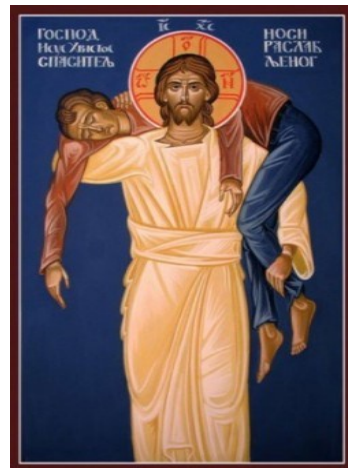


PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166



Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C

Good Shepherd Sunday 11th May 2025

Gospel Reflection ~ Christian love~ Donal Neary SJ

'God, that's very true' — a remark at our liturgy meeting after the second reading. Jealousy kills, envy too, and isn't it great to rejoice in the good fortune of another?

Love is what we bring with us at the end of life. 'We will be judged in the evening of life by love (St John of the Cross). Love for those near and far, for love in the gospel is more than love for just the family, the friend, the attractive one, the neighbour, for all.

There are different calls to Christian love - near and dear daily love, friendship, marriage, relationships. The wider world like in our job where we live in a loving way, in justice with all, not using others for personal gain; the wider world where a universal love makes me want to make a difference in the bigger world. Love carries us into wide seas and waters. It involves us with everyone. It obviously doesn't mean we relate to everyone - nor that we even like everyone. Love is when others' lives become at least as important as our own; and in the deepest loves like marriage, family, and often friendship, others' lives become even more important.

Love changes — we look back and see how the people we loved make the difference. Life is too short to look love in the face and say no.

'We are moulded and remoulded by those who have loved us, and though their love may pass, we are nevertheless their work' (F. Mauriac).

The second reading today is hard to beat! We see it in action when we look at the life of Jesus.

Dear Jesus whose heart is wide enough to love us all,



PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Aquinas Duffy : 0404 67196 // Fr Gerard Deegan : 0404 67133

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parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

Office opening times
Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 10th & 11th May 2025

- 6.00pm* *Anna Maguire (A)*
- 9.00am* *Mick, Maureen & Dennis Marah*
- 10.30am* *Christina Roche (A) Teresa Cavanagh (A)*
- 12.00pm* *Noeleen Shortall & Winifred Lambert (A)*
Thomas A Delahunt (A), Tess Whyte (A)

12th ~ 16th May, 2025

- Monday* *NO MASS — EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE*
- 7.00pm* *Mary Dowling RD*
- Tuesday* *Special Intention*
- 7.00pm* *Special Intention*
- Wednesday* *Monica Long RD*
- Thursday* *Denis McWatt RD*
- Friday* *Gerald & Mary Plunket (A)*

Next Weekend ~ 17th & 18th May 2025

- 6.00pm* *Michael Kinsella - 1st anniversary, Coley Murley (A)*
Willie Earls & his grandson Adrian Doyle.
Cathy (Catherine) Cullen (BR)
- 9.00am*
- 10.30am* *Maggie, Ger, Joe & Josie Vickers (A)*
- 12.00pm* *Ken McElhinney -1st Anniversary, Eddie Hanlon (BR)*
May & William O'Neill & deceased members of the
O'Brien family,
In grateful appreciation for the donor of the heart
that has kept a local man alive for the past 30 years.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

4th May 2025

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	€2095
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	€1285
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€ 860

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: Acts 14:21-27

PSALM: 144:8-13

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 21: 1-5

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

Baptisms in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow	First Saturday	2pm
	Third Sunday	1pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2pm
Ashford	First Sunday	12 noon
Glenealy	Third Saturday	12 noon
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm



Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday 12th June, 2025, at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre



Congratulations to the girls & boys from Holy Rosary School who received the Sacrament of Communion on Saturday in the Parish. Hoping that all the families had a very special day. Many thanks to all who helped them to their First Holy Communion Day - their teachers, parents and Parish Co-Ordinators who all worked very hard in preparing them.

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



Archdiocese of Dublin

LAY
MINISTRY
APPEAL

Building Hope Through Lay Ministry

Thanks to
your support

Sat 17th
& Sun 18th
May 2025

This collection replaces the normal
SHARE collection and your support
would be much appreciated.



Learning to live the Sunday Gospels

Where? 'An Tairseach',
Dominican Ecology Centre

What time? 10.45 - 12 noon
(including a cuppa)

When? Wednesday mornings

- Wednesday - May 7th
- Wednesday - May 14th
- Wednesday - May 21st
- Wednesday - May 28th

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.



Please join us to say the Rosary to commemorate the apparition of Our Lady in Fatima at the Grotto in Wicklow on Saturday, 10th May at 4pm.

Candles will be sold on the day.

Living with Inner Peace in Today's World

A talk on Tuesday 20th May

7.00pm - 8.30pm

**at An Tairseach Ecology Centre,
Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow**

Topics will include:

**Calming Anxious Thoughts
Contentment in Daily Life**

Tools & Tips to make a positive difference

With 40 years' experience of work in caring professions and a profoundly enlightening spiritual path, Bernadette will gently share her insights

**Pre-booking is essential as places are limited
Cover charge €5 only**

To book your place contact Bernadette by phone on 087 132 8579 or by email at bernadette@healinghelps.ie



**LIFE &
SPIRIT
SEMINAR
in
RDA HALL
RATHDRUM
Co. WICKLOW
A67 X668**

COMMENCING

TUESDAY 15th

APRIL

to

TUESDAY 27th MAY

**(seven consecutive
Tuesday Nights)**

Time 7.30pm

**Guest Speaker
each night**

For further info:

Jack 086 - 2464181

**TESTIMONIALS TO THE
HEALING POWER OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

- Kate healed from Crohns disease after 26 years.
- Robert paralyzed and on a life support machine for 3 months, totally healed
- Abby young girl with anorexia, totally healed
- Aishling with depression and alcoholism, totally healed
- Eugene 10 years of chronic pain, the Holy Spirit asked me to forgive, totally healed

Interested in arranging flowers for the altar but not feeling confident enough to do it?

The parish is hoping to organise a short course in flower arranging with a view to expanding the current team

- if you would like to learn more about this please give your name in to the parish office.



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.

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.



**Wicklow Tennis Club
is supporting Trócaire
'Gifts of Change
Sustainability Project'**

Tennis Tournament was on
Friday 2nd May

Fundraising for
Water Systems
in the Developing World
You too can support this great
cause by accessing the
QR Code below.
Thank you in advance for your
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**

Wicklow Male Voice Choir

+

**Duhallow Choral Society
(Cork)**



In Concert



**United in song for Pieta *
Fatima Hall Wicklow *
May 17 at 7.30 (Sat)**

Tickets: Earls + Choir/Lions members

Tap & Go

***We have a new Tap & Go machine
in Wicklow Church. When you
'Tap' you now get the opportunity
to put in your name, telephone
number or email address.
This in turn allows the parish to
accumulate all donations from the
tap device, and from family offer-
ing/Share/Common Fund or dues
collections. Your information is
only required once. Therefore, for
all combined donations over €250
the parish can claim the tax back.
Please choose a quiet day when the
church is not busy to insert your
contact details.***

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 09/ 05 / 2025

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK

16

19

22

30

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Marie Dunne

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,650

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish.
If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....



JESUS LEAVING THE
99 TO FIND 1 SEEMS
ILLOGICAL,
IRRATIONAL, &
SENSELESS--UNTIL
THAT 1 IS YOU.