

PARISH NEWSLETTER

9th June 2024

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Wicklow & Rathnew



Gospel Reflections

Who is the family of Jesus?

Donal Neary SJ

Jesus seems here to disown his family. Does he dismiss **M**ary and his family? He knew that he was not going down well with the family, and maybe wanted some distance from them. It is interesting that they came for him, maybe to take him home.

But he turns the family table on them. He expands his notion of the family. Coming from **G**od his father he proclaims that all around him are family to him – these are his mother, brother and sister. He will later teach them to pray, not *My Father*, but *Our Father*.

This is one of the central teachings of **J**esus, that we are all brothers and sisters, because of our **F**ather in heaven. From this truth that **J**esus felt so strongly came much of his preaching – to retreat each other as family at its best would.

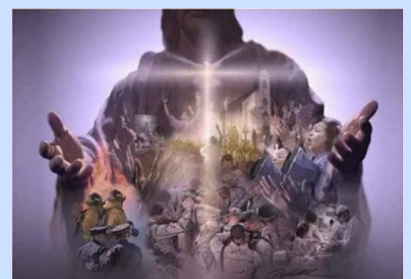
This follows on from the debate about good and bad religion of earlier weeks. The best of religion treats us all as brothers and sisters because of **G**od. Our first and last belonging is that we belong to **G**od – we come from **G**od and go to **G**od.

There will often be conflict in **J**esus' family about him. His first family did not take easily to his new family – his disciples. Only at **P**entecost around the mother of **J**esus would both families unite.

His words are words to us today – he looks around at us and sees all of us as his brothers and sisters. This will make a difference as to how we see each other.

*Think of different people and say within yourself,
'you are my brother, you are my sister'.*

Make me, Lord, an instrument of peace and of joy among all your people.



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 8th & 9th June

- 6.00pm** Daniel McDaniel, Catherine & Joseph O'Brien,
Maria McDaniel, Ger Gilbert, Andrew O'Brien,
Concepta Connolly, Eddie Coffey (50th Anniversary)
Lil Kenny (100th Birthday Remembrance)
- 9.00am** *James Giff- Anniversary*
- 10.30am** Marie O'Brien and her husband Denis
- 12noon** Marie Sweeney (MM)
Bridie O'Reilly, Maureen Doyle

10th - 14th June 2024

- Monday** Service of the Word
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- Tuesday** Michael Kinsella
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- Wednesday** Larry O'Dea
- Thursday** Brian Penston
- Friday** *Special Intention*

Next Weekend ~ 15th & 16th June

- 6.00pm** Michael Kinsella M.M.; Bridget Giffney,
William & Catherine Linehan, John & Catherine Byrne
- 9.00am** *Robert Doyle—1st Anniversary*
- 10.30am** Bridie Cardiff, Patrick Keating
- 12noon** Tony & Peggy Gillespie

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

2nd June 2024

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1960
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1405
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration €1260

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 : Ezekial 17: 22 - 24

Psalm : 91

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians: 5: 6 - 10

Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to attend an introductory meeting before booking a date for the baptism. At this meeting you will be given all the necessary information about the Sacrament of Baptism and the commitment required of the parents who request it for their child. The next meeting will be on

THURSDAY 13TH JUNE
AT 8PM IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE

Popes intention for June ~

For migrants fleeing their homes.

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.



The Society of St Vincent de Paul will hold a church door collection next weekend 14/15 June.

Your support is appreciated.

PLANNED GIVING COLLECTION

The new packs of envelopes for the next year are now available for distribution. If you don't receive your box of envelopes, please inform the parish office.

We would like to thank the team of volunteers who very kindly give up their time to distribute these boxes every year.

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## **THE WEEKLY ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDER**

This collection funds the parish. It pays for the day to day expenses of running the Parish such as electricity, heating, insurance as well as maintaining the Churches, the Parish Centre and houses.

The Parish depends on the Envelope and Standing Orders contributions, in order to continue to maintain and improve the parish.

We are appealing to parishioners who don't use the box of envelopes or the standing order option to consider these options for donating to the parish because unless your donation is in an envelope or paid through the bank, it doesn't stay in the parish.

All loose monies go into the other collections for Share and the Common Fund.

If you have thought about contributing to the Parish regularly - please arrange for a box of envelopes or a Direct Debit form to be sent to you by ringing the parish office on 61699

## **TAX RELIEF SCHEME**

The Tax Relief Scheme for donations to Eligible Charities is of immense benefit to the Parish. It is a very simple but effective way of increasing revenue, whereby the parish can claim back the tax paid on any recorded contributions of €250 or more per annum. Many people have already signed up for this and it has made a big difference to parish income. If you have not already done so, perhaps you would consider signing up for it now. Full details are available on the parish website or from the office.

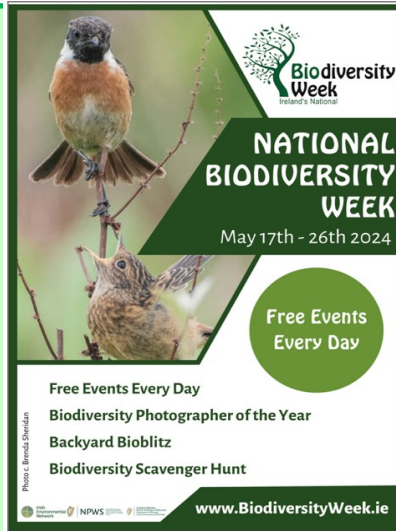
As the church is registered as a charity, any contribution of €250 or more (which is €5 a week), allows the parish to claim back up to 40% of that, which is approx. €100, where applicable. However, we do have to be able to link the donations to a donor which is where the envelopes/Direct Debit/Standing Orders becomes important. The only information that is required from the contributor is - name, address, PPS number and a signature. Please be assured that any information received is treated with the strictest of confidence and that there is NO involvement at all from any tax officials. If you pay income tax and if you have contributed €250 or more to the Dues and Family Offering, the Parish can claim back the tax on your donation at no cost whatsoever to the contributor. Please be assured that the parish staff do not have any access to any personal details of any parishioner signing up to this scheme. It is totally confidential.

**Please note that cash placed in the collection baskets does not qualify for Tax Relief as it cannot be traced back to a donor and is therefore added to the Diocesan 1st & 2nd collections.**

*A sincere thanks to all parishioners who continuously support the parish through their contributions and to those who have signed up to the CHY3 scheme and we look forward to your continued support in the future.*

## **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. These parking spaces are regularly used by inconsiderate people with no badges, which is very unfair to those who genuinely need them.



## An Tairseach Organic Farm & Ecology Centre

### Teachers' Summer School

An Tairseach presents the annual Summer School "Education for Sustainable Development, Knowing our Place: From Stardust to Sand." This course is approved by the Dept. of Education

*When:* Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July 2024; 10:00 am – 2:30pm

(includes lunch, teas/coffee)

*Venue:* An Tairseach Organic Farm & Ecology Centre, Wicklow Town

*Cost:* €100 - Sponsored by the Cabra Dominican Sisters.

For more information contact Sr Colette Kane OP email [director@antairseach.ie](mailto:director@antairseach.ie)

also see the

website events: <https://antairseach.ie/events/>



## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Congratulations to Fr Aquinas on the 40th anniversary of his ordination which he celebrates this weekend.**



**The Corpus Christi Procession in Rathnew last Sunday was very well attended. Many thanks to the three priests, to all who worked so hard to make it such a success and to those who provided the refreshments in the hall afterwards.**



## BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES 2024

Barndarrig Cemetery: Tuesday, 2nd July @ 7.30pm

Three Mile Water Cemetery: Monday, July 8th at 7.30pm

Castletimon Cemetery: Monday, July 15th at 7.30pm

Rathnew Cemetery: Wednesday 17th July at 7.30pm

Glenealy Cemetery: Saturday 20th July at 3.00pm

Killougher Cemetery: Tuesday 23rd July at 7.30pm





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Wicklow

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member, been diagnosed  
with Cancer ?*

*We're here to help!*

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086 821 6694

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from 10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

## WICKLOW & RATHNEW BINGOS



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

### FOUND

**A sum of money was found in the vicinity of the church a couple of weeks ago. Please contact the office for more information.**



Wicklow Cancer Support needs your  
vote

in the AIB €1 Million Community Fund.

- Login to [www.aib.ie/community](http://www.aib.ie/community),
- Click on Nominate now,
- Insert your name and email address;
- Wicklow Cancer Support,
- Reg Charity No. 20075750;
- Location: Rest of Leinster,
- Social Theme: Other, followed by a sentence on why WCS.

*The Charities with the most votes receive  
funding.*

Please ask family and friends to share.

Closing date for nominations 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

*A Prayer for those doing exams .....*

*Father,*

*Be with me as I take this exam.  
Keep my mind alert and my memory  
sharp.*

*Calm my nerves and help me concen-  
trate.*

*I know that you walk with me,  
Guiding my path and inspiring my  
heart.*

*I pray that I would feel you with me,  
And that your friendship would soften  
the pressure I feel.*

*I pray that I would pass this exam and  
go on to new things with you.  
Thank you for your peace and your love  
in my life.*

*Thank you for your kindness and care  
for me.  
Amen.*



**LOURDES**

## **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

**Wicklow Rathnew**

**10 September 2024**

**5 Nights**

**€939 per person sharing**

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » 20kg bags included.
- » Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- » 5 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

**For information please contact:**

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**Booking forms and deposits due by 2 July**  
**Some places still available.**

## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED....**



**To arrange flowers for the Main Altar in St Patrick's Wicklow and also for the Altar area in St Joseph's Church Rathnew.**

**The requirements would be to get the flowers, and to arrange and maintain them for a month.**

**The Parish will re-imburse the cost of flowers on receipt.**

**If you think you would like to try this out please leave your name and number in the parish office.**

## **Mass Schedule B and C.**

**Mass Schedule B in the event of one priest not being available.**

**Weekend 6/7 July // Weekend 27/28 July // Weekend 31 August/1 Sept**

|                           |                |                   |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Ashford Vigil Mass</b> | <b>6.00pm</b>  | <b>(Saturday)</b> |
| <b>Wicklow Vigil Mass</b> | <b>6.00pm</b>  | <b>(Saturday)</b> |
| <b>Kilbride</b>           | <b>9.00am</b>  | <b>(Sunday)</b>   |
| <b>Wicklow</b>            | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>(Sunday)</b>   |
| <b>Wicklow</b>            | <b>12.00pm</b> | <b>(Sunday)</b>   |
| <b>Brittas Bay</b>        | <b>12.00pm</b> | <b>(Sunday)</b>   |



**Mass Schedule C in the event of one priest not being available**

**Weekend 20/21 July // Weekend 10/11 August // Weekend 14/15 September**

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|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <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>   |

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www.mccrea.ie - info@niallmccrea.com

## WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

*Congratulations*  
*SHARON PICKERING*

**30th May, 2024: €50 raffle winner**

**Weekly winning numbers: 6, 10, 12, 24**

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

*Next weeks JACKPOT is €3,700*

*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. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return to Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

