

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

6th September 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Each Other's Keepers

In any group, small and big, things cause friction. Everyone thinks his or her way is right. We can fight over who is right. Some things are worth a fight, others not.

In the big questions of life, we need the advice, support and love of the other. Many people ask themselves, "Why I didn't give an honest opinion about a decision like marriage or a job or a course of studies which seemed ill-advised to everyone?" We all have good and not-so good tendencies. We can only advise as best we can, sensitively and wisely, and hope we get a hearing.

We are afraid to hurt, to be rejected. Why do we let so many people drink themselves into trouble and never tell them? The terror of a neighbourhood, no matter what age, needs to be confronted. The problem of drugs in a neighbourhood is not confronted. Crime is not reported.

In small and big things we are each others' keepers. Jesus is saying something like that today. Parents can find this difficult as they try to guide the family well and not lose them. We have social responsibility in the family and in the neighbourhood and even worldwide for the common good.

God wants the best for each of us. We can help each other to goodness, we can support each other, advise each other, pray for and with each other, and help each other on our way to God.

*Recall an occasion when someone gave you good advice,
even when you may not have liked it at the beginning.*

Be grateful!

*Give me wisdom, Lord, when others ask me for advice or an
opinion.*

I am my sister's keeper



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Anne Kelly Glenview Rd Wicklow Town, Wicklow*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 5th & 6th September

6.00pm

*Esther Duffy M.M
Vanessa Sinnott M.M
Theresa Higgins M.M
Bernie Conway M.M
Josephine (JoJo) Doran M.M
Henry Hubbard
Rita & Sean Bouchier (A)
Gerry, Maura & Audrey Kearns
John Goodman (A), Noel White*

9.00am

Special Intention

10.30am

Bernard Barton M.M.

12.00pm

*Brendan Phelan M.M., Elizabeth Cox (A), John &
Mary Dunne & the Dunne & Kirwan Family.
John Hamilton R.D*

7th September to 11th September

Monday

*Eithne Wright in Remb.
Mary O'Sullivan Nee Burke (A) + B.R*

7.00pm

Special Intention

Tuesday

Special Intention

7.00pm

Special Intention

Wednesday

Mark Dunne (A)

Thursday

Denis (Dunny) Byrne

Friday

Special Intention

Next Weekend ~ 12th & 13th September

6.00pm

*Imelda Janzen (McCall) M.M.
Paddy & Betty Ryan (A) , Patrick O'Donovan & his
sister Bridie Ralph,
Thomas Kavanagh (A)*

9.00am

10.30am

Marion Redmond (A)

12.00pm

Sarah D'Arcy (A)

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

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 27: 30 28:7

PSALM: (Ps. 102)

SECOND READING: Romans 14: 7-9

GOSPEL: Matthew 18 : 21-35

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



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.

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
KBB	Second Saturday	2.00pm

The next meeting will be on Thursday 10th September at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office. Next KBB meeting Wednesday 7th October at 7:30pm

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

30th August 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
€2040 (125 envelopes received)	€1500	€1225

Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2026 takes place Thursday, Oct 1st, 2026 – Saturday, Oct 31st, 2026. For more information, please visit breastcancersearch.ie or www.breastcancerireland.com.

International Coffee Day 2026 takes place on Thursday, October 1st, 2026. Please see www.internationalcoffeeday.org for further details.

PARISH CONTACTS

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Parish Office: 0404 61699

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

Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

Please remember to turn off the mobile phone

Wicklow Male Voice Choir

Singing together is one of the most powerful things a group of men can do. If you feel like singing this could be for you!

Wicklow Male Voice Choir is inviting singers to join our ranks – no audition or experience required. Why not come along to our open day, taking place at the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Church grounds, Wicklow Town (A67 FX65) on Saturday 26th Sept.

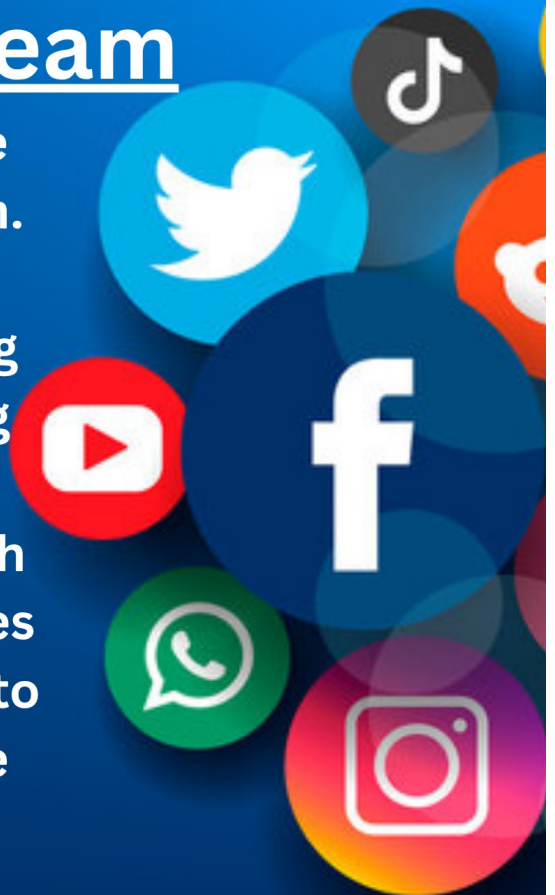
Morning session:	09:45-12:15
Complimentary lunch:	12:15-13:15
Afternoon session:	13:15-15:00



Communications team

We are delighted to announce we have a new communications team.

This team will be responsible for updating the website, maintaining the Facebook page and launching our new Instagram. They will be keeping parishioners updated with current events and future activities for the St. Mantans area. We wish to thank these volunteers for all the work to date and wish them the best of luck in the future.



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.

Online Registration is now available on www.stmantan.ie at General Information then under Sacraments then Parish Religious Education Programme then enrolment. You can enrol your child by clicking on the relevant link below and filling in the form. Payment can be made at the end of the form.

Sacraments

Parents wishing to have their child receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation may now register online on www.stmantan.ie. Go to general information then sacraments, choose your sacrament & fill in the form. There is a contribution of € 20 which can be taken at the end of the form. Any problems or issues you can contact the parish office.

EVENING TALK

Thursday 1. October, 7-9pm

Nourish Your Vegan / Vegetarian Teenager

with Kelli O'Donnell



COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Saturday 10. October, 10-4.30pm

Preserve the Seasons

with Moira Byrne & Paula Johnston



COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Saturday 17. October, 9.30-4.30pm

Ayurvedic Cooking & Nutrition

with Dr Rajvinder Kaur



EVENING TALK

Thursday 19. November, 7-9pm

Reduce Your Risk of Cancer

with Kelli O'Donnell



AN TAIRSEACH

Booking essential
Call: 0404 61833

www.antairseach.ie/programme
Email: info@antairseach.ie



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 1st September at 10:45 am

Tuesday 29th September at 8:00 pm

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



Tel: 087 0060 700

Learning to live love & Pray the Sunday Gospels

**When? Each Wednesday
Beginning Wednesday 9th
September**

**Where? Dominican Ecology
Centre**

**What time? 10:45am - 11:45am
All Welcome
(A cuppa included)**



CROCHET CLASSES

De La Salle Pastoral Centre

Come along to my friendly crochet classes and learn in a relaxed, welcoming environment. You'll learn the stitches and enjoy a chat along the way! All abilities welcome – materials included.

6 people
per course

€90

Thursdays

- 01 & 08 October (more dates to come)

Enquiries

Kate 086-3367677

What's included

- 2 lessons
- 7 - 8.30pm
- Materials included

BAPTISM

A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

ADULT BAPTISM

Your Journey of Faith

*Are you thinking about taking the
step to join the Catholic Church?*

OUR ADULT FAITH JOURNEY COURSE

commences on Friday 11th September at 7pm in the
DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE

For further information

**contact the Parish Office on 0404 61699
or email us on parishofficewicklow@gmail.com.**

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 27/08/2026

No jackpot won this week



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Paula Conway

Next Week's Jackpot will be:

€3,250



Unwanted Gift Sale

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



Date: Sunday 8th November 2026
Time: 10am to 3.30 pm, with Coffee & Raffle
Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town
(across from St Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town)

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



**Special Christmas
Room**



Full of Decorations