

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

5th October 2025



Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Gift of Faith

Interesting that **J**esus says we don't need much faith - only the size of a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds in his time. Does he really mean this?

He seems to be saying that faith does not depend on us. It is a gift from **G**od which grows throughout our lives '*fanned into a flame*', as in the second reading. We need to have confidence in the faith we have rather than always berating ourselves that it is little. In the Christian parish and community there is often more faith than we realise.

In a parish,

- *we have the people who serve the sick and the poor;
- *those who pray a lot and those who worship;
- *those who reflect on faith and question.
- *There are the families where faith is expressed in many different ways.
- *Every moment where we come in touch with the world beyond ourselves, whether directly religious or not, is a moment of faith.

We can trace the history of our own faith and remember personal moments that strengthened the faith. These can be varied - prayer, love, works of justice, the beauty of creation, times of illness and death, sacramental life. What is important is that they are personal moments between us and **G**od, which are privileged times of the growth of the mustard seed of faith.

Lord, I believe, strengthen my belief.



Sincere sympathies to the families of

*Catherine O'Toole (née Stafford) of St Manntan's
Park, Wicklow Town*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 4th & 5th October 2025

6.00pm *Valerie Carroll (A) Kathleen Dunne (BR)
Frank Kavanagh (A)*

9.00am *Michael & Lily O'Brien (A)*

10.30am *Stan O'Reilly R.D*

12.00pm *Martin O'Connor—1st Anniversary*

Pat & Sarah Byrne (A)

Oliver Neiland (A)

Larry Tallon R.D,

Angela and Thomas Leonard (A)

6th October~ 10th October 2025

Monday *Ronnie Kelly R.D*

7.00pm *Peter Aherne*

Tuesday *Special Intention*

7.00pm *Mary McCafferty R.D*

Wednesday *Noeleen Nolan R.D*

Thursday *NO MASS- Prayer Service*

Friday *Cathal Martin and his grandad Leslie*

Next Weekend ~ 11th & 12th October 2025

6.00pm *Tom (Chopper) Vickers M.M,
Tom & Helen Fitzgerald (A),
Teresa Dunne (A),
Miriam O'Brien (A)*

9.00am *Leslie Martin and his grandson Cathal (A),*

10.30am *Victoria Leonard née Egan 1st Anniv.
Baby Anthony O'Rourke (A)*

12.00pm *Michael Byrne 1st Anniv. And his parents and siblings
Andrew Phillips (A),
Seamus McCarthy (A)*

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
28th September 2025**

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1690**
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€1200**
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€805**

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: Kings 5: 14-17

PSALM: Ps. 97: 1-4

SECOND READING: Timothy 2:8 –13

GOSPEL: Luke 17: 11-19

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.

**FINAL ENROLMENTS TAKING PLACE FOR THESE CLASSES
DURING PARISH OFFICE HOURS 10AM –12.30PM
MONDAY –FRIDAY**

An Tobar Nua

We provide confidential counselling nationwide via telephone and Zoom. Our service is donation-based, because we do not want finances to prevent anyone from receiving support.

If any of your parishioners, are struggling with grief, anxiety, depression, or other life challenges, please know that we are here to help.

☎ Phone: 091 562 175

✉ Email: counselling@antobarnua.com



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 October, 2025,
at 8pm in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre

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.



Ministers of the Eucharist.....

Needed for 10:30am Sunday Mass in Wicklow. If you think you may be interested in this special Ministry please contact the Parish Office.
Full training will be given.

PLEASE NOTE: The weekend of the 11th and the 12th of October, NO mass in Ashford, Britas Bay, or Kilbride. Masses as usual in the other Churches Glenealy, Barndarrig, Wicklow & Rathnew.

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, visor medals, cards and much more.
There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards and ordinary cards available.

BUION MUIRE LOURDES GUIDE UNIT 65th ANNIVERSARY ~ THANK YOU!



Our group would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Bishop Donal, Fr Aquinas, Fr Gerard for all their support & help, to our wonderful church singers Ailish, Elaine & Emma.

Thank you to everyone who turned up on the day, to those who spent hours helping prepare for the celebration by decorating the Centre, its environs and the Church. To the wonderful parish hospitality team for all the fabulous refreshments; to the leaders, past & present who organised the photo displays.

All the effort, support and hard work made the day truly special for all those involved and for all who attended.

We would also like to congratulate all our newly enrolled members – it was wonderful to be able to enrol 20 new members on the anniversary of our first group

The day was a beautiful mix of past and present, reminding everyone of the strong friendships, memories, and spirit that Guiding has fostered over the last sixty-five years.

Here's to the next chapter of Guiding in Buíon Muire Lourdes!

There is limited availability for members aged from 5yrs to 18yrs in all groups at the moment, please contact 087 456 2004 for more information.

Abide in His Love Women's Conference

A few tickets remaining! Abide in His Love Women's Conference Nov 21-23. The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal. A beautiful event for women exploring the beauty & gift of their feminine identity in Christ.

Guest Speakers include Sr. Mary Madeline Todd OP (USA), Megan Madden from 'A Mother's Lace' (USA/UK), Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton (UK), Fr. Francesco Mary Gavazzi, CFR, the Nashville Dominican sisters, & Mass with Archbishop Eamon Martin. Check Eventbrite for tickets & more information.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

We would love to hear what is happening in the parish so that we can include it in the parish newsletter.

If you are organising any event or activity—non-profit—please email us with the details at parishofficewicklow@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

Beginning of School Year Mass @ 11am on Holy Rosary Day, Tuesday 7th October. We are also celebrating 75 years since the opening of Holy Rosary Building. All welcome, especially past pupils. Refreshments afterwards in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre - details will be confirmed next week.



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.

Are you stressed, depressed or
just in need of some real self-
care?



Join **Rozel** for gentle Yoga and Meditation
sessions in:

**De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow.
Fridays at 10.00am.**

With an emphasis on breath work and
deep relaxation, these sessions will help
you to relax, renew and cope with life in
the present moment. The sessions are
subsidised by Social Prescribing in
County Wicklow Partnership

Tel: 087 2485905 for more information



Unwanted Gift Sale

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



Date: 16th November, 2025

Time: 10am to 2pm, with Coffee & Raffle

Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre
Wicklow Town

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



**Special Christmas
Room**



Full of Decorations

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Aquinas Duffy : 0404 67196 // Fr Gerard Deegan : 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

Email: parishofficewicklow@gmail.com, Website: www.stmantan.ie

Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings

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

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 02/10/2025

No jackpot won this week

14

19

20

23

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Anne Dover

Next Week's Jackpot will be: €525

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

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.....

