

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

6th July 2025

### Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Hand over to God

In the smallest of the details of our love and the biggest, God is near. God is near with love and also with care. We might think of it as a powerful care - power not for himself but for us.

God's Power enables us to do what we can't do ourselves, like people in AA who hand their lives over to the higher power each day. Sometimes we find when we are at our lowest God is at his strongest in our lives.

Augustine wrote that *'when we love ourselves least, God loves us most.'*

Where do we find him, or rather where does God find us? God is present in all things - we don't have to go to Church or read the bible to find God, as God is present to us in many ways.

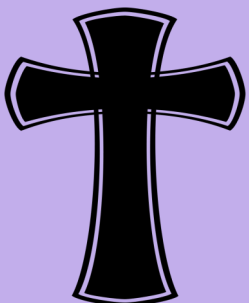
God is in all of creation - love and friendship, a sunset or sunrise. His hand is in our food and drink, our work, study, reflection and insights. He is ever present in our efforts to live well, to stay clean of drugs, alcohol or crime. God is in the midst of real life and in the centre of the soul, is a space where nobody can enter without our welcome and invitation, and where God dwells.

When we see Jesus in action we know the kingdom is very near.

At Christmas we welcomed the kingdom, in the love for the poor, in the miracle of human birth.

At Easter we welcomed the kingdom as the place of eternity, of victory over death and pain, of justice over injustice. All the time welcoming the kingdom, whose real power is love and whose hope still today, is the coming of justice and peace.

*Lord, may your kingdom come, and your will be done on Earth.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of*

*John Doyle late of Arklow Road, Rathnew*

# *Mass Intention List*

## *This Weekend ~ 5th & 6th July 2025*

- 6.00pm** Ann Earls, Esha Phelan, Sarah Kitson,  
Betty & Neddy Fox, Denis Whelan,  
Tommy & Anne Marah, Billy & Carmel Colgan (A)
- 9.00am** **NO MASS**
- 10.30am** Christine Reid - Months Mind  
Jimmy & Peg Howes, Bridget & Patrick Mahon  
Annie Kavanagh, Stephen Morris (A)
- 12.00pm** Madge Bolger - Months Mind  
Anne Byrne, Jim Neilan, Michael White (A)

## *7th July ~ 11th July 2025*

- Monday** Jackie Byrne & Mary Kavanagh -  
(both birthday remembrances)
- 7.00pm** **Parishioners Intentions**
- Tuesday** Monica Phelan RD
- 7.00pm** **Bridie Kilcoyne (A)**
- Wednesday** Victoria Egan-Leonard RD
- Thursday** Special Intention
- Friday** Mick & Maura Finlay (A)

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

- 6.00pm** Donal Kinney (A)
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Agnes Malone - Birthday Remembrance
- 12.00pm** Maureen O'Sullivan, Mary McCarthy,  
Ann & Jim O'Neill, Iris, Bill & Alice Stevens (A)

## **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 29th June 2025**

<b>ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	<b>€1735</b>
<b>1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	<b>€1130</b>
<b>2ND COLLECTION/SHARE</b>	- PETERS PENCE	<b>€1615</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: Deuteronomy 30:10-14**

**PSALM: 68**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-20**

**GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37**

### **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE 19th & 20th JULY 2025**

**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)**

Archdiocese of Dublin

### **Summer Dues**

Thank you for  
supporting your priests

**SUMMER  
DUES  
APPEAL  
2025**



### **PLEASE .....**

**Do not park in the 'Disabled Parking Bays' unless you have a badge permitting this.**

**We do have Parishioners who need these spaces and unfortunately it makes it difficult for them to attend the Mass/Service when these spaces are not available.**

**Unfortunately, these parking spaces are regularly used by inconsiderate people with no badges, which is very unfair to those who genuinely need them.**



# Mass & Blessings of the Graves - 2025

Barndarrig Cemetery: Tuesday, 1st July @ 7.30pm

Three Mile Water Cemetery: Monday, July 7th at 7.30pm

Castletimon Cemetery: Monday, July 14th at 7.30pm

Rathnew Cemetery: Wednesday 16th July at 7.30pm

Glenealy Cemetery: Saturday 19th July at 3.00pm

Killoughter Cemetery: Tuesday 22nd July at 7.30pm

**Peter's Pence is the Popes annual collection** for his charities. This collection depends on financial contributions from the faithful to the Pope. It is used for various needs, including humanitarian initiatives, social projects, and support for the Holy See. Many thanks to all who supported this collection last weekend - it amounted €1615 for which we are very grateful.



## 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

**THE RATHNEW & WICKLOW LOURDES GROUP** would like to express their thanks to the Wicklow Bingo members for their very generous donation of €580 from their recent raffle during the Bingo. Another thank you to a very kind Wicklow lady for her generous donation of €300 to the fund. This allows us provide help to a person/persons who may not otherwise, be able to travel to Lourdes without the support of the fund.

# WHAT ARE THE MASS COLLECTIONS FOR?

## **THE FIRST COLLECTION/COMMUN FUND**

The First Collection is also known as the Common Fund. This was set up years ago in order that all priests got a fair share of the collection regardless of the size or wealth of the parish that they are working in. It also supports the priests of the Diocese, who are sick and retired. Christmas/ Easter & Summer Dues are lodged directly into this fund. This fund has been declining over the past few years which means that priests incomes have also been declining.

## **THE SECOND COLLECTION/ SHARE**

The Share Collection is for the Diocesan building fund which helps to subsidise projects in some very poor parishes. It gives financial assistance to parishes who wouldn't have the necessary income to maintain their buildings. It also funds the central services of the diocese which looks after 199 parishes. The money for this collection is also lodged directly to the Diocese.

## **THE WEEKLY ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDER / PLANNED GIVING COLLECTION**

This collection funds the parish. It pays for the day to day expenses of running the Parish as well as maintaining the Churches, our Parish Centre and the Priests houses. You may contribute to the Parish by weekly envelope, Direct Debit/Standing order or annual donation. If you have thought about contributing to the Parish regularly - please arrange for a box of envelopes or a Direct Debit form to be sent to you by ringing the parish office on 61699.

## **TAX RELIEF SCHEME**

The Tax Relief Scheme for donations to Eligible Charities is of immense benefit to the Parish. It is a very simple but effective way of increasing revenue, whereby the parish can claim back the tax paid on any recorded contributions of €250 or more per annum. Many people have already signed up for this and it has made a big difference to parish income. If you have not already done so, perhaps you would consider signing up for it now. Full details are available on the parish website or from the office.

As the church is registered as a charity, any contribution of €250 or more (which is €5 a week), allows the parish to claim back up to 40% of that, which is approx. €100, where applicable. However, we do have to be able to link the donations to a donor which is where the envelopes/ Direct Debit/Standing Orders becomes important. The only information that is required from the contributor is - name, address, PPS number and a signature. Please be assured that any information received will be treated with the of confidence and that there is NO involvement at all from any tax officials. If you pay income tax and if you have contributed €250 or more to the Dues and Family Offering, the Parish can claim back the tax on your donation at no cost whatsoever to the contributor. Please be assured that the parish staff do not have any access to any personal details of any parishioner signing up to this scheme. It is totally confidential.

**Please note that cash placed in the collection baskets does not qualify for Tax Relief as it cannot be traced back to a donor and is therefore added to the Diocesan 1st & 2nd collections.**

*A sincere and genuine thanks to all parishioners who continuously support the parish through their contributions and to those who have signed up to the CHY3 scheme and we look forward to your continued support in the future.*

## Neda's Story.....

Imagine being away from your family for more than three years just for a better future. It's not just that; on the other side of the world your family is living a different life. your sisters can't go to school just because they are women. They can't go outside the house without a man, just because they were born female. Or going out with fear just because you are an ethnic minority and treated differently. The father lost his job because of the country's situation. And all this is not enough, there is also the water crises , Women are not allowed to use the public bath houses. And the father can't afford to provide all this for the family.

This is the life story of a young Afghan lady staying with me since 2021. She cannot meet her family because of the situation in Afghanistan, and they cannot go to a second country because of poverty, and she is not just trying to build her future but see every day how her sisters' futures are falling apart, and she can't do anything about it. But today we have a chance to help them. We can be a means of good for this family and bring them together. All they want is a peaceful life where the women of the family can go out of the house like normal people. By joining our community sponsorship group, we can bring the family together and give them a new life. We are all humans and we all have feelings, you might feel it even if you didn't experience it. And I hope no one separates' from their family for any reason.

### Support Our Community Sponsorship Effort

Since February 2022, a young Afghan student has been living with me in Wicklow Town, integrating well into Irish society through school and college. This year, the Irish Government's IRPP will issue 50 visas under the Humanitarian Admissions Programme (HAP25), administered by the Open Community. We've formed a Community Sponsorship Group to help bring this family to Ireland but we need community support to make this happen.

For more info, visit: <https://theopencommunity.ie/community-sponsorship/>.

Your support can make a real difference.

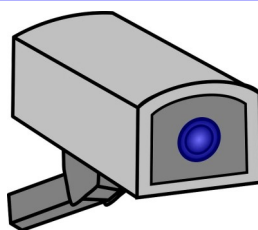
You can leave your details with the Parish Office to support this situation and Neda's family.

## St. Mantan Pastoral Area Baptism Meeting

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 July, 2025,*  
*at 8pm in the*



**Don't forget that  
Masses in  
Wicklow can be  
viewed live on the  
pastoral area website, during  
the weekdays and weekends.**

**[www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie)**

**Mass leaflets are available in all  
the churches even if there is no  
Mass in a church on a  
particular weekend.**




**Wicklow & District Club**


# ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

*a great day for charity not to be missed!*

BOOK TEAMS EARLY

*support*  
**Local Charities**

**JULY 24th**  
**BLAINROE**  
Golf Club

**MONSTER RAFFLE Prizes**

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gardenofireland@gmail.com or wicklowlions




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

# PARISH COFFEE MORNING



*The Parish Hospitality Group are hosting a coffee morning for parishioners. next Wednesday 9th July.*

*So, why not come along and join fellow parishioners in the Parish Centre after Mass for tea / coffee and a chat.*

**No charge**



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/ 07 / 2025**

**NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK**

**7**

**13**

**17**

**30**

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

**Mary Dunne**

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

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

**Fr Aquinas Duffy : 0404 67196 // 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**

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

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