

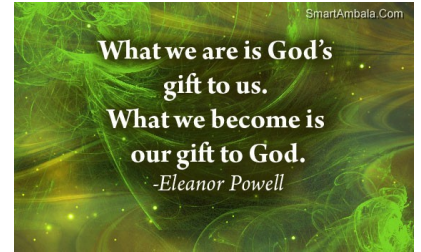
# PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B

**Wicklow & Rathnew**

**RCN 20016166**

**8th September 2024**



## *Gospel Reflections In the Ordinary Donal Neary SJ*

Jesus avoids attention after his work of healing the deaf man. He's not a quarter hour celebrity. He didn't want admiration, he wanted love to flow into and out of ourselves - doing good quietly. The best of things are ordinary. In the ordinary Jesus worked the miracle and in the ordinary we will hear new things.

The theologian Karl Rahner SJ was once asked whether he believed in miracles. His answer: "*I don't 'believe in them', I rely on them to get through each day!*" Indeed, miracles are always present within our lives. Miracles of birth, of love, and hope. The ways people get over hurts and they forgive. Someone giving a lot from the little they have. It is the world of mystery – of little miracles. A miracle is not against nature – it is something that causes faith and love.

The first reading today sees more in the desert than a wilderness and flowers: we see and hear beyond created things to the healing work and word of the creator. Maybe we might listen to new voices about God and life in our conversations - I heard recently a young person talking about the suicide of a friend and how this brought him to realise how much we really need God. His chat strengthened my faith.

Can we recover the simplicity of life with the small miracles that get us through every day? i.e. like a sudden burst of sunrays in the midst of trees. All of us have something new to say of God and of life. And we get more than we knew out of the simplicity of life.

*Think today of something small that can remind you of something deeper and of God.*

*Praise to you O lord for simple surprises in my life!*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of  
Patrick 'Sting' Kavanagh, St. Laurence's Rd.  
John Goodman, Wicklow  
Henry Hubbard, St. Dominic's Road*

# Mass Intention List



## *This Weekend ~ 7th & 8th September 2024*

- 6.00pm** Evelyn Lalor (1st A.), Jim & Bridie Cullen, Charlie & Frances Cullen, Karl, John & Jimmy Cullen, Rita & Sean Bouchier, Frank & Mary Newsome, Peter Kavanagh (Birthday Remembrance)
- 9.00am** *Michael Byrne (RD)*
- 10.30am** Mary O'Sullivan (1st A.), Marion Redmond (A), Eileen & Joe Delaney (A), Una Ryan (RD), Eileen Nolan (Birthday Remembrance), Thomas & Hannah Nolan (A.)
- 12.00pm** Marie Crossan (MM), Louis Carroll (1st A.)  
Mark Dunne (A), Michael White (A)

## *9th - 13th September 2024*

- Monday** Kate Hanrahan (RD)
- 7.00pm** *Rose O'Rourke (RD)*
- Tuesday** James Malone (A)
- 7.00pm** *Ann McGrath (RD)*
- Wednesday** Seamus Doyle (RD), Miriam Burke (née Kavanagh) (A)
- Thursday** **EUCHARISTIC SERVICE**
- Friday** Emmet Ó Cléirigh (RD)

## *Next Weekend ~ 14th & 15th September 2024*

- 6.00pm** Kathleen, David, Patricia & Esther Cullen, Tom Cullen.  
Michael Butler (A.)
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Mary Smullen Byrne (1st A.)
- 12.00pm** Jack Mooney (Birthday Remembrance and in grateful acknowledgement of Mass Cards and expressions of sympathy)

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

**1st September 2024**

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1920**  
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€1490**  
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€1040**

*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 : Isaiah 50:5-9**

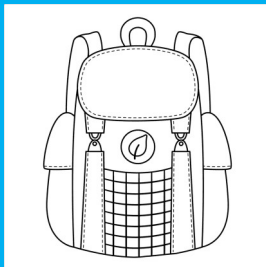
**Psalm : 114:1-6, 8-9**

**Second Reading : James 2:14-18**

**Gospel: Mark 8:27-35**



**The Family Mass is back at 10:30am  
with the Children's Choir.  
New members are always welcome.**



**Bring your Schoolbag to Mass Day!**

**The Blessing of the Schoolbags will  
take place at the 10:30 Mass on  
Sunday, 15th September.**

### **Upcoming Funeral Team Training**

**Funeral Team training** for existing funeral teams and those parishes within our partnership who wish to establish a Funeral Team will take place on **9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**. (all three sessions to be attended)

For those who have completed the funeral team training, there will be a further **Funeral Team Leader Training**( assisting and/or conducting a funeral service) on **6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>** of November 2024.(all three sessions to be attended).The venue and time will be decided once numbers of people registered has been confirmed.

Please contact the parish office to express your interest in attending the training.





We welcome Bishop Donal Roche who will celebrate the 12 noon Mass in Wicklow today. Refreshments will be served after Mass in the de la Salle Pastoral Centre.



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### Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will now take place on Mondays and Fridays directly after Mass.

*Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday, 12 September.*



### CROSSCARE

The collection for Crosscare will replace the Share Collection next weekend—14th and 15th September.



**WICKLOW GARDA STATION ARE HOSTING A COFFEE MORNING FOR WICKLOW HOSPICE**

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH 2024  
FROM 10:30 AM -12:30PM

AT THE DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE,  
WICKLOW TOWN, EIRCODE A67 FX65

ALL PROCEEDS TO WICKLOW HOSPICE

DONATE

**RAFFLE ON THE DAY**

PRIZES INCLUDE  
Afternoon Tea in the Westbury Hotel for two,  
Vouchers, Hampers, Wine, Overnight stays  
& lots more!

## **PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGES IN MASS TIMES FOR NEXT WEEKEND (14/15 SEPTEMBER)**

**ASHFORD - NO VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER**  
**KILBRIDE - NO 9.00AM MASS ON SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER**  
**BRITTAS BAY - NO 12PM MASS ON SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER**

**Mass will be available in the following Churches at the following times:**

<b>Wicklow Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>
<b>Barndarrig Vigil Mass</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>
<b>Rathnew</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>
<b>Wicklow</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>
<b>Glenealy</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>
<b>Wicklow</b>	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>

### **UPDATE FROM MEALS ON WHEELS**

WCC have assured us that the new kitchen will be fully completed and ready for occupation by the week-end of 14th September which means we will be recommencing delivery of our meals on TUE 17th. September. We are looking forward to seeing you all once again. We apologise for the delay

### **Three Mile Water Cemetery**

Wicklow County Council will be carrying out the following works in Three Mile Water Cemetery over the coming months:-

- ♦ Refurbishment of the Cross
- ♦ Refurbishment of the gate

The Cross and the gates will be removed from the cemetery for a time.

**Guides, Brigini & Cygnets**

**RESUMING**  
**TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER**  
**DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS?  
DO YOU ENJOY - ARTS & CRAFT, GAMES, MUSIC, COOKERY, CAMPFIRE, SEASONAL PARTIES, BADGEWORK, DANCE, QUIZ'S & MUCH MORE.

TEXT 087 756 2004 FOR MORE INFORMATION RE-TIMES & AGE REQUIREMENTS ETC.

**A date for your diary:**

**Crosscare Collection at all Masses next weekend—September 14-15.**





### **Wicklow Town ICA Guild**

Wicklow Town ICA Guild has been operating in the Parish Centre for the past 10 years meeting, on the second Monday of each month, with the customary tea and cake, from September to June. The diverse activities engaged in range from crafts including beading, felting, upcycling fashion and small furniture to making cards and decorations and performing in small drama presentations. Besides meetings the guild also organises a number of days out, theatre trip and get-togethers as well as social and fundraising events. Members participate in Federation evenings and some have also been active on the Wicklow Federation Committee and on the ICA National Executive Board.

Twice yearly weekends in the ICA Educational Centre in An Grianan are an opportunity to meet up with members from other guilds and try out a new skill while being nurtured and entertained in the comfort of this lovely historic building. While there is no pressure on any member to participate in competition some members enjoy taking part in Wicklow Federation and ICA National competitions and have been winners in creative writing, art and crafts, flower arranging, public speaking and photography on a number of occasions.

New members are always welcome to join the guild on 2nd Monday of each month in St Patricks Room in Parish Centre beside St Patricks Church at 7.30 for short meeting, a skill, a game, a getting to know you activity or input from a local group followed by opportunity to chat and sample the supper provided by our hosts for the evening.

Next meeting on Monday 9th September at 7.30

To Contact - Text 086 308 7937 or 086 369 6620

## **WICKLOW BRIDGE CLUB.**

**Wicklow Bridge Club reopens on Tuesday 10th September at 7.20 upstairs in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre. We look forward to meeting all our regular members and new members of all grades will be most welcome.**

### **You are invited:-**

**to come and experience PEACE slowly descending into your mind, heart and soul, as you spend a little while in the quiet, stillness, of the church, leaving your worries and wishes in the hands of the God of love, present on the altar.**

**All welcome**

**Monday and Friday from after 10 o'clock Mass until 11:30 am in St Patrick's Church, Wicklow**

### **Learning to Live & Love the Sunday Gospels**

**When? Wednesdays starting 11th September**

**Where? An Tairseach Ecology Centre**

**Time? 10:45am-12 noon**

**Tea & Coffee Served**

**Don't forget that Masses in Wicklow can be viewed live on the pastoral area website, [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie) Mass leaflets are available in all the churches.**

### **The Royal Bridge Club**

**The Royal Bridge Club will resume playing on Monday 9th September and also 11th and 13th. Bridge on Monday and Wednesday nights is upstairs in the de la Salle Pastoral Centre (please be seated at 7:25pm) and on Friday mornings in Wicklow Sailing Club (please be seated at 9:55am). New and returning members welcome. Enquiries to Bernie Hamilton on 085-8511581, or Joe Kelly on 086-8418043.**

**Bridge lessons will be available on Thursday nights, from mid-September, in Wicklow Sailing Club. Please contact Phyllis Kavanagh on 086-8388096.**

## **St. Mantan Pastoral Area Education Programme**

The St. Mantan Pastoral Area offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children attending non-Catholic schools. The programme provides a two-year preparation course for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Classes will begin on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Enrolments take place in the Parish Office, Wicklow from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 9:30 to 12:30 and also on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm to 4pm. If your child was baptised outside the pastoral area, please bring a copy of their baptismal certificate. More information is available on [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie) under the headings General Information – Sacraments – Parish religious education programme.

## **Registration for the Sacraments**

Registration for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for parents of children in Catholic Schools who wish their children to receive those sacraments in the academic year 2024-2025 is now live on the pastoral area website, [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie) under General Information – Sacraments.

### **ABBEY BRIDGE CLUB**

Summer is over so are you ready to meet your bridge friends for the new season. The club re-opens on Monday 9 September at 7.20 in Wicklow Golf Club. New members are welcome.

### **NEPTUNE BRIDGE CLUB**

The Neptune Bridge Club reopens on Thursday 12 September at 7.20 in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre. The Club welcomes new members, experienced or beginners for a friendly game of bridge in a very comfortable venue.



*We offer you a safe, free, supportive place  
to journey through your grief*

If you are struggling with your grief and would like to speak with a trained listener then why not come along to our meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow. You will be most welcome.

Or

If you are interested in helping bereaved people yourself, you would be most welcome to join as a volunteer. A training course will be commencing in the autumn.

For more information phone 087 946 8971

Many thanks to the sponsor of our newsletter  
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## WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

***Congratulations  
Fionnuala O'Reilly***

**5 September 2024: €50 raffle winner**

**Weekly winning numbers: 5, 20, 24, 28**

*Please call into the office to collect your prize.*

***Next week's JACKPOT is €3,750***

*Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!  
Join by texting the word WICKLOW to 51444*

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish.  
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Kindness is the language  
which the deaf can hear  
and the blind can see.

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