

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

9th November 2025



Fr. Martin Hogan Gospel Reflection

The Basilica of Saint John Lateran in Rome is the Cathedral church of the Pope in his role as Bishop of the Diocese of Rome. It is called 'Saint John' after the two monasteries once attached, dedicated to Saint John the apostle and Saint John the Baptist. As the Cathedral Church of the Pope it has the title 'Mother and Head of all the churches of the City and of the World'. It is sometimes called the Lateran Basilica or the Basilica of Saint John Lateran. The 'Laterani' were an old Roman family who probably once owned the land on which the Emperor Constantine, the first Christian Emperor, built this Basilica in the early decades of the fourth century. The present Basilica retains the plan given to it by Constantine but it has been rebuilt and restored over the centuries. It is one of the most important religious buildings in the Catholic Church. The most Important religious building in the time of Jesus and the early church was the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. In the words of today's responsorial psalm, it was 'the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken'. At a time when this Temple was still standing in all its glory, Paul, writing to the church in Corinth, makes the extraordinary statement in today's second reading, 'Don't you realize that you are God's Temple and that the Spirit of God is living among you?' Paul is declaring that the Most High now dwells in the community of believers who gather around the risen Lord.

The focal point of God's presence is no longer a building, no matter how magnificent, but the community of those who have responded in faith to the preaching of the gospel of Christ crucified and risen. Paul declares that the foundation of this building is the one he has laid, namely, Jesus Christ. If someone came along and tried to replace that foundation with another, the church would no longer be the focal point of God's presence in the world. In today's gospel reading from John, which was written perhaps thirty years after the Jewish Temple was destroyed by the Romans, Jesus speaks of himself as the temple of God, the focal point of God's presence. The Word who was God became flesh in Jesus; to see Jesus is to see God the Father. The risen Lord is the primary temple of God and the church can only be God's temple if the risen Lord remains its foundation. As individual believers, we can only mediate God's presence to our world to the extent that we allow his Son, our risen Lord, to live out his life in and through us.



PARISH CONTACTS

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

Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 8th & 9th November 2025

6.00pm Ann O'Neill (A),
Bridget Whelan & Deceased members of the Whelan
Families

9.00am Mary O'Connor R.D

10.30am Ann Breen

12.00pm Tim O'Sullivan (A)
Matt Wolohan (A)

10th November ~ 14th November 2025

Monday Special Intention

7.00pm Margaret Murray R.D

Tuesday Charlie Byrne (A)

7.00pm Victoria Egan (Leonard) (A)
James Murphy (A)

Wednesday Eileen O'Rourke & Jo Clarke

Thursday Fergal Cagney R.D

Friday Elizabeth Murnane R.D

Next Weekend ~ 15th & 16th November 2025

6.00pm George & Kieran Nichols (A)
Dorothy Dickenson & Tony O'Brien (A),
Emily & Sam Doyle, Nicholas Doyle, Paul Doyle,
James Doyle, John Doyle, Serena Dunne, Angela Doyle
John Gannon & Teddy Dunne

9.00am Kathleen Caffrey, William Ronan, Ann Ronan & Peggy
Ronan

10.30am Pat Marah (A), Sean McSherry (A)

12.00pm Eoghan Whelan M.M
Michael (Mick) Vickers & son Martin (A)
Raymond & Marjorie Maguire,
Helen Gorman (A),
Donal Henderson B.R

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

2nd November 2025

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1970**
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€1665**
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€1200**

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: Malachi 3:19- 20

PSALM: Ps 97:5 –9

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 3:7 - 12

GOSPEL: Luke 21: 5 - 19



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

St. Joseph's, Rathnew on Friday, 7th November 2025 at 7.00 PM

and

St. Patrick's, Wicklow on Friday, 21st November 2025 at 7:30PM

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 strong association with the parish, who died in the last twelve months please contact the Parish Office in Wicklow 0404-61699 or email parishofficewicklow@gmail.com as soon as possible.

All are welcome to attend.



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
BBK	Second Saturday	2.00pm

Please note :

*The next meeting will be on
Thursday 13th November, at
8pm in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre*

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.



THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER BAPTISM MEETING

RATHNEW SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

We are recruiting **Volunteer Drivers** in your area!

The Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in your community.

Why Volunteer?

Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed resulting in a hugely rewarding volunteer experience for you.

What is required?

If you have a minimum of 2 days per month to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Full training will be provided.



I absolutely love volunteer driving – meeting new people all the time, having a chat and helping ease their burden at the same time is a great feeling - *Pauline*

Does this sound like you?

For more information or to become a volunteer driver, scan the QR code or contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie



Anam Cara, the charity organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 17th November at 7.30pm in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.



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

GROW run peer support groups in
Wicklow on a Wednesday afternoon at
2.30 to 4.30 in De La Salle Parish Centre.

They are self referral and no charge for
anyone struggling with depression, anxiety,
low mood or just the stresses of
life. They offer a tried and tested
method of self help and personal growth.
Experience new hope and meaning
through working on issues together in a
peer support setting

MEETINGS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.
Ring Trish for further info on 086 0129
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And see Grow.ie to listen to stories of
Hope and Recovery.

WICKLOW LIONS CLUB and District



QUIZ NIGHTS RETURN!

Starting Nov 13

In CHESTER BEATTY'S



Supporting
Ashford ICA

And  **NUN'S CROSS NS**

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EVERYBODY WELCOME!



Labhair Gaeilge linn!

Ciorcal Comhrá
(Wicklow Irish Conversation Circle)

Next meeting 1st Weds of the month
19:30 - 20:30
Bridge Tavern A67 C792

Text Nina @ 085 831 0552




Unwanted Gift Sale

in aid of
St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow
and
Wicklow Cancer Support

**16th
Nov**

Date: 16th November, 2025
Time: 10am to 2pm, with Coffee & Raffle
Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre
Wicklow Town

**Pick up a Great Christmas Present and support
Wicklow Parish Church and Wicklow Cancer Support Services**



**Special Christmas
Room**



Full of Decorations

Rathnew Women's Social Enterprise CRAFT Fair



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23RD
11 am - 3 pm
St. Brigid's Hall, Rathnew A67 X583

Hand crafted gifts, Candles,
Sensory toys,
Up cycled creations, Crochet,
Knitwear, Cosy quilts
Baked goods, sweet treats & Refreshments




SNOW WHITE

Into The Dark Woods

DATES – DECEMBER 5TH-7TH
EVENING SHOWS 5TH & 6TH 7-9PM
MATINEES 6TH 2-4PM & 7TH 3-5PM
**VENUE FATIMA HALL,
DOMINICAN COLLEGE**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
WWW.GR8TEVENTS.IE**



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

Parish Lotto Results for 06/11/2025

No jackpot won this week

3

9

17

18

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Fr Aquinas Duffy

Next Week's Jackpot will be: €525

PARISH SHOP

The Parish shop is situated in the lobby of the parish office. It has been restocked with new candles, cards and some new general stock, grave candles & ornaments. Drop in and have a browse, baptism candles small baby gifts, angel gifts, rosary beads, car medals, visor medals, cards and much more. There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards and ordinary cards available.

Shop open same time as office from 10am till 12.30pm.

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.....

For we
WALK
by
FAITH,
not by
SIGHT

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7