

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

9th August 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

A hand to be Held

A most strange gospel story - Jesus walks on the water. It's the type of gospel that suits a decision time, challenging us into deep trust - an invitation to come to the water; not to be afraid. It's about trusting in Jesus, when there is nothing else. If you have human help, it's great - but not the same as trusting in God.

In time of death, the call is to trust in God's promise, because he is the way and the truth. Old age can be the same, or times in life when we just don't know what the future will hold. It sounds unusual, but what Jesus does in this situation is very human. He doesn't lecture or say a prayer, he just holds hands.

Someone was given a book on bereavement after a family death - he said he needed a hand to be held, or his tears to be heard. That's Jesus. He held Peter. Our God is a God with skin, with a human heart, who leaves big ideas behind when we are in trouble. Jesus just went across the lake, stopping his comfortable prayer.

There are times when we just need to hold on to God in trust. On another occasion Peter would jump into the lake again - after the resurrection. Always a water man! Then he would be asked not just to hold a hand, but to be the hand that would reach out to others. Peter was prepared for his mission in many ways. As Pope Francis says, 'When the Lord wants to give us a mission, wants to give us a task, He prepares us. He prepares us to do it well' (June 2014).

*Remember a time when all you seemed to have was God; thank him.
Or recall when all you needed was God; ask him now for help.
Lord, in you I put my trust.*

Sometimes you
don't realize that
Jesus is all you
need until Jesus
is all you have.



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Theresa Higgins (née Byrne) Ocean View, Wicklow
Town, Wicklow
Brendan Phelan of St Patrick's Road, Wicklow*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 8th & 9th August

- 6.00pm** Mary Kavanagh (A), Nick Lawlor (A), Sally Scully & her recently deceased husband Gerry, Billy Earls (A)
Michael Cullen B.R,
- 9.00am** **NO MASS - Schedule B**
- 10.30am** Valerie Doran (A)
Tom Byrne & his Daughter Calli (A), Paddy O'Brien (A)
& his parents Paddy & Liz O'Brien
- 12.00pm** Gretta Kavanagh M.M, Michael McInerney 1st Anniv.
Pauline O'Neill 1st Anniv.
James, Suzanna & Billy Dickenson (A), Eamon Cerasí (A)
Mary Kavanagh & her parents Charles & Josephine
Robert Gelston, Dolly Doyle 1st Birthday Remembrance

10th August ~ 14th August

- Monday** Valerie Maguire M.M
- 7.00pm** **Christine Reid in Remb.**
- Tuesday** Jessica Strong (A) Phil Burke B.R
- 7.00pm** **NO MASS**
- Wednesday** Catherine O'Toole B.R
- Thursday** Maura Hays in Remb.
- Friday** Thomas Reburn (A)

Next Weekend ~ 15th & 16th August

- 6.00pm** Hannah & John Ferguson (A)
May & Jimmy Kavanagh (A)
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Peg Heffernan M.M, Claire Pippet M.M
P.M Mathew 1st Anniv.
- 12.00pm** Patrick Christopher Murphy
Patricia Murphy (Nee Dunne)
Margaret Millgak (Nee Murphy)
Martin Carr (A)
Ann & Jim O'Neill & her parents Tommy & Christina
Merrigan

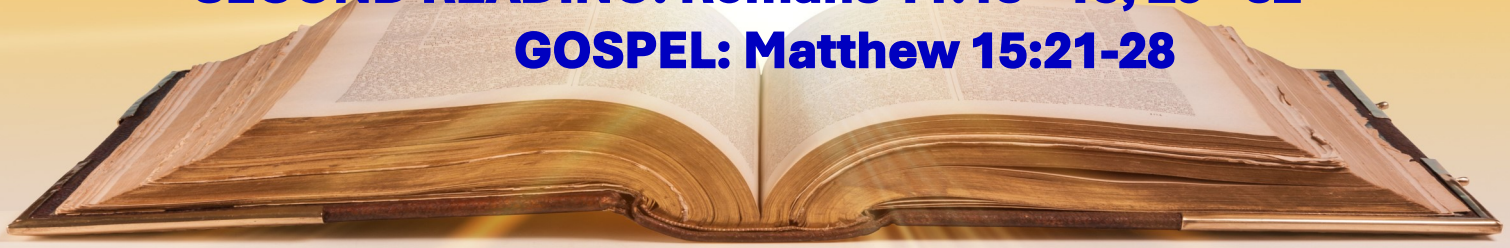
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56: 1,6 - 7

PSALM: (Ps. 66)

SECOND READING: Romans 11:13 - 15, 29 - 32

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28



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



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 4 months before the date of the proposed wedding.

BAPTISM

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 13th August at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on Thursday 27th August at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office. Next BBK meeting Wednesday 2nd September at 7:30pm In Barndarrig Church

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

2nd August 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 money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account	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. This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account	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. This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account
€1630 (105 envelopes received)	€1760	€1185

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Gerard Deegan : 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

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

Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

PARISH ENVELOPES

If anyone is missing a box of envelopes, please notify the parish office directly on 0404 61699 or email us on parishofficewicklow@gmail.com.

We will be happy to sort out the issue immediately.

Please note that envelope numbers do change and this is noted on the system, before envelopes are distributed.

Please do not change or erase numbers on envelopes, as it can cause problems with the diocesan recording platform.

Mass Schedule B and C.

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule B: 8th /9th August 2026 & 22nd/23rd August

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule C: 15/16 August & 29th/30th August

Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Barndarrig Vigil Mass	7.30pm	(Saturday)
Rathnew	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Glenealy	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)

Please note.....

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. The only money that stays in the parish is what comes in, in these envelopes/ standing orders, which makes them vital for the running of the Parish. Your support to your parish would be very much appreciated.

Meals On Wheels Collection

The annual Church door collection for the local Wicklow Meals on Wheels takes place on Sat/Sun 15/16th August at all Masses.

We are delivering in excess of 90 meals which consist of a main course and a dessert twice weekly at the moment so your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Please give as generously as you can.

The MOW committee.

Our Ladys Island

PILGRIMAGE 2026



ST MANTAN'S PASTORAL AREA

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are delighted to announce they have organised a Pilgrimage to Our LADY'S ISLAND for Sunday 23rd August.

It has been a while since this Pilgrimage has been done and was previously organised by the late Mary Kavanagh and members of the Pioneer Association, we are very happy to bring it back in honour of Mary and all the past members of the local Pioneer Association.

There is a bus organised and a light lunch (Tea/Coffee, sandwiches & cakes) on the island which costs €25 per person. Lunch will be before the Mass.

Mass begins at 3pm with a Testimony & Songs from Michael Flood, Soprano. There will be some free time to visit the shop and wander around the area before returning home.

Booking is through the Parish Office only (0404 -61669), and is limited

BUS PICK / DROP OFF UP POINTS ARE:

ASHFORD	10.45am
RATHNEW	11.00am
WICKLOW	11.15am
BEEHIVE	11.30am

The bus will be leaving Our Lady's Island at 5pm.



Bethany

Bereavement Support

Wicklow Group

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a 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.

Meetings are held in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.



Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 4th August at 10:45 am



Tuesday 25th August at 8:00 pm

You are welcome to attend,
or to make contact for a chat.



Tel: 087 0060 700

5 DAY RETREAT

Tuesday 25. - Saturday 29. August

Women of the Well

Wellness Retreat for Christian Women
with Taylor Marie Daniels & Melanie O'Driscoll



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4 WEEK SABBATICAL

Sunday 4. - Friday 30. October

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13TH - 16TH AUGUST 2026

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AFRAID, FOR THE LORD GOD IS MY
STRENGTH AND MY SONG" - ISAIAH 12:2

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www.mccrea.ie - info@niallmccrea.com

Parish Lotto Results for 30/07/2026

No jackpot won this week

5

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15

29

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Anne Reburn

Next Week's Jackpot will be:

€3,025

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.

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

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Contact Number.....

Address.....

Like the
sunflower that follows
every movement of
the sun, so I turn
toward you to follow
you, my God.

Corey Landry

