

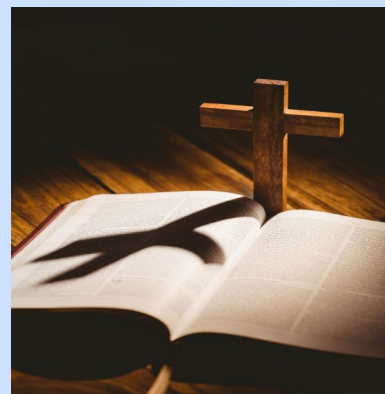
PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

5th July 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

A time for Rest

The invitation of Jesus to find peace in his presence is one of the most popular of his sayings. He is contrasting his message with the burdensome law, which somehow had lost the heart of religion, over-emphasising the externals of laws and rituals. He is not devaluing laws and rituals but putting them in their place. He offers an invitation that everyone can hear; and at many times of life we really need to hear it. These may be times of illness, bereavement, anxiety, depression and/or worry. It is an invitation to come into his presence, which is a loving presence. It's not just an invitation to enjoy a restful time, but to rest in the presence of love.

Any notion we have of Jesus that is harsh is false: he is 'gentle and humble in heart'. This is the atmosphere he asks us all to spread. 'Once you have received the refreshment and comfort of Christ, we are called in turn to become refreshment and comfort for our brothers and sisters, with a meek and humble attitude, in imitation of the Master' (The late Pope Francis, July 2014).

The church is a place of rest for the weary; the place where we find encouragement in the ordinary situations in our lives, where we are called to respond to those who suffer through poverty, homelessness and many other unjust social situations that are part of our world, near and far.

*Take into your hands, Lord, the burdens in my life;
help me to trust in you.*



Sincere sympathies to the families of



*Robert (Bob) Hughes of Wicklow Town and formerly
Coolgreany Co Wexford*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 4th & 5th July

6.00pm Esha Phelan (A), Padraic O'Luanaigh (A)
Peter, John & Maria Barry
John, Catherine, Mark & Margaret Earls

9.00am *Special Intention*

10.30am Michael White (A)
Jimmy Howes & Peg Howes & Annie Kavanagh
Bridget & Patrick Mahon (A) & their Daughter Breda
Vickers

12.00pm Julia Kenny M.M
Padrig, Jim & Noreen Carney (A)
Eamonn Deehan (A), Ann Byrne (A)
Jim Neilan (A), Kay Quill

6th July ~ 10th July

Monday *Prayer Service- No mass*

7:00pm Bridie Kilcoyne (A)

Tuesday Mary Ron (A), Michael Pearson (A)
Ursula McConnell (A)

7.00pm *No Tuesday mass in Rathnew for July*

Wednesday *Special Intention*

Thursday Larry O'Sullivan in rem.

Friday Tony Purcell in rem.

Next Weekend ~ 11th & 12th July

6.00pm Betty & Neddy Fox (A), Denis Whelan (A)
Ann Earls, Mick & Mauna Finlay
Donal Kinney (A), Sarah Kitson (A)

9.00am

10.30am Ann Coffey (A) also her husband Shay
Maureen O'Sullivan (A)

12.00pm Mary Birkbeck M.M
Joan Curley M.M
William (Willie) Murphy (A), Anne & Jim O'Neill
Chrissie Merrigan, Aurelia Lupe Juarez Alvarez
Mary McCarthy (A)

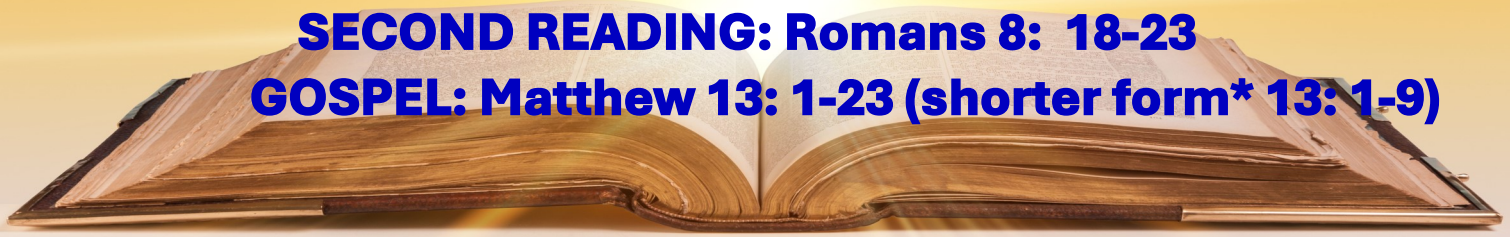
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55: 10-11

PSALM: Ps. 64: 10-14

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 18-23

GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 1-23 (shorter form* 13: 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



Please note: No Wicklow baptism meeting in July.

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
	Third Saturday	12 noon
Glenealy		
KBB	Second Saturday	2.00pm

*Please note : **No Wicklow Baptism Meeting in July** and **No meeting in Ashford in July** at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office. Next BBK meeting **Wednesday 5th August** at 7:30pm In Barndarrig Church*

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

28th June 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 money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account	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. This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account	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. This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account Peters Pence collection
€1645 (envelopes received)	€1200	€1745

PETERS PENCE COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who contributed to last week's Peters Pence collection - the total amount received was €460

COMMUNICATON TEAM

Would you be interested in joining our Communications team? Do you like Social Media? Would you like to help promote our Parish through Social Media? Are you good at design? Have you a spare hour a week? If so please leave your details with the Parish Office.

Blessings of the Graves are on Wednesday 15th July at 7:30pm in Rathnew

Mass Schedule B and C.

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule B: 27/28th June 2026, 11/12 July, 25/26 July

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)

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Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule C: 4/5 July, 18/19 July, 1/2 August

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|-----------------------|---------|------------|
| 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)   |

**THANK YOU .....**

Fr Aquinas would like to express his sincere thanks to everyone who helped out and organised his Farewell cuppa and cake. To our wonderful Hospitality team who have been working so hard over the past couple of months – for putting on a wonderful array of cakes and goodies for the occasion. To the Parish Office team for organizing the event and to each and every parishioner who attended the event and wished him well.

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

**Fr Gerard Deegan : 0404 67133**

**Parish Office: 0404 61699**

**Email: [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com), Website: [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie)**

**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**

**For all enquires and bookings**



# Bethany

Bereavement Support

## Wicklow Group

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a 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.

Meetings are held in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.

### Upcoming meetings:



Tuesday 7th July at 10:45 am



Tuesday 28 July at 8:00 pm

You are welcome to attend,  
or to make contact for a chat.



Tel: 086 835 9148

## 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.

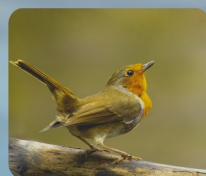


## Wicklow Photography Club

### Exhibition

WICKLOW LIBRARY

THUR 2<sup>ND</sup> - FRI 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY



[www.wicklowphotographyclub.ie](http://www.wicklowphotographyclub.ie)  
[wicklowphotographyclub@gmail.com](mailto:wicklowphotographyclub@gmail.com)



## Ways to Get Involved



### Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteer

Visitation Support and Befriending is a supported one-to-one relationship between a volunteer and an older person who has been linked in with ALONE.



### Telephone Support & Befriending Volunteer

ALONE's Telephone Support and Befriending is a free friendly, support and information telephone service for older people.



### National Support & Referral Line Volunteer

As an NSRL volunteer, you will provide a listening ear, information, and support for older people in a warm, friendly, and professional manner.

**"My Volunteer brightens up my day and I look forward to the visit every week"**

- Older Person

**"I have gained meaning from supporting others and I have a new perspective on life"**

- Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteer

**"I feel connected to the people I talk to"**

- Telephone Support & Befriending Volunteer

0818 222 024 National Support & Referral Line 8am - 8pm

**Sign up at [volunteer@alone.ie](mailto:volunteer@alone.ie)**



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**Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking Visitation and Telephone volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please apply via the ALONE website at <https://alone.ie/volunteer/volunteers/> or for further information please contact Niamh Graham on 086 058 0782 or via email [niamh.graham@alone.ie](mailto:niamh.graham@alone.ie)**

***If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024 or visit [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie)***

## 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, grave candles & ornaments. Drop in and have a browse, baptism candles, small baby gifts, angel gifts, rosary beads, car medals, visors medals, cards and much more. There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards & ordinary cards available. Shop open same time as office from 10am till 12.30pm.

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 25/06/2026

# No jackpot won this week

1

15

19

21

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

## Philip Bonus

- **Next Week's Jackpot will be:**  
**€2,700**

**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.....

Faith is unseen but felt,  
faith is strength when we feel  
we have none, faith is HOPE  
when all seems lost.

Catherine Pulsifer



FlowersBloomHope.com