

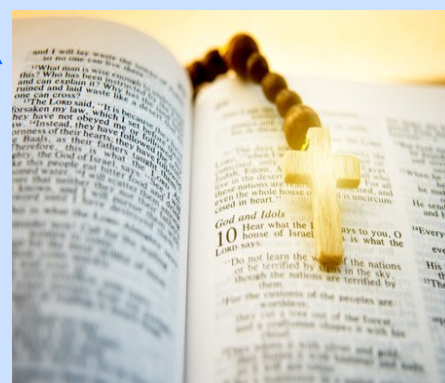
PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklów & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

10th May 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

No body now but yours...

St Teresa's prayer is popular in this adaptation-

**Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do well.
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
You are his eyes, you are his body.**

**Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.**

Jesus speaks in the gospel about being still alive, even after his death. Mostly we find Jesus alive in the love of others. The energy of love that is connected to the energy of **G**od, for **G**od is love. Other times we find **G**od close to us in prayer; but where we can sense him alive mostly is in the ordinary and extraordinary loves of every day, in marriage, family, friendship and care for others.



Many of us do not realise that in this way we have been **C**hrist-bearers. In listening to another, in care of all sorts, in putting ourselves out for the other, in working for justice and for peace the **S**pirit of **G**od is alive and people are touched by **G**od's love through the co-operation of ordinary men and women.

PARISH CONTACTS

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

Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 9th & 10th May

6.00pm Pat & Nancy Stakelum (A)

Anna Maguire (A)

Larry & Mary Kelly, daughter Bridie Higgins & son George Kelly

9.00am Frank, Lena, Francis & Martin Doyle

10.30am Owen Malore,

Teresa Kavanagh (A)

12.00pm Eileen Murphy M.M

Ann Roche (A)

Catherine Gaffney (A)

11th May ~ 15th May

Monday Brenda Earls (Funeral in Newcastle today)

7:00pm Special Intention

Tuesday Special Intention

7.00pm Easter Novena 6

Wednesday Michael Kinsella

Thursday Christopher Oakes R.D

Friday Gareth Dunne (A) & B.R

Gerald, Mary & Siobhan Plunkett

Next Weekend ~ 16th & 17th May

6.00pm Wille Earls & his grandson Adrian Doyle

Coley Murley (A) & his parents Jim & Angela

Cathy & Ann-marie Cullen B.R

9.00am

10.30am

12.00pm John Doyle 1st Anní.

Noeleen Shortall

Winifred Lambert

Mary & Willie O'Neill (A) & Deceased members of the O'Brien Family

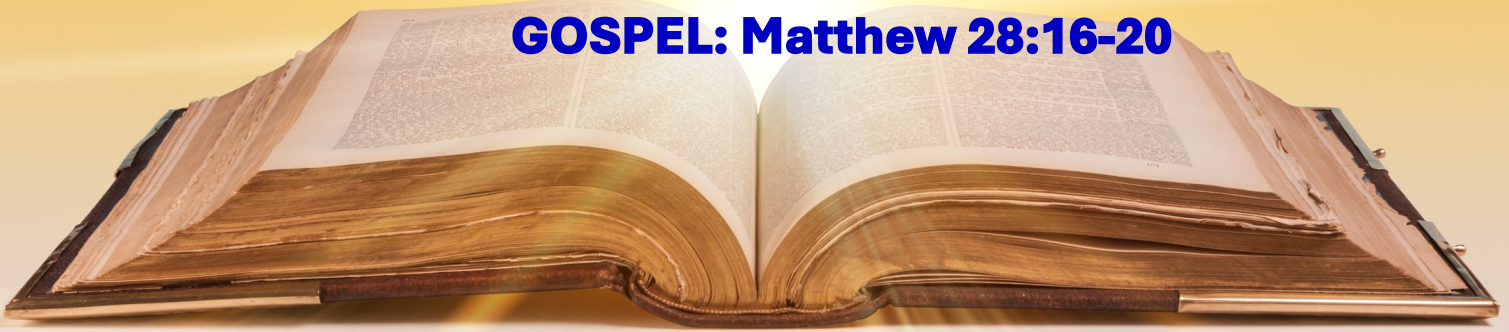
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...

FIRST READING: Acts 1: 1-11

PSALM: Psalm (Ps. 46: 2-3, 6-9)

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1: 17 - 23

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20



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



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
BBK	Second Saturday	2.00pm

Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday 14th May at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on Thursday 28th May at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

3rd May 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
<p>The Envelope/Standing Orders are what funds the Parish. This money stays locally and is vital to sustain our Parish.</p> <p>The money from these envelopes and Standing Orders maintain the Churches, Parish Centre, Houses, general maintenance and administration expenses.</p>	<p>The Common Fund account is funded by all the loose notes & coins in the First Collection</p> <p>It is used to provide suitable and equitable remuneration and support for all priests serving in the diocese, including active, sick, and retired clergy.</p>	<p>The Share account is funded by all loose notes & coins in the Second collection.</p> <p>It is primarily used to finance central support services for all parishes, and to provide financial assistance to low-income parishes.</p>
<p>The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account</p>
<p>€1875 (107 envelopes received)</p>	<p>€1260</p>	<p>€1480</p>



The Rosary will be said each evening at the Grotto in Rathnew every evening for the month of May at 7.30pm - weather permitting. We look forward to seeing you there.



Parish Pilgrimage Lourdes Trip

From the 17th August for 4 nights in the hotel La Solitude. €945.00 per person sharing. A single room supplement €49.00 per night. Travel insurance €55 per person up to 79 years. €75 per person from 80 years up. Deposit of €350.00 per person, with the balance due 12 weeks before departure.

The Parish Partnership Funeral Team Members Meeting.

There will be a meeting for the Funeral team members and the Parish Partnership team members on Wednesday 13th May at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. The aim of the meeting is to review the overall aspects of the Ministry. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend.

Anam Cara, the charity organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 18th May 2026 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.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Anam Cara online Bereavement information Evening

This event will take place online on [Tuesday 19 May at 7pm.](#)

Our professional speaker this month is Niamh Finucane. Niamh is a Principal Social Worker with St Francis Hospice, working as the Bereavement Co-ordinator. She has worked in palliative care and bereavement for the past 20 years, supporting patients and their families navigate illness, and loss. She has extensive clinical experience working with and supporting families after the death of a loved one.

Using the national framework the [Adult Bereavement Care Pyramid](#), Anam Cara qualifies as a Level 2 support. Many people who experience the death of a loved one, even a complex death like that of a child, will only require the crucial foundation of community supports, such as those offered by your parish or church. Sometimes, community leaders and members may feel they don't know the right thing to say to grieving families, or they are still worried about a parent even after offering help. This is where Anam Cara can come in as a supplement, not replacement, to the incredible care you provide as a community.

Bereaved parents are warmly invited to register here:
<https://bit.ly/4tzi59F>

MINISTRY SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Ministry Sunday is a special time in the life of our church, set aside to celebrate the many ways people serve and to invite others into that shared mission. It highlights that the church is not just a place we attend, but a community we build together through active participation.

Volunteers are at the heart of this, giving their time, energy, and gifts to support everything from prayer and music to outreach and hospitality. Their service strengthens connections, meets real needs, and reflects the spirit of generosity and compassion that defines our faith.

Without our volunteers, many of the church's ministries simply wouldn't be possible, making their contribution not only valuable but essential to the growth and vitality of our wonderful Parish community.

Thank you to every single one of our wonderful volunteers!

As we celebrate Ministry Sunday, we warmly encourage everyone to consider how they might get involved—whether by trying something new or offering skills you already have.

Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference, and there is a place for everyone to serve and belong.

Please see the Ministry booklet at the Church doors and/or contact the Parish Office for more information.

CHAIR YOGA

WICKLOW LIBRARY



Classes

Wednesday 6th May 10:15 - 11:15
Wednesday 13th May 10:15 - 11:15
Wednesday 20th May 10:15 - 11:15
Wednesday 27th May 10:15 - 11:15



To sign up for all 4 classes, please register at the desk or phone 0404 67025.



Comhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin
Wicklow County Council



A Golf Day for WICKLOW HOSPICE

May 15 Blainroe GC



Book a spot now and help support this great charity

Tee Off from 9 to 1

Contact Ethna : 086-0603612

Everybody Welcome !

presented by : Burke's of Rathnew Homevalue



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



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 26th May at 8:00 pm



Tuesday 2nd June at 10:45 am

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



Tel: 086 835 9148

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 30/04/2026

No jackpot won this week

5

13

16

22

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

● **Anne Reburn**

● **Next Week's Jackpot will be:**

● **€2,225**

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

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

THE LORD HAS
DONE GREAT
THINGS FOR US,
AND WE ARE
FILLED WITH JOY

PSALM 126:3