

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Wicklow & Rathnew

### RCN 20016166

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year C  
**6th April 2025**



### *Gospel Reflection ~Donal Neary SJ*

### *More than Forgiveness*

This is a powerful story of justice and mercy. Jesus is on the side of the woman who has been accused of sin and crime. It was an unjust accusation, and the people who brought her had little good in mind.

Jesus offers more than forgiveness - he brings mercy. *Mercy forgives with compassion* and doesn't need lectures. It restores dignity to the victims of injustice like the lady in this story. It is the same in Jesus, for those who do not receive their dignity because of something they are, or something they did and are unjustly treated.

Jesus did not condemn; he turns the tables a bit. He simply says: *Anyone here without sin - take the stone and throw it.* Nobody does. In this atmosphere of darkness we need to hear something of the love and the mercy of God. Would light of mercy come into their darkness of condemnation? Would they leave their darkness into a personal space where they might have a change of heart?

This is also about the challenge to live honestly and without sin; and to be able to take steps like this woman's life, to move on. All hear this word from Jesus - *I do not condemn you.* This comes to our society and to ourselves. We need to hear this word for ourselves as often we throw stones at ourselves more than at others. What we condemn in others is what sometimes we do not like in ourselves.

*Lord may we enter this world of mercy wherever we need to.  
May we hear these words always, 'I do not condemn you'*

*Jesus' fiery heart of mercy*



*Sincere sympathies to the family of*

*Bridget Gormley, Wicklow Heights  
Esther Knowles late of Drumkay, Rathnew  
Richard Davis, Wicklow*

# Mass Intention List

## *This Weekend ~ 5th & 6th April, 2025*

- 6.00pm** Eithne Wright - Months Mind, Jack Fox & deceased members of the Fox & Robinson families, Ellen & John Whelan, their son Joe & his son Rodney, Eamonn Manley (A), Jimmy Kenny (A)
- 9.00am** Nancy Gill, Kate Quinn & deceased member of Quinn family Anthony (Nip) Clare, Jim, Bernie & Abie Jacob
- 10.30am** Catherine Keane, her husband James & Daniel & Bridget Keane, Lillian Kelly, Seamus & Nellie Dunne (A)
- 12.00pm** Stan J. O'Reilly - Months Mind, Fr Tom Scully (A)

## *7th ~ 11th April, 2025*

- Monday** Funeral Mass of Richard Davis RIP
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- Tuesday** Helen Hennessy - Months Mind
- 7.00pm** Veronica Devlin, Anne Shortall
- Wednesday** Joy Riordan RD
- Thursday** Liam Turner, Jimmy Gallagher, John Barlow (A)
- Friday** Sally Jones RD

## *Next Weekend ~ 12th & 13th April 2025*

- 6.00pm** Yvonne Rice (1st A.)  
Johnny & Paul Murphy, Una Lockhart, Thomasina Brennan,
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Catherine Carey - Months Mind
- 12.00pm** Kathleen Brennan, Michael Earls, Bill Scott, Kathleen Kilcoyne

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

**30th March 2025**

<b>ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	<b>€1565</b>
<b>1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	<b>€ 855</b>
<b>2ND COLLECTION/SHARE</b>	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	<b>€1130</b>

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7**

**PSALM: 21:8-9, 17-20,23-24**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11**

**GOSPEL: Luke 22: 14-23:56 or 23: 1-49**

## Baptisms in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow	First Saturday	2pm
	Third Sunday	1pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2pm
Ashford	First Sunday	12 noon
Glenealy	Third Saturday	12 noon
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm



*Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday, 10th April 2025, at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre*



### QUARTERLY COLLECTION.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the collections last weekend.

We will have a full total for this collection, next weekend.

### EASTER NOVENA CARDS

There are a beautiful arrangement of Easter Novena cards at €5 each, now available in the Parish Office. These are suitable for both the living and the dead and the names will be remembered in nine Masses over the Easter Season.

There are also Easter - I lit a candle cards available for €2 which are also a lovely way to remember someone over the season.

# 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: Tuesdays at 9am



Journeying with Jesus through the lenten Sunday Gospels  
join us on any or every Wednesday evening to reflect and  
pray the Lenten Sunday Gospels

Where? 'An Tairseach', Dominican Ecology Centre

What time? 7.30pm - 8.40pm

When? Wednesday evenings

- Wednesday - March 5th (Ash Wednesday)
- Wednesday - March 12th
- Wednesday - March 19th
- Wednesday - March 26th
- Wednesday - April 2nd
- Wednesday - April 9th

Join us for a cuppa afterwards - if you would like!

## Knock Pilgrimage



Pilgrimage to knock on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

Leaving the Memorial park Rathdrum at 7.30am sharp via Grand Hotel  
Wicklow at 8am.

€80 per person this includes Bus, Breakfast, Dinner.

Names and payment before 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025

Contact Susan at 0876273032.

**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](http://Grow.ie) to listen to stories of Hope and Recovery.

## **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.**



The death of a loved one can be an overwhelming and isolating experience but you don't have to face it alone

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers a safe, compassionate space where you can share your grief and find comfort among others who understand.

Our trained listeners provide emotional, practical support to help you navigate this difficult time.

Whether you need to talk, to be listened to or simply be present, Bethany is here for you.

Our help is confidential and free

You are very welcome to join us at one of our meetings. We meet at 8pm on the last Tuesday of every month in the De LA Salle Centre in Wicklow. You can call or text us at 086 8359148

You are not alone – we are here for you.

## **EASTER SCHEDULES**

**Are now available in all Churches. This booklet has all the ceremonies and Masses in all seven churches in the St Mantan's Area, for the Easter season. Please feel free to take one home for your reference.**

*Congratulations to all the girls & boys from Gaelscoil & St Coen's NS who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the week.*

*The best of luck to the students from St Joseph's NS Glenealy who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this week.*

*We hope the families all have a very enjoyable day celebrating this special time in their child's life. Many thanks to the teachers and the parish co-ordinators for all the hard work and great effort, that they have put in during the past few months to make this a special day for all the children.*





# Wicklow Cancer Support

East Coast FM Wicklow Wide  
Coffee Morning



**Fri April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**De La Salle Pastrol Centre  
Wicklow Town  
10AM - 12PM**

**Looking forward to seeing you all there.**



## **IMPORTANT NOTE**

**It has come to our attention that there is an organised begging group outside the Church doors before some of the Masses We would ask parishioners not to give anyone from this group money.**

**All genuine collections will be announced in the Church or in the Newsletter.**

**If you ever feel under pressure from anyone either inside or outside the Church to give them money please let us know as soon as possible. It is very important to us that all parishioners feel safe and comfortable in the Church and in the Church grounds.**

## **LOURDES ANNUAL COLLECTION**

**Will be held this weekend the 5th/6th April after all Masses.**

**This collection goes towards helping a person / family who may need extra help to get to / or while in Lourdes.**

**Your support for this collection would be very much appreciated.**

# LOURDES



## LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

**Wicklow Rathnew**

**26 August 2025**

**7 Nights**

**€1,095 per person sharing**

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » 20kg bags included
- » Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- » 7 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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**Carol Kavanagh**

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Email: [carol.kavanagh2@gmail.com](mailto:carol.kavanagh2@gmail.com)



**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 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**

# You're not alone

*Drink problem? We get it...*



### AA Open Meeting

Last Friday of Every Month

20:30-21:30  
Kilcoole Community Centre  
A63 X862

All Welcome!  
[www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie)  
01 842 0700

## Alcoholics Anonymous

> [www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie)

> 01 842 0700 (ROI) / 028 90 351 222 (NI)

> [gso@alcoholicsanonymous.ie](mailto:gso@alcoholicsanonymous.ie)



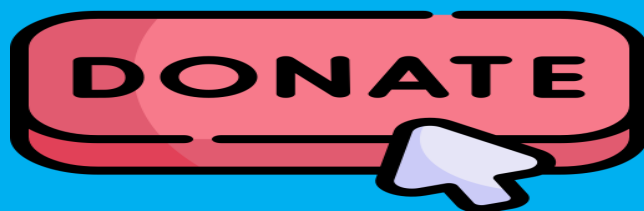
Scan for more  
information

All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence

**Please note that the DONATE  
button on the pastoral website is  
not working correctly.**

**We are working on this and hope  
that it will be back working  
soon.**

**Apologies for any  
inconvenience caused.**



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 03/ 04 / 2025**

**NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK**

**10**

**16**

**21**

**27**

**The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:**

**Kevin Rowan**

**Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,650**

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

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

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

**For all enquires and bookings**

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 Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

*"Forgive others,  
not because  
they deserve  
forgiveness,  
but because you  
deserve peace."*