

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

10th August 2025

Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Looking after his business

When you go away and want someone to mind the house, you plan well and invest in someone safe. We often need that. Who will monitor the alarm and keep an eye on the house?

Same with Jesus... the people of the gospel are the ones who look after his business while he is away! God invests in us. He wants us to do our best in minding his house. His community and Church are the people to whom he entrusts his life's work.

We spread the kingdom in simple ways every day - care, hospitality, work for justice, compassion, with the gifts and talents we have. He has given us the gifts - we are to use them in his service. We do our best and God, the architect, is continually building with us.

He is the extra presence around in his Spirit. So when we do things in his service, he is the inspirer. But he leaves a lot to us.

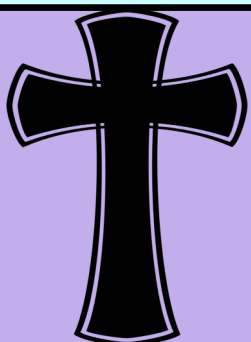
And then when in his service he feeds us. He works with us and for us. The slave/master relationship is turned upside down. People would never expect that the master would serve the meal - like at the washing of the feet. We are nourished and renewed.

There is a need now for volunteer help within the Church -we need it now and will in the future. Formation is needed for people who can hand on faith when the parish may be called on to do more, and to do what the Catholic school has done until now.

The kingdom is spread through the work of the Church, and we are this Church, this body of Christ. We are today's true blessed sacraments of Jesus Christ.



Sincere sympathies to the families of



Michael (Mick) McInerney late of Wicklow Town
Pauline O'Neill late of Wicklow Town

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 9th & 10th August 2025

6.00pm *Mary Kavanagh (A)*
Patrick, Elizabeth & Paddy O'Brien (A)

9.00am *Special Intention*

10.30am *James Breen (A)*

12.00pm *James, Susanna & Billy Dickenson, Robert Gelston (A)*

11th ~ 15th August 2025

Monday *Funeral Mass of Michael (Mick) McInerney*

7.00pm *Special Intention*

Tuesday *Anthony Walker RD*

7.00pm *Michael (Turkey) Doyle (A)*

Wednesday *Maura Crowe RD*

Thursday *Sarah O'Farrell RD*

Vigil Mass 6pm for Holy Day - Eamonn O'Sullivan RD

Friday *Anselm Fidgeon RD*

7.00pm *Paddy Byrne RD*

Next Weekend ~ 16th & 17th August 2025

6.00pm *John & Hannah Ferguson (A)*
In grateful appreciation to all those who sent cards,
messages & thoughts on the recent death of Stephen Keely

9.00am

10.30am

12.00pm *May Mason (A)*

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
3rd August 2025

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1950
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1420
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration €1005

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: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

PSALM: 39:2-4,18

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:1-4

GOSPEL: luke 12:49-53

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.

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

JUST TO CLARIFY

The TAP & GO Machine on the table at the main double doors at the back of the Church, has now been replaced and up and running again. Any donations to this machine goes towards the running costs of the parish and these

DONATIONS REMAIN IN THE PARISH.

The TAP & GO Machines on the stands at Our Lady's Side Door and the Main Door are for Diocesan collections. The donations received on these machines are for both the **DIOCESAN COMMON FUND** (which goes towards Priests salaries) & also the **DIOCESAN SHARE FUND** (which helps fund the workings of the diocese and poorer parishes). There is an automatic 60:40 split on these donations.

THIS MONEY DOES NOT STAY IN THE PARISH.

DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE



SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Going on holidays? Fruit and Vegetables left over? Excess garden vegetables? The new Cooler in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre is able to take Vegetables (potatoes, carrots, turnips, etc) and Fruits (apples, oranges, rhubarb, grapes) for someone else to take. It's a cooler, not a fridge or a freezer so no meat or fish. Also in the centre is an area for people to leave clean clothes and toys suitable for young children. Just out of the picture is a stand for books that have been donated. The books are for all ages.

PARISH FUNERAL TEAMS

The diocesan wide Building Hope co-responsibility with priests and mission of the church.

Programme emphasizes laity working together to serve the

Every parish in the diocese is required to have a fully trained funeral team.

Our Funeral team provides a Ministry of Consultation, Care & Compassion.

They are fully trained volunteers, who give of their time and resources freely. They represent our parish to provide a seamless, discrete, practical support at this most difficult time.

Our Funeral Team provides assistance to the priest as they accompany the grieving family through the journey that is the funeral rite

This assistance includes; providing help with the preparation of the liturgy, prayers in the home or funeral home, in the church on the day of the funeral and in the graveyard praying the prayers of committal.



St. Mantan Pastoral Area Baptism Details

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| 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 August, 2025,
at 8pm in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre

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.

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.



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



Unit 2, First Floor,
Rear of Boots Pharmacy
Abbey Street, Wicklow

*Have you, or a family member,
been diagnosed with Cancer?*

*We're here to help -
All our services are free of charge*

0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Email info@wicklowcancersupport.ie

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.
Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.

WICKLOW COPD GROUP

**COPD Exercise class to help
improve your breathing every
Monday in the De La Salle
Pastoral Centre.**

**Fully qualified Instructors
Further information from
Denis Teevan on 086 8174 703**

**You're not
alone**

Drink problem? We get it...



AA Open Meeting

Last Friday of Every Month
20.30-21.30
Kilcoole Community Centre
A63 X862
All Welcome!
www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie
01 842 0700

Alcoholics Anonymous

- > www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie
- > 01 842 0700 (ROI) / 028 90 351 222 (NI)
- > gso@alcoholicsanonymous.ie

All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence



Scan for more
information

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 082
And see Grow.ie to listen to stories of Hope
and Recovery.

JubileeCamino

Men's Hike - Carlingford to Newry

Saturday September 13th



Mass. Adoration. Fraternity.

Cost: €70 (Lunch, Dinner, Bus)
Strictly an over 18yrs, Catholic male event.

Contact op.evangelisation@gmail.com for further details

Organised by Dominicans and Friends www.dominicans.ie



**PLEASE
MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE
PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF
WHILE IN THE CHURCH.**

WHAT ARE THE MASS COLLECTIONS FOR?

THE FIRST COLLECTION/COMMUN FUND

The First Collection is also known as the Common Fund. This was set up years ago in order that all priests got a fair share of the collection regardless of the size or wealth of the parish that they are working in. It also supports the priests of the Diocese, who are sick and retired. Christmas/ Easter & Summer Dues are lodged directly into this fund. This fund has been declining over the past few years which means that priests incomes have also been declining.

THE SECOND COLLECTION/ SHARE

The Share Collection is for the Diocesan building fund which helps to subsidise projects in some very poor parishes. It gives financial assistance to parishes who wouldn't have the necessary income to maintain their buildings. It also funds the central services of the diocese which looks after 199 parishes. The money for this collection is also lodged directly to the Diocese.

THE WEEKLY ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDER / PLANNED GIVING COLLECTION

This collection funds the parish. It pays for the day to day expenses of running the Parish as well as maintaining the Churches, our Parish Centre and the Priests houses. You may contribute to the Parish by weekly envelope, Direct Debit/Standing order or annual donation. 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 will be treated with the 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 and genuine 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.

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 07/ 08 / 2025

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK

2

5

27

29

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Claire Johnston

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,650

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Aquinas Duffy : 0404 67196 // 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

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.....

