PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

8th November 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Jesus always new

The lamp is the light of love and hope, and at its centre is the light of Christ. The light is given to us in many ways in our lives - it shines within as an eternal joy, and outwards to many others. Jesus often advises, *'keep your lamps burning' and 'Let you lights shine.*

Like when the bulb goes out when the electricity fails, the lamp can go out without oil. The people of the gospel felt foolish that they had not brought oil with them to light their way. The oil is prayer and our relationship with Jesus. This is the essence of the Christian life. Our Christian life is following a real, loving person: it is an invitation to get to know Jesus, and to find ourselves drawn from our hearts to follow him. Without this living relationship with Christ, words sound empty. We sometimes hear someone speaking of their Christian faith and cannot help wondering if it comes from the inside or is just a list of things to be believed and read.

Ignatius of Loyola's famous prayer is the prayer of the follower of Jesus; *'Lord, teach me to know you more, love you more and serve you more faithfully in my life.'* (Spiritual Exercises). The more indicates that this is never a finished product: like love and friendship it grows in our lives. It is exciting that Jesus is never gone from us.: risen from the dead he is always alive, always new. Our reading of the gospel, our sharing at Mass and the sacraments and our personal prayer keep this relationship always alive, always new.

Thinking of a bright lamp, or imagining one,
ask for an ever-brightening light of Christ in your life.
Lord, teach me to know, love and serve you more faithfully every day



Sincere sympathies to the families of
Mary Gallagher (née Jenkinson)Friar's Hill, Wicklow Town & formerly Brittas Bay, Co. Wicklow
Michael Kenny Broomhall Court, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow & formerly Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 7th & 8th November

6.00pm Miriam O'Brien M.M
Dorothy Dickenson (A)
Tony O'Brien (A)
Mary Fitzgerald (A)
Michael Fitzgerald
Jackie Sillery
Frank Kavanagh & Deceased members of the Kavanagh Family

9.00am Kathleen Caffrey (A)
William Ronan, Ann Ronan, Peggy Ronan

10.30am Charlie Byrne (A)

12.00pm Thomas & Angela Leonard (A), Richard Redmond (A), Tim O'Sullivan (A), Delly Doyle (A)

9th to 13th November

Monday Eileen O'Rourke
Jo (Josephine) Clarke
Kathleen Fitzpatrick

7:00pm Thanksgiving mass for Sean for success in the Junior Cert (Serving mass tonight)

Tuesday Special Intention

6:45pm Special Intention

Wednesday Harry Parkinson in remb.
Martin Harney in remb.

Thursday Margaret Byrne in remb.

Friday Special intention

Next Weekend ~ 14th & 15th November

6.00pm Leo Dover 1st Anniv.
Pat Marah (A)
Sean McSherry (A)

9.00am

10.30am

12.00pm Mick & Martin Vickers (A), Helen Gorman (A)

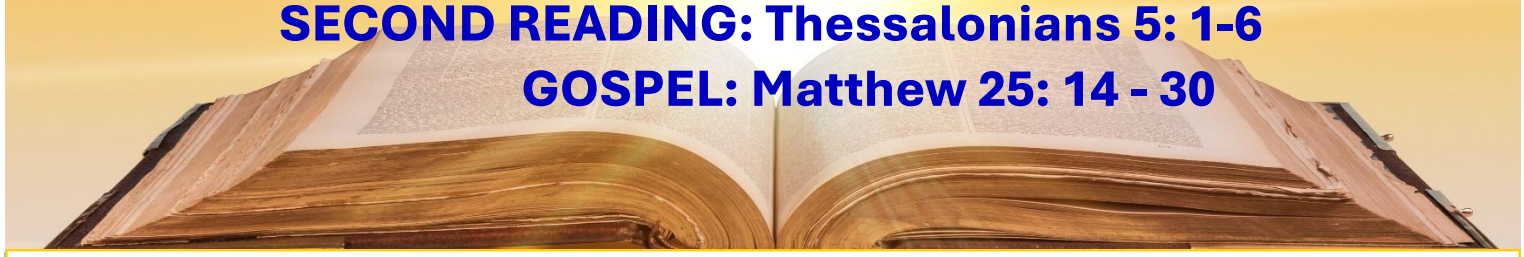
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings, please check...

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20. 30-31

PSALM: Ps. 127: 1 - 5

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 5: 1-6

GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 14 - 30



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





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 12th November at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre. There will be no baptism meeting in December. Thursday 26th November at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office. NO Baptism Meeting in December. next KBB meeting will be Wed. 6th January at 7.30pm in Barndarrig church

Bethany
Bereavement Support

WICKLOW GROUP

Whenever you feel ready, Bethany Bereavement Support is here to listen.

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a free, 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.

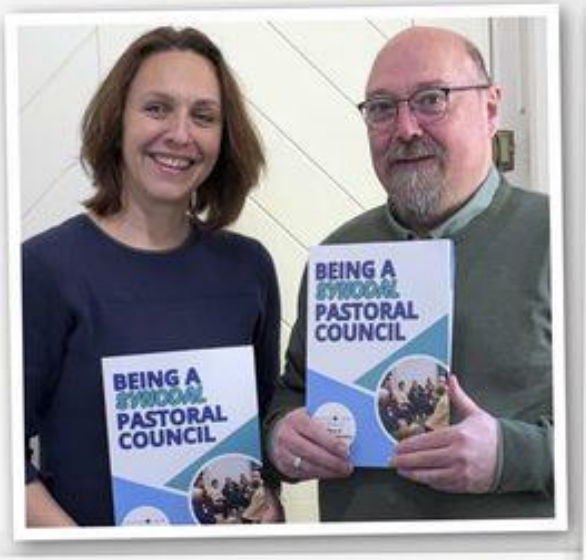
NEXT MEETING DATES
Tuesday 3 November at 10:45am
Tuesday 24 November at 8pm

VENUE
The De La Salle Centre
Wicklow
A67 FX65

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MISSION, SERVICE AND SOLIDARITY
IN OUR PARISHES AND PARTNERSHIPS OF PARISHES





LEFT: Saulė Cameron and Peter Siney from the Office of Mission & Ministry with the new resource *Being a Synodal Pastoral Council*. RIGHT: Paulo Machado, Health & Safety Co-ordinator, and Conor Doran, Sustainability & Energy Engineer, at the Diocesan Offices, Arran Quay



Sister Margo Delaney CHF with the parish's Care for Creation project at St Joseph the Artisan, Bonnybrook

SHARE
APPEAL SUNDAY
November 7/8, 2026



Resourcing parishes and partnerships: Some of the attendance at the *Building Hope* Gathering at Yellow Walls Pastoral Centre last month

Thank you for your generous contributions each weekend

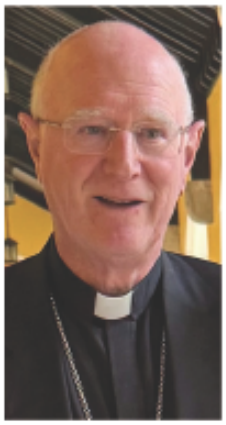
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SHARE

NEWSLETTER

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A message from Archbishop Dermot Farrell



In November each year we take the opportunity, on **Share Appeal Sunday**, to remind ourselves about the second collection taken up at weekend Masses throughout the year. **Share**, the diocesan development fund, depends on the generosity of parishioners. It reflects, practically, our mission, service and solidarity, responding to needs felt in parishes across the Archdiocese.

In the parable that Jesus recounts today, those who were wise brought extra oil, but the unwise did not have enough oil to keep their lamps lit into the evening (Matthew 25:1-13). In our world, through no fault of their own, some parishes will not have 'enough oil for their lamps'. We share from what we have so that no parish is left behind, none is overlooked. I appeal to you today, then, if you can, to increase your contribution to **Share** throughout the year so that we can enhance our response to the needs of all.

Because of your generosity to **Share**, a wide range of skilled personnel are available to parishes from the diocesan offices. They offer consultation, training, formation and guidance concerning local pastoral, education, strategic leadership, safeguarding and communications initiatives. A particular focus currently is training for Pastoral Councils using a new handbook, *Being a Synodal Pastoral Council*. Assistance is provided, too, for ongoing parish and partnership conversations, *Building Hope* in a synodal manner.

Parishes are also helped in meeting regulatory and statutory obligations in administrative and operational matters, such as finance and fundraising, property, sustainability, health and safety, and data protection. This year we are expanding our support for health and safety compliance, with a full-time person provided from the diocesan offices to assist parishes. Through our new sustainability engineer, we are also helping parishes to look at alternative energy sources, aligned with *Laudato Si'* and Care for Creation. Speaking in September, calling for a wise and far-sighted vision of humanity, Pope Leo insisted that, 'the climate question is not merely an environmental challenge, it is fundamentally a question of justice, human dignity and solidarity between people and generations'. (24th September 2026). We must all be engaged in reflection on what we can do to care for our planet and all its people.

The **Share** collection has evolved over the years and continues to evolve. It is a significant source of funding and support across the Archdiocese. Importantly, **Share** provides much needed financial relief to disadvantaged parishes where alternative funding cannot be secured. This year, for example, numbers of parishes that could not fund compliance with all-important fire-safety regulations have been assisted by **Share**.

Thank you in anticipation for giving what you can on this **Share Appeal Sunday**, and for your continued support for **Share** at the second collection every Sunday throughout the year.

May we be a people blessed with wisdom, humility, generosity, and great hope.

+Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

1st November 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 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.	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.
The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account	This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account	This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account
€1595 (113 envelopes received)	€1350	€1055

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Providing support & a social outlet for older people

DRAW RESULTS October 2026

		Winner	Seller
1st	€300	Thomas Carthy	Mary Doyle
2nd	€150	Phil Glynn	Catherine Barrett
3rd	€100	Breda Keogh	Catherine Barrett
4th	€50	Margaret Duffy	Ann Byrne

Thank you for your ongoing support

Registered Charity Number (RCN) 20200036

Annual Masses for the Deceased

PARISH OF WICKLOW AND RATHNEW

The Annual Masses for the Deceased from the Parish of Wicklow and Rathnew will take place this year in:

St. Joseph's, Rathnew

Friday, 6th November 2026
at 7.00 PM

and

St. Patrick's, Wicklow

Friday, 13th November 2026
at 7.30 PM

All families who have lost a loved one, buried from our church in the last year, will receive a letter. If anyone would like to include a relative, friend, or someone with a strong association with the parish, who died in the last twelve months, please contact the Parish Office in Wicklow on **0404 61699** or email parishofficewicklow@gmail.com as soon as possible.

All are welcome to attend.



RATHNEW SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Rathnew Senior Citizens Christmas party taking place on Saturday the 5th of December in the Rathnew Community Centre at 2:30pm – 6pm. Places are limited, If you would like to attend you can Contact Doreen McGettigan 087 781 4472 or Elaine Doyle 086 078 3024 to Confirm a place.

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



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.....

