

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

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The Baptism of the Lord ~ Year A

11th January 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

'You are beloved...'

Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist had a different meaning from ours. It was more a baptism of sorrow for sin and of forgiveness; in this plunge into the river, Jesus identified with his people in his.

At the baptism he heard the best words he could hear; **You are my beloved.** God led Jesus to John to hear these words.

One of us, one with us, he could now be one for us. Joy flooded his heart as he heard these words. Something happened for Jesus at that moment that only he could know - like bells ringing that only he could hear. Have you heard it in your life? At times we face the huge mysteries love, beauty, friendship, birth, death. And we know in the middle of it all, that we are beloved.

Our call is to be fully involved in life and love. The Christian is called to be involved with others at the times of need, of depth and mystery. Jesus did that - plunging himself into our humanity and with all of us.

The feast of the baptism is something new for all. The son of God is one of us. We have a new way of knowing God not just in the laws of old but in the new Spirit of Jesus.

So let the bells of love ring for us in God; and wherever we find it; let's ring bells of love for all the most needy of God's people.

Let the word 'beloved' echo in your mind and heart.

This is God's word for you today.

Lord, thanks for calling me 'beloved'



Sincere sympathies to the families of

Sheila McDermott late of Seafield

Mary Graham late of Marlton Court

Thomas O'Reilly Jnr late of Seafield

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 10th & 11th January 2025

6.00pm John Porter, Mary & Richard Bell,
deceased members of the Bell & Porter families
Richard & Beth Gill, Anthony Walker BR.

9.00am Rita, Dora & Thomas Jameson, Moll & Tom Doyle
Tom Quinn & remembering Kate Quinn & deceased
members of the Quinn family

10.30am Alice Fox, 1st Anniversary

12.00pm Breda Vickers - Months Mind, John McAulay 1st Ann
Jackie Teevan -RD, Eileen Myrtle, Rita & Ann Vickers
Dick Kavanagh, Gerard Cullen, Martin Carr,
Andy O'Brien, Bridget & Nevin Thornton,
John & Kitty Kennedy, Pat O'Meara, Edward &
Bridget Cox, Audrey & Graham Roberts, Bridget Costello

12th ~ 16th January 2026

Monday Christmas Novena Mass (7)

7.00pm Raymond & Adrian Healy, Veronica Smith. (A)

Tuesday Maureen Byrne (A)

7.00pm Christmas Novena Mass (8)

Wednesday Marie O'Sullivan (A)

Thursday No Mass - Eucharistic Service

Friday Kathleen Dunne (A)

Next Weekend ~ 17th & 18th January 2025

6.00pm Thomas Byrne - Months Mind

9.00am NO MASS

10.30am Tom Murphy (former sacristan) 1st Anniversary

12.00pm Katie & Joe Carr, Mary, Patrick, Mary, John &
Catherine Carr. Catherine & Damien Doyle

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

PSALM: PS. 39:2,4, 7-10

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

GOSPEL: John 1:29-34



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: Tuesdays at 9am



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 8th January at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on Thursday 22nd January 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 4 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

4th January 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 Parish account.</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Diocesan Common Fund Account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Diocesan Share Account</p>
<p>€1570 (102 envelopes received)</p>	<p>€1135</p>	<p>€915</p>

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. Your support would be very much appreciated.

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

For all enquires and bookings

Please note the following changes in Masses for next weekend.

Eucharistic Service in Wicklow on Thursday 15th January & in Barndarrig on Wed 14th January.

Please note that on the weekend of the 17/18th January 2026, Schedule B of masses will operate.

There will be NO vigil Mass in Barndarrig on the 17th January and no masses on Sunday 18th January in Glenealy or Rathnew.

There will be masses in :

Ashford Vigil Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)

Wicklow Vigil Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)

Kilbride 9.00am (Sunday)

Wicklow 10.30am (Sunday)

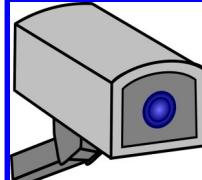
Wicklow 12.00pm (Sunday)

Brittas Bay 12.00pm (Sunday)

Anam Cara, the charity organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 19th January 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



Don't forget that all Masses in Wicklow can be viewed live on the pastoral area website, during the weekdays and weekends.

www.stmantan.ie

Mass leaflets are available in all the churches even if there is no Mass in a church on a particular weekend.

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

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, visors medals, cards and much more.

There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards and ordinary cards available.

LOTTO RESULTS FROM CHRISTMAS

CONGRATULATIONS
to the **MUST WIN CASH PRIZES**
that were added to the Christmas Week Lotto!

OUR WINNERS ARE:

1ST PRIZE	€250.00
2ND PRIZE	€100.00
3RD PRIZE	€ 50.00
4TH PRIZE	€ 50.00
5TH PRIZE	€ 50.00

JACKIE OLOHAN
PAULINE LEONARD
CHRISTINE RYAN
DEIRDRE SMALL
COLM FINNEGAN

Pop into the Parish Office to collect your winnings!

Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.

Follow us on our facebook page: **Wicklow Active Retirement**

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring Pauline on 087 227 6760

You will be sure of a Céad Mile Fáilte

PARISH NEWSLETTER

We would love to hear what is happening in the parish so that we can include it in the parish newsletter.

If you are organising any event or activity—non-profit—please email us with the details at parishofficewicklow@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.



WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

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**

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.

Are you stressed, depressed or just in need of some real self-care?



Join Rozel for gentle Yoga and Meditation sessions in:

**De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow.
Fridays at 10.00am.**

With an emphasis on breath work and deep relaxation, these sessions will help you to relax, renew and cope with life in the present moment. The sessions are subsidised by Social Prescribing in County Wicklow Partnership

Tel: 087 2485905 for more information



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

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 08/01/2026

No jackpot won this week

1

12

13

21

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

KATIE REVILLE

Next Week's Jackpot will be: €1,100

**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.
More information from the Parish Office or ourfundraiser.ie**

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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Address.....

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-Sangeeta Rana-