Faustina: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."

Come and join us as we offer prayers of devotion to the Divine Mercy, placing ourselves in the wellspring of God's merciful love.

"Jesus, I trust in You."

## **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](mailto:info@wicklowcancersupport.ie)

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.  
Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.

## **Active Retirement Activities & Trips**

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

**Tuesday morning  
meetings 10.45am.**

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*

RATHNEW WOMEN'S SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

**Craft fair**

11 AM - 3PM

SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL

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

ST. BRIGID'S HALL  
RATHNEW  
A67 X583

\*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.\*

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

**AnamCara**

Supporting Parents After Bereavement

**ONLINE BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING**

Tuesday 14 April  
7pm - 8.30pm  
For all bereaved parents



register at <https://bit.ly/4sMpsKA>

**GUEST SPEAKER: BRYAN NOLAN**



Bryan has an M.A. in Healthcare Chaplaincy from DCU and is a Certified Healthcare Chaplain with specialisations in end-of-life, grief, and loss care. He has worked with the Irish Hospice Foundation for over 13 years.

FREE OF CHARGE TO ALL BEREAVED PARENTS, REGARDLESS OF HOW LONG THEY HAVE BEEN BEREAVED, AGE OF THEIR CHILD OR CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEIR DEATH

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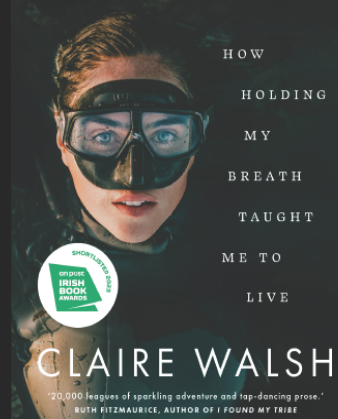
As seen on Netflix and shortlisted for An Post Sport Book of the Year

**WICKLOW LIBRARY**

**Mindfulness Workshop with Claire Walsh**  
Thursday 9th April 7:00 - 8:00 pm

**UNDER WATER**

Limited Spaces  
Sign-up Soon



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HOLDING  
MY  
BREATH  
TAUGHT  
ME TO  
LIVE

Please ask at the desk,  
Call 0404-67025 or  
Email:  
[Wicklib@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:Wicklib@wicklowcoco.ie)



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

Please note that on the weekend of the 11/12 April 2026, Schedule C of masses will operate. There will be no vigil Mass in Ashford on Saturday 11th April and no masses on Sunday 12th April in Kilbride or Brittas Bay. There will be masses in

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)

**Lotto Results will be available next week**

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.

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.....

