

PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th May 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER -Year B

Wicklów & Rathnew
RCN 20016166



Gospel Reflections Donal Neary SJ

The One Commandment – Only One

This gospel is like a vision statement or a mission statement from Jesus. About finding joy in listening to Jesus, how to live the good life in love with one another, how to love oneself in the love of God, and in directing our lives to bear fruit that will generate love.

It is so central that it is read at many really important moments of a Christian life. It is one of the most popular readings at a wedding, linking the love of God and human love at such a special time.

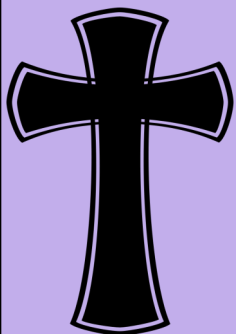
Jesus' love was to lay down his life. in a specific way. Our love lays down our life often in small, unforgotten ways.

- *Hours spent with a sick child or parent,
 - *years caring for someone ill,
 - *leaving home on missionary assignments;
 - *giving up something for the children.
 - *Working for peace/justice for the needy
- The message is a big challenge in simple ways for most of us.



Isn't it a joy to know that the most enjoyable mystery of life – love, is the only commandment of God? This shows us that God is on our side: His commandment is to do what we want most to do and experience – to love and be loved. Even when the love costs us something.

*Recall a time when you felt you were really loving someone.
Become aware that you were then very near to God.
Thank you, Lord, for love given and received in my life.*



Sincere sympathies to the families of

Nora (Nonee) King

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 4th & 5th April

- 6.00pm** *Martin Carr, Pat & Nancy Stakeelum,
Michael & Maura Byrne*
- 9.00am** *Jordan Quinn*
- 10.30am** *Ellen (Nellie) Dunne, Mac Hanlon*
- 12noon** *Ann Roche, Jack Meehan, Colin Valerie & Paddy
Quinn, Michael White Max & William O'Neill
& deceased members of the O'Neill & O'Brien families.*

6th April ~ 10th May

- Monday** *Una Ryan RD*
- 7.00pm** *NO MASS - BANK HOLIDAY*
- Tuesday** *Brian McCann RD*
- 7.00pm** *Liam Kelly RD*
- Wednesday** *Shelley Aherne RD*
- Thursday** *Betty Kavanagh RD*
- Friday** *Owen Malone A*

Next Weekend ~ 11th & 12th May

- 6.00pm** *Gareth Dunne (Ann & Birthday Remembrance)
Anna Maguire - 1st Anniversary, Cora Crennan
John, Sarah, Thomas, Mary, Patrick & Ellen Carr.*
- 9.00am** *Mick & Don Marah*
- 10.30am**
- 12noon** *Noeleen Shortall & Winifred Lambert, Martin Murphy,
Cora Crennan*

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

28th April 2024

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	€1465
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	€1075
2ND COLLECTION / LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION	-	€1575

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: Acts 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-26

Psalm: 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20

Second Reading: 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel: John 17:11B-19

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
9TH MAY
AT 8PM IN THE
DE LA PARISH
CENTRE

Popes intention for May ~ Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.



TROCAIRE BOXES

All Trocaire boxes can now be returned to the Parish Office during Office hours - Monday—Friday from 10am till 12.30pm.



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.

LOURDES



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Wicklow Rathnew

10 September 2024

5 Nights

€939 per person sharing

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » 20kg bags included.
- » Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- » 5 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

For information please contact:

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LOURDES ANNUAL COLLECTION CORRECTION

Please note that the Lourdes collection two weeks ago which raised €1414 was collected at both Wicklow & Rathnew Church doors. We omitted Rathnew in error last week and would like to clarify the situation this week. Apologies to anyone who was upset by this error.

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LAY MINISTRY APPEAL

Shape Our Future

Support Lay Ministry



LAY MINISTRY APPEAL

Many thanks to all who supported this collection last week a total of €1575 was donated from the Parish.

PLEASE NOTE THAT

There will be no 12 noon Mass on Sunday 19th May in Wicklow as we have the Archbishop coming to do Confirmations during the 10.30am Mass that day.

NO MASS BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY IN ST JOSEPH'S RATHNEW - BUT MASS AS NORMAL ON TUESDAY AT 7PM

FR DONAL'S ORDINATION AS AUXILIARY BISHOP

The parish will be organising buses to St. Andrew's Church Westland Row, Dublin, on Sunday 26th May to Westland Row for the Mass installing Fr Donal as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin.

The bus will cost €15 per person payable before travelling.

You need to book your seat through the parish office only.

Time & place of departure will be announced closer to date

CONGRATULATIONS TO ~

The young adults from Holy Rosary NS, St Patrick's NS, The Gaelscoil, St Coens NS & Brittas bay who all received the Sacrament of Confirmation over the past couple of weeks. We hope that you are all inspired by the Holy Spirit and that the candidates and their families enjoyed their special day.



The Rosary will be said every evening at 7.30pm at the Rathnew Grotto for the month of May. Everybody is very welcome to go along and participate in this nightly event. In the event of rain - it will move to the church.

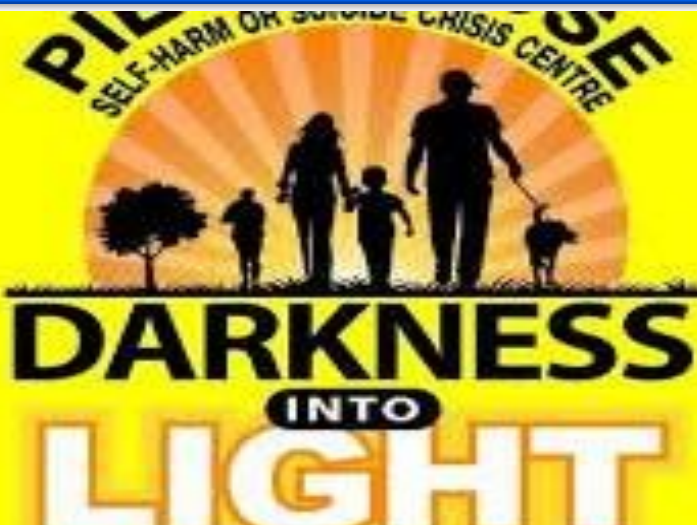
There will also be a ROSARY RALLY on Saturday 11th May at 4pm at the Grotto in the grounds of St Patrick's Church Wicklow and once again everybody is very welcome to come along and participate. Candles will be available to purchase on the day to leave at the Grotto

Darkness into Light –
4.15am on Saturday, 11 May.

Join us and give hope to people impacted by suicide and self harm.

There will be a special Mass in St Patrick's Church Wicklow on Friday 10th May at 7.30pm for all those who have lost family members or friends by suicide.

Everybody is very welcome to join us for that Mass



Building Hope

Novena to the Holy Spirit

12th – 20th May 2024

for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin



Pentecost, by Jen Norton

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Building Hope through Prayer, Reflection and Planning

Building Hope-
Novena to the Holy Spirit 2024

We are invited to join once again with every parish in the diocese in a Novena to the Holy Spirit – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place in the nine days from 11th/12th – 20th May beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Let us join together with other parishes across the Archdiocese, in praying and planning with Archbishop Farrell during this dedicated period 12th – 20th May. May this time of reflection, as we prepare also for the ordination of Bishop Donal Roche and the arrival of Bishop Paul Dempsey to the Archdioceses be blessed and build hope for a new future in partnership and a new way of being Church. The Novena will be run as part of the Mass each day in Ashford/Glenealy.



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Rear of Boots Pharmacy,
Abbey Street,
Wicklow

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member, been diagnosed
with Cancer ?*

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from 10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

WICKLOW & RATHNEW BINGOS



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

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

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**

You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte

WICKLOW LIBRARY EVENTS

Come along to the Wicklow Library Wednesday 22nd May from 12:30 - 3:00 pm for our Cafe Bealtaine event. Afternoon tea will be served and the Wicklow Community Choir will be singing, along with a few other entertainment surprises!

Also, on Thursday 16th May 7:00 - 8:00 pm author join Sadie Harpur as she discusses her new book about her upbringing in the Irish foster system, her struggles with undiagnosed Dyslexia and Apraxia and how writing helped in her journey to heal and ultimately triumph.

To book in please call 0404-67025 or email: Wicklib@wicklowcoco.ie

WICKLOW TOWN

Heritage Trail

JOIN OUR FREE GUIDED WALK EACH SATURDAY MORNING AT 11am commencing from outside the Tourist Office in Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow Town.

Walk will take approximately 2 hours, spending some time at each key location.

These guided walks will take place each Saturday until Saturday 28th September 2023.

For information on the Wicklow Town Heritage Trail, visit www.wicklowtown.ie

The Heritage Trail is an initiative of The Wicklow Town Team and Wicklow Municipal Council and was funded by Wicklow County Partnership.

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**Office opening times
Monday - Friday:
10am – 12.30pm**

Bayside Alpha are showing Bishop Barron's groundbreaking 10-part documentary series, 'Catholicism', on Zoom with discussion afterwards in breakout rooms starting on Sunday the 7th of April at 7:30pm and continuing for 10 weeks. To register please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

Many thanks to the sponsor of our newsletter
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WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations
PHILIP BONUS

2nd May, 2024: €50 raffle winner

Weekly winning numbers: 1, 6, 17, 23

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

Next weeks JACKPOT is €3,675

Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!
Join by texting the word WICKLOW to 51444

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return to Parish Office or Sacristy

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"There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full."

Henry Kissinger