

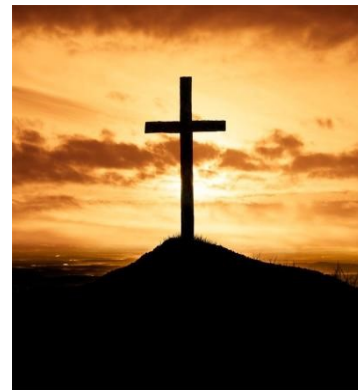
PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

7th September 2025



Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Created Good

Giving up possessions is a huge demand of Jesus, It can be misunderstood and cause grief. What Jesus means is that we identify what it is in us that may block us being his disciples. Wealth may provide comfort status in society or the Church/ security, or whatever centres our concerns/ and whatever keeps us from acting justly with and for others.

Created in the likeness of God/ we are created good. In each of us is the desire to nourish what is good and best in us. We wish to do the same for our children/ our pupils or anyone in our care.

We nourish the good in ourselves by prayer, and in community by good deeds and an honourable way of life, We watch the example of Jesus and listen to how he teaches us in his stories. Today he asks us to know ourselves, just like the man building a tower plans what he has and what he can do.

Our goodness in life is a gift from God. We find goodness also in each other. Good people make good people better! Saints we like show us a way to God and inspire us, and even help us. The gospel is full of people trying to do their best and learning with fresh starts and after their mistakes how to follow Jesus.

Goodness is vulnerable. We can try our best and fail. We make promises that don't last despite our best efforts. In the eyes of God goodness is in what we do and in what we try to do. God sees the goodness of the heart.

*Lord give us a desire for the good in our lives
and help us live by your good gospel.*



PARISH CONTACTS

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

Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 6th & 7th September 2025

6.00pm Henry Reginald Hubbard 1st Anniversary,
John Goodman 1st Anniversary
Rita & Sean Bouchier

9.00am Kathleen Marah (A)

10.30am Marion Redmond (A),
Thomas & Hannah Nolan (A), Eileen Nolan B.R
Eileen & Joe Delaney (A)

12.00pm Michael McInerney M.M
Elizabeth Cox (A)

8th~ 12th September 2025

Monday Special intention

7.00pm Special intention

Tuesday Brendan Boyle R.D

7.00pm Special intention

Wednesday Dennis (Dunny) Byrne (A)

Thursday Matt O'Dowd R.D

Friday Mary O'Sullivan (Née Burke) B.R/Anniv.

Next Weekend ~ 13th & 14th September 2025

6.00pm Thomas Kavanagh (A)

9.00am

10.30am

12.00pm Gráinne Byrne (A)

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
31st August 2025**

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish € 1625
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese € 1160
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 895

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: Numbers 21:4-9

PSALM: Ps, 77: 1-2

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL: John 3:13-17

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.

JUST TO CLARIFY

The TAP & GO Machine on a stand at the main double doors at the back of the Church, has now been replaced and up and running again. Any donations to this machine goes towards the running costs of the parish and these

DONATIONS REMAIN IN THE PARISH.

The TAP & GO Machines on the stands at Our Lady's Side Door and the sacred heart side door are for Diocesan collections. The donations received on these machines are for both the **DIOCESAN COMMON FUND** (which goes towards Priests salaries) & also the **DIOCESAN SHARE FUND** (which helps fund the workings of the diocese and poorer parishes). There is an automatic 60:40 split on these donations.

THIS MONEY DOES NOT STAY IN THE PARISH.

DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE



SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Going on holidays? Fruit and Vegetables left over? Excess garden vegetables? The new Cooler in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre is able to take Vegetables (potatoes, carrots, turnips, etc) and Fruits (apples, oranges, rhubarb, grapes) for someone else to take. It's a cooler, not a fridge or a freezer so no meat or fish. Also in the centre is an area for people to leave clean clothes and toys suitable for young children. Just out of the picture is a stand for books that have been donated. The books are for all ages.

PARISH FUNERAL TEAMS

The diocesan wide Building Hope co-responsibility with priests and mission of the church.

Programme emphasizes laity working together to serve the

Every parish in the diocese is required to have a fully trained funeral team.

Our Funeral team provides a Ministry of Consultation, Care & Compassion.

They are fully trained volunteers, who give of their time and resources freely. They represent our parish to provide a seamless, discrete, practical support at this most difficult time.

Our Funeral Team provides assistance to the priest as they accompany the grieving family through the journey that is the funeral rite

This assistance includes; providing help with the preparation of the liturgy, prayers in the home or funeral home, in the church on the day of the funeral and in the graveyard praying the prayers of committal.



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 11th September, 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.



We welcome in Baptism.....

*Heidi Howlett, Sophie Howard,
Grace O'Reilly, Harper Rose Dillon,
Isabelle Corkish Ryan, Abbie Isabelle Byrne,
Kenny Ewohime, Ronan Anthony Santos,
Isla Tansley, Frederico Caruso
& Eoghan Higgins.*



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.

**ENROLMENT DATES FOR THESE CLASSES WILL BE
FROM MONDAY 8TH TO FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
DURING OFFICE HOURS**

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.

JubileeCamino

Men's Hike - Carlingford to Newry

Saturday September 13th



Mass. Adoration. Fraternity.

Cost: €70 (Lunch, Dinner, Bus)
Strictly an over 18yrs, Catholic male event.

Contact op.evangelisation@gmail.com for further details

Organised by Dominicans and Friends www.dominicans.ie

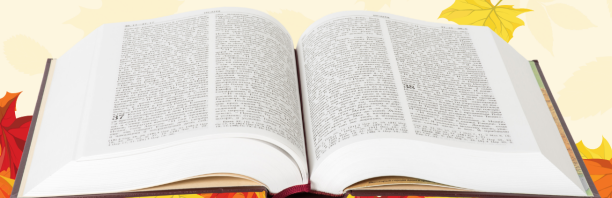


Learning to love & live the Sunday Gospels

Beginning on Wednesday Sept 10th

Where? - Dominican Ecology centre
What time? - 10.45am - 12pm (approx.)

Tea & Coffee Served!
All Welcome!





Bingo!

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

**DO YOU NEED
ADDITIONAL SUPPORT
AS YOU AGE?**



**CALL OUR NATIONAL SUPPORT LINE ON
0818 222 024
FROM 8AM-8PM, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK**

ALONE is a national organisation that enables you to age at home.
We support with issues like:

- Access to Health Services
- Social Welfare Entitlements
- Housing Issues
- Activities and events

No matter how big the concern, ALONE will be there to support you.

ALONE
YOU'RE NOT ALONE

**BUÍON MUIRE
LOURDES UNIT**



65TH

ANNIVERSARY

**GUIDING IN
WICKLOW TOWN**

Mass celebrated by
Bishop Donal Roche

**SATURDAY 20TH OF SEPTEMBER
AT 2:30PM**

Refreshments after in the
De La Salle Parish Centre

Send any photos from your time at Girl
Guides to our facebook page

Once a guide, always a guide



Unwanted Gift Sale

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

**16th
Nov**

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

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 04/09/2025

No jackpot won this week

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24

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The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Con Hogan

Next Week's Jackpot will be: €525

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.

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.....

