

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

8th February 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

In Galilee around the time of Jesus, there was a flourishing fishing industry. Peter, James and John were part of it, and they were big-time fishermen. Fish from Galilee went all over the then known empire, and to Rome along the trade route, which went through Galilee. It was kept fresh, as much food was, as we kept food fresh for years before freezers - by salting it. The word of God is kept fresh within us by prayer; otherwise our Christian life may become weak and tasteless.

A big food of Jesus is the Eucharist. His bread of life can go stale unless we 'salt' it. We salt the Eucharist by our lives. We keep the Mass alive by the way we live.

The Eucharist is entrusted to us. God gives us his Son, his food, and leaves it to us how we live by it.

Jesus invites us to be the '*salt of the earth*' - to be people whose lives are centred on helping others and making the places around us places of kindness, compassion, hope, fun and life. We don't say 'You're salt of the earth', if someone just receives communion. We are the salt of the earth if we live out our communion. The bread of Jesus is salted with the goodness of men and women, young and old, everywhere.

The real evidence for Jesus and Christianity is in how Jesus and the Christianity based on him manifest themselves in the lives of practicing Christians.

Lionel Blue

Our response then links in with the first reading - if we feed, shelter, clothe and help our neighbour, we are '*the light that rises in the darkness*'.

PARISH CONTACTS

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

Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings

Mass Intention List

Next Weekend ~ 7th February & 8th February

6.00pm Michael Fitzgerald (A), Mary Merrigan Fitzgerald,
Jackie Sillery, Mary Fitzgerald,
Bríget & William Kilbride
Collette Molloy
Billy Earls (A)

9.00am Nan Quinn (A) & her brother John

10.30am Special Intention

12.00pm Margaret Conway 1st Anni. Cathy Flynn 1st Anni.
Noel Murphy (A) & his Daughter Carmel Wyatt,
John Dunne (A), Tom & Elsie McNabb, Sally, May &
Nora McNabb, May Flanagan (A),
Brendan & Sheila Quinn

9th ~ 13th February 2026

Monday Elizabeth Mulhare R.D

7.00pm Dave Higginson M.M

Tuesday David George Harrison funeral in UK today
Special intention for parishioner having Surgery

7:00pm Willie Clark 1st Anni. and Petula, John, Margaret
Bertie & Bridget Clarke & family
Josie, Pat & Shirley Byrne & deceased members of both
families

Wednesday Betty & William Conway (A)

Thursday Rose O'Brien R.D

Friday Emma Cahill R.D

Next Weekend ~ 14th & 15th February

6.00pm Oliver O'Reilly M.M,
Michael Murphy (A), Patrick (Paddy) Cullen (A)
Liam Reilly (A)

9.00am Margaret Duffy M.M, Anne Ronan (A)

10.30am

12.00pm Kathleen & Martin Coogan,
Paddy & Colin & Valerie Quinn

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

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

PSALM: Ps. 118:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

SECOND READING: Corinthians 2:6 - 10

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 17 - 37 (or *5:20-22,27-28,33-34,37)



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



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 12th February at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on Thursday 26th February at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office.

Congratulations to all couples planning their marriage.

Don't forget to give 4 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

2nd February 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 |
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| <p>The Envelope/Standing Orders are what funds the Parish. This money stays locally and is vital to sustain our Parish.</p> <p>The money from these envelopes and Standing Orders maintain the Churches, Parish Centre, Houses, general maintenance and administration expenses.</p> | <p>The Common Fund account is funded by all the loose notes & coins in the First Collection</p> <p>It is used to provide suitable and equitable remuneration and support for all priests serving in the diocese, including active, sick, and retired clergy.</p> | <p>The Share account is funded by all loose notes & coins in the Second collection.</p> <p>It is primarily used to finance central support services for all parishes, and to provide financial assistance to low-income parishes.</p> |
| <p>The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Parish account.</p> | <p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Diocesan Common Fund Account</p> | <p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Diocesan Share Account</p> |
| <p>€1985 (113 envelopes received)</p> | <p>€1260</p> | <p>€895</p> |

If you would like to help support your parish, please get in touch with the Parish Office to set up a box of weekly envelopes or through monthly Standing Order. Your support would be very much appreciated.



Accord will hold its annual collection on the 14th and 15th February, at all masses. It will replace the Share Collection.
Please support.

Ash Wednesday – 18 February

Ash Wednesday falls on February 18, 2026, marking the first day of Lent. Ashes at all masses

Anam Cara Support Evening

Anam Cara, the charity organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 16th February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Wicklow Library

Adult Chess Class - On the 12th February 6:30 - 8:00 pm we will be facilitating a chess class for adults, with a view to developing a weekly chess club meet-up. This is suitable for beginner's and people who are interested in upping their skills.

Pregnancy Yoga - Starting Monday 23rd February at 11:00 am we will be facilitating a once a week 5-week course aimed at pregnant women. Please bring a mat, a blanket, and a bottle of water.

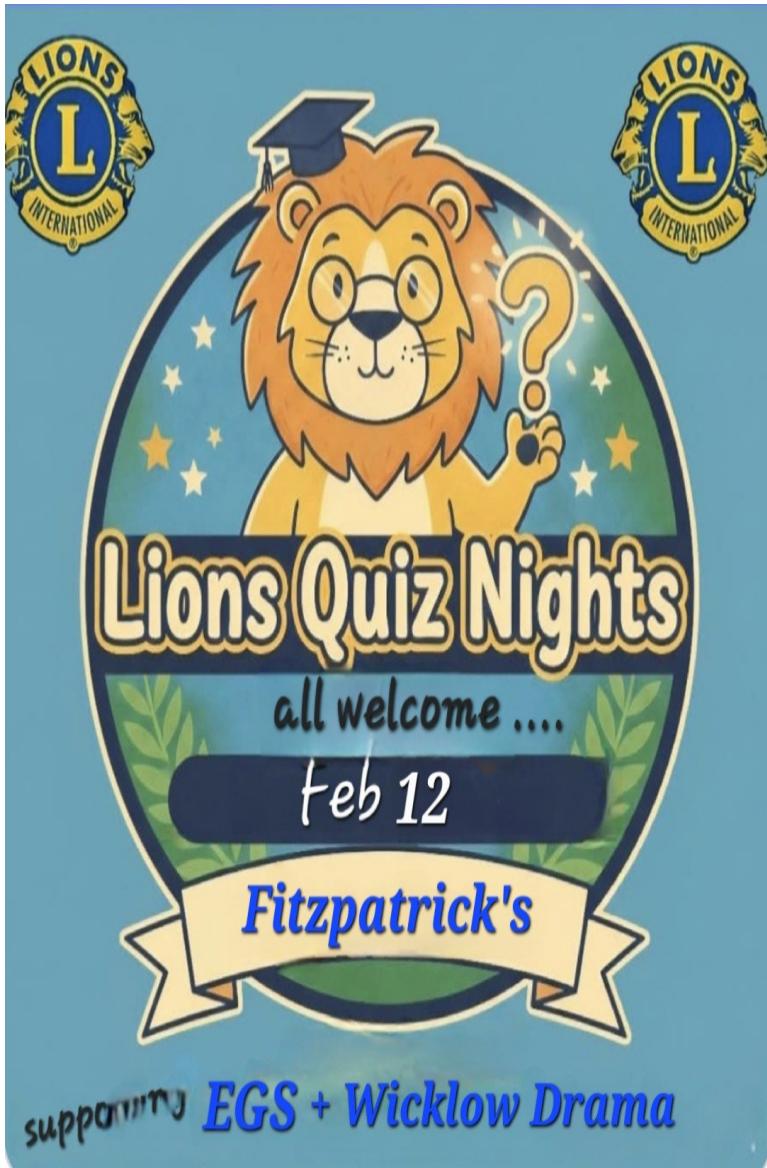
To sign-up to either of these events please ask at the desk, call 0404-67025 or email: Wicklib@wicklowcoco.ie

These are free events and you do not need to be a library member.

However, if people are interested in getting a library card it's as easy as bringing in picture ID and proof of address, both of which can be found on a driver's license.

Lost Property

There is lost coats, hats, glasses, rosary beads etc. in the church. If you have lost anything pop into the sacristy.



RETREAT DAY

"Give us today our daily bread"

Meditating on the Sunday Gospel
with
Fr Joseph Ralph OP

Sunday 1st March 2026 10am–4pm (incl. Mass)

Suggested donation €15 (incl. soup & rolls, tea/coffee)
Booking essential as places are limited.

DOMINICAN RETREAT CENTRE
St Mary's Priory, Tallaght
Email: lectiomission@gmail.com
Tel: (01) 4048189

ORGAN RECITAL - POETRY - SONG

Wednesday, 18. February
6.30pm to 8pm

An Ode to Spring

Experience the Healing of Sound
with Klaas Jan de Vries



Homemade
organic soup
&
soda bread
on arrival

Tickets
€20

AN TAIRSEACH

KILMANTIN HILL, WICKLOW TOWN
0404 61833 www.antairseach.ie

Are you stressed, depressed or
just in need of some real self-
care?



Join Rozel for gentle Yoga and Meditation
sessions in:

De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow.
Fridays at 10.00am.

With an emphasis on breath work and
deep relaxation, these sessions will help
you to relax, renew and cope with life in
the present moment. The sessions are
subsidised by Social Prescribing in
County Wicklow Partnership

Tel: 087 2485905 for more information



WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

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

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.
Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.



TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS



Calling all young people (18-35 years) who seek to deepen their relationship with God and with one another.

On the First Thursday of each month, beginning 5th February 2026 at 7.30pm.

Venue: Dominican Retreat Centre,
St Mary's Priory, Tallaght D24KA40
dominicanretreats@gmail.com

"Come away and rest for a while." (MK 6:31)



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

**The words I have spoken to you
are spirit and life (Jn.2:29)**

Meditating on the Gospel
(*Lectio Divina*)



Presented by Joseph Ralph OP

Every first Saturday, from 7th February 2026
11am to 12.30pm

*There is room for everybody at the Lectio
banquet table - the only qualifications
necessary are life experience and a living faith.*

Suggested donation of €5 (Tea/coffee incl.)

Venue: Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght D24KA40
Website: lectiomission.com
Email: lectiomission@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 05/02/2026

No jackpot won this week

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The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Catherine Cummiskey

Next Week's Jackpot will be: €1,425

Please encourage friends and family to support this Parish Fundraiser from as little as €2 per line or €5 for three lines. (The price of a coffee) Its quick and easy to sign up.
More information from the Parish Office or ourfundraiser.ie

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.....

**WITH GOD
ALL THINGS
ARE POSSIBLE**

Matthew 19:2