PARISH NEWSLETTER Wicklow & Rathnew RCN 20016166

Pentecost Sunday - Year C

8th June 2025



Gospel Reflection ~ Called into following Christ ~Donal Neary SJ

Pentecost is really something new! The first reading has no blarney no recrimination for the death of Jesus - only a new call and new mercy. The gospel is about the coming of the Spirit and the main sign of the Spirit is forgiveness.

There was a lot of need for forgiveness around in the first group of Jesus' followers. They had let him down and had let each other down. They looked around and like any group felt memories of hurt shame, let-down, injury and harm. They saw those who had abandoned Jesus and tried to cover up the sin; or they saw others who just knew they had done wrong and were sorry. All were forgiven.

And all are now called into the following of Christ. We follow Christ with all sorts of personal gifts, talents and sins in our back-pack. Like people on pilgrimage, we are cluttered. The Holy Spirit opens our hearts to let this baggage just fly away! We are people of freedom and of a new song.

What song do I sing in the presence of the Lord? One that brings me back into misery like singing of shame and misery or one that brings me into the freedom of the *Alleluia*? Can my heart dance with the joy and hope of **P**entecost?



Ask this day for what gift of the Spirit you really want, and maybe include always the gift to be able to let go of hurt we have suffered from others or inflicted on them,

- to open the heart to all, and
- to forgive or if we cannot quite manage that,
- to want to forgive.



Síncere sympathíes to the famílíes of Mary Patrícía (Pat) Larkín, Wicklow, formerly Magherafelt and Drogheda Chrístíne Reíd (née Mítchell), Fítzwíllíam Road Peter Reynolds, Wícklow, formerly Glenealy and Slígo Town

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 7th ~ 8th June 2025

6.00pm 9.00am 10.30am 12.00pm Víncent Byrne (1st A), Ger Gílbert (A), Eddie Coffey James Gill (A)

Margaret Breen (A), John & Ellen Malone (A) John Doyle (M.M.), Maureen Doyle (50th A.), Deírdre O'Reílly (A.), John Connolly, Doreen Wílson (A)

2nd ~ 6th June 2025

Monday 9.50 Mose Coffey (A)			
7.00pm	Danny Hatten (RD)		
Tuesday	Funeral—Christine Reid RIP		
7.00pm	Special Intention		
Wednesday	Jíll Doyle (RD)		
Thursday	Míchael Lambert Snr.		
Fríday	Ann Marah (RD)		

Next Weekend ~ 14th ~ 15th June 2025

6.00pm Concepta Connolly (A)	
9.00am	
10.30am	Tom O'Hanlon (A), Brídíe Cardíff (A)
12.00pm	Míchael Grace, Margaret Earls

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 1st June 2025

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish€15101ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese€12752ND COLLECTION/SHARE- goes towards Diocesan Administration€ 870

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: Proverbs 8:22-31 PSALM: 8:4-9 SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5 GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

Baptisms in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow Rathnew	First Saturday Third Sunday Fourth Saturday	2pm 1pm 2pm	$+ \mathcal{A} \rightarrow$
Ashford Glenealy	۔ First Sunday Third Saturday	12 noon 12 noon	Maplism O
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm	

Please note : The next meetíng wíll be on <u>Thursday 12th</u> June, 2025, at 8pm ín the De La Salle Pastoral Centre



Congratulations to the girls & boys from the De La Salle religion class who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.
Hoping that all the families have a very special day. Many thanks to all who helped them to their Confirmation Day - their teachers, parents and parish co-ordinators who all worked very hard in preparing them.

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



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

Please note that Mass on Monday, 9th June, will begin at 9.50 am



You are invited to join this guided trail, which will commence outside the Tourist Office in Fitzwilliam Square on Easter Saturday at 11am. (Trail will take approximately 2 hours to complete). Guided trails will take place each Saturday from Easter Saturday April 19th until 27th September.

For more information on Wicklow Town Heritage Trail visit: <u>www.wicklowtown.ie</u> Wicklow Tennis Club supporting Trócaire 'Gifts of Change Sustainability Project' Fundraising for Water Systems in the Developing World

Amount Raised: €1,450

We can now install a **Solar Water System** and fix two **Water Taps**. Your support is **greatly appreciated** and **invaluable** to the lives impacted.

Thank you.

Please note that the school car park will be closed from now until school re-opens in September due to work being carried out on the school buildings.

The Wednesday morning Scripture Group is finishing for the summer. We wish to thank all who have supported us and we look forward to being back in September.

Bainigí taitneamh as na laetha saoire!

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.



Are you celebrating your 65th, 60th, 55th, 50th, 40th or 25th wedding anniversary this year?

The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be on Friday 20th June at 7.30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church.

Invitations will be sent out to couples who were married in St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow, and St. Joseph's Church, Rathnew. We would like to extend an invitation to any couple and their families who were <u>not</u> married here, but who are celebrating any of these anniversaries, to join us, on the occasion.

For this year, we are also opening the invitation to those couples celebrating 30 years as they missed the 25th celebration due to Covid.

If you wish to attend on the night please complete the slip on this newsletter and leave in the Sacristy or Parish Office <u>as soon as possible.</u>

Following Mass there will be a presentation of Commemorative Certificates.

Refreshments will be served in the De La Salle Parish Centre after the Mass.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS 2025

(please print clearly)

NAME_

ADDRESS_

TELEPHONE_____

DATE OF MARRIAGE

We will have ______ family members with us.



Wicklow Energy Awareness Day

14th June from 11 to 4, in Wicklow Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town, Eircode A67 FX65

 Learn – energy expert Gavin Harte of SEAI will run workshops (1/2 hr.) about the Practical & Economic benefits of sustainable energy upgrades for your home.

- Test Drive & Experience EV Motoring Over 30 EV's from 17 of the biggest Electric Car brands on show.
 - Speak with 30+ Exhibitors about the latest Solar Panel, Heat Pump & Insulation Innovations.
- Hear the Benefits of the Sustainable Energy Upgrades to the Pastoral Centre.
- Experience Science & Eco fun games for kids (& parents!).

Over €1000 in Prizes in a Free Draw for <u>all</u> attendees. 1. "Home Energy Assessment" from Integrate Home Energy 2. Voucher from Burke's of Rathnew Homevalue 3. Voucher from Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy 4. Voucher from Yoga Bar, Wicklow Town

Meet - An Tánaiste, Simon Harris, who is invited to cut the ribbon to celebrate the Sustainable Energy upgrades to the Pastoral Centre.

A big warm welcome to everyone – Admission is FREE

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