

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

11th October 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Look to the Heart

There is a big problem with this story. In a good story Jesus always raises a question. It seems a bit unfair to be thrown out, having been brought in at the last minute, because you had no garment. However, the garment means you want to be there and to take on the values of the feast. The garment is the desire of the heart to be a follower in name and deed.

God invites all, but expects us to come with a good heart. Often we see people around mass who seem not to respect it. They may not come often, but God looks to the desires of the heart. Maybe the non-churchy parents who want their child baptised know deep down that their love for the child brings them to baptism. Is that not a good reason? Or maybe the young people who come to mass because they have exams coming up and need all the help they can get?

While Jesus is totally the inviting one, he wants us to remain with him. The heart that follows is the heart that wants to love, and that desire is the wedding garment.

The man knew in his heart that he should not be there. Jesus sees into the heart. What we look for is the sincerity in what brings us to God and that can be different for everybody. Religion is firstly of the heart, and then practice. We never know what's in the heart of our people who sometimes come in faith. You never can tell! Let God be the judge of that!

Recall a time you felt invited by God to help a neighbour.

Offer that thanks to God now.

Lord, make my heart compassionate like yours.



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Eileen Patricia Oppermann Blainroe, Wicklow /
Wicklow Town, Wicklow / Malahide, Dublin*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 10th October & 11th October

- 6.00pm** Tom & Helen Fitzgerald (A)
Michael & Mary Kavanagh (A)
Cathal Martin (A) & his grandad Lesley Martin (A)
Special Intention for a parishioner who is ill
Melissa Butler B.R
- 9.00am** Richard Hennessy M.M
Cathal Martin (A) & his grandad Lesley Martin (A)
- 10.30am** Roisín Bunn (A), Victoria Leonard née Egan 2nd Annív
Baby Anthony Lacey O'Rourke 10th Annív
Miriam O'Brien (A)
- 12.00pm** Eoghan Whelan 1st Annív.
Pat & Sarah Byrne (A), Oliver Neiland
Tommy & Mai Long (A), Mary & Noel Gallagher (A)
Seamus McCarthy (A), Valerie Carroll (A)
Sylvia Ford (A), Andrew Quinn (A)

12th October to 16th October

- Monday** Teresa Dunne (A)
7.00pm Martin & Marcella Thackaberry
Lily Sands née Thackaberry
- Tuesday** Funeral mass for Eileen Patricia Oppermann
7.00pm Essie Fogarty M.M
Alice, Paddy, Mary, Michael Sexton
& Jimmy Dilworth, Andrew Quinn (A)
- Wednesday** Jack Fitzpatrick in remb.
- Thursday** Armando Claudio in remb.
- Friday** Martin Harney in remb.

Next Weekend ~ 17th October & 18th October

- 6.00pm** Croia Martha Power 1st Annív.
Bill O'Toole (A), Mary & Michael Healy & their parents
Breda Heraty (A), Molly & Jim McCall,
Molly & Jack O'Reilly, Anthony Walker
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am**
- 12.00pm** Andrew Phillips, Michael Byrne (A), Patrick Egan (A)
Jack Quill (A)

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

PSALM: (Ps 95.)

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 1:1-5

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21

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
KBB	Second Saturday	2.00pm

*The next meeting will be on
Thursday **12th November** at 8pm in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre. There will
be no baptism meeting in December.
Thursday **22nd October** at 7.30pm in
The Parochial House in Ashford-
which needs to be confirmed with the
Parish Office. Next KBB meeting
Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm In
Barndarrig Church*

Children's Choir



New recruits are welcome to our Children's Choir

Place: Saint Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town

Time: 9.45am Sunday morning for 10.30am Family Mass

Senior Infants to 6th year welcome

Instrumentalists especially welcome ☺

Contact: 086 084 2942 or just come along!

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

4th October 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
The Envelope/Standing Orders are what funds the Parish. This money stays locally and is vital to sustain our Parish. The money from these envelopes and Standing Orders maintain the Churches, Parish Centre, Houses, general maintenance and administration expenses.	The Common Fund account is funded by all the loose notes & coins in the First Collection It is used to provide suitable and equitable remuneration and support for all priests serving in the diocese, including active, sick, and retired clergy.	The Share account is funded by all loose notes & coins in the Second collection. It is primarily used to finance central support services for all parishes, and to provide financial assistance to low-income parishes.
The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account	This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account	This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account
€1330 (104 envelopes received)	€1135	€805

St. Vincent de Paul Collection :

The Church door quarterly collection for the local conferences was held last weekend on the 3rd & 4th of October. The total that was collected was €2891.60. A sincere thanks to one and all for your generosity to this collection.

WICKLOW LIBRARY

Parlons Français

FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP

Time: 11:00-12:00 pm

Saturday October 10th

Saturday November 14th

Saturday December 12th



Meets once a month - no need to sign-up



Comhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin
Wicklow County Council



Fauré REQUIEM

with Wicklow Choral Society & Merrion Ensemble
David Kennedy, Baritone
James Bingham, Director
Tatiana Konina, Accompanist

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2026, 8PM
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
WICKLOWTOWN

Tickets on sale at
GR8events.ie
and Earls Newsagents



SCAN HERE

WICKLOW
CHORAL
SOCIETY

Brittas Bay mxd N.S. – Admissions Notice 2027-2028

Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara (Brittas Bay Mxd N.S.), Brittas Bay is enrolling for Junior Infants from 1st October to 22nd October 2026 inclusive.

Enrolment Forms for Admission for September 2027 are available on our website: www.brittasbayns.com

Application Forms are also available by emailing office@brittasbaywicklow.com or phoning Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara on 0404 47488.

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



Unwanted Gift Sale

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



Date: Sunday 8th November 2026
Time: 10am to 3.30 pm, with Coffee & Raffle
Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town
(across from St Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town)

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



**Special Christmas
Room**



Full of Decorations



Can't believe it's only 4 weeks to "The sale of the Century"

"THE UNWANTED GIFT SALE"

I would like to say a very big thank you for all your generous support towards this sale. It couldn't go ahead without the help of the fantastic team of helpers, the people who donate, the amazing parish office who support us so much and the fabulous hospitality team. We are starting to accept unwanted gifts of all kinds which can be left in the parish office. Again, many thanks for your support and hope to see you there.
Maureen & her fantastic team.

WICKLOW TOWN LIBRARY AND KNOCKSINK WOOD NATURE RESERVE

present

IRISH FUNGHI, TOADSTOOLS, AND MUSHROOMS

A talk with Mark O'Callaghan

Tuesday 13th October 7:00-8:00 pm

TO REGISTER CALL: 0404-67025 OR EMAIL: WICKLIB@WICKLOWCOCO.IE

NPWS

An tSeirbhís Náisiúnta
Náisiúnta agus Fíadhlúsa
National Parks and Wildlife
Service

Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin
Wicklow County Council

CLIMATE
ACTION
WEEK

EARTH
SCIENCE
WEEK

Libraries
Ireland
Main Early Library
Heritage Library



Irish Learning Group



Weekly language workshop for adults

Day & time
Saturdays 3–4:30 pm
Venue
Wicklow Library

Bookings welcome ♦ text or call **085 831 0552**

Laudato Si'

Care for Our Common Home

"The Earth is our home, and we all share it together."

POPE FRANCIS



Protect biodiversity

Every living thing has a place and a purpose.



Conserve natural resources

Water, soil, air and energy are not limitless.



Reduce, reuse, recycle

Less waste today, cleaner tomorrows.



Tackle climate change

Care for creation means caring for future generations.



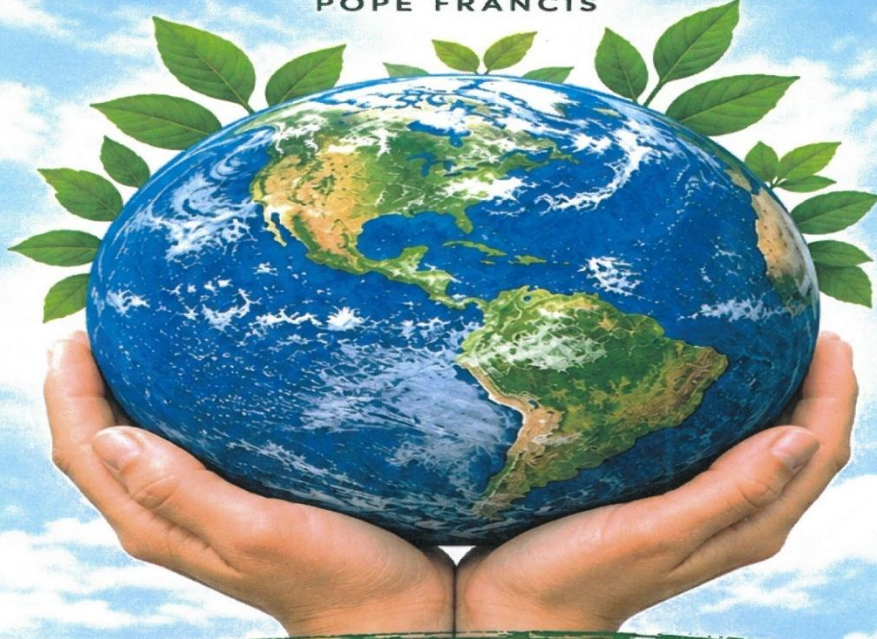
Choose sustainable living

Small actions make a big difference.



Live in harmony

A healthy planet builds healthier people and stronger communities.



*A healthier planet
is a brighter future*



In 2015, Pope Francis calls all of us to urgent action to combat the destruction that is being inflicted on earth, our common home and reminds Christians of our duty to be good stewards of creation.

More information can be found online and at
www.trocaire.org



Here are some practical ideas for what can be done in a home to help answer this call.

- Use washable - not disposable- napkins, mugs, cutlery etc.
- Install energy-saving light bulbs
- Switch off lights when leaving a room
- Don't leave electrical appliances on stand-by
- Stop using disposable plastic water bottles
- Avoid take out cups
- Enjoy more time in nature
- Wash laundry at 30 when possible
- Dry washing outside
- Avoid clingfilm - use a tub with a lid, cover bowls with a plate or a tea towel

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 01/10/2026

No jackpot won this week

9

10

21

23

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Marian O Meara

Next Week's Jackpot will be:

€3,550

THE VILLAGE PLAYERS PRESENT

THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS

by **SEAN O'CASEY**

Directed By **MARION MURPHY**

ST. BRIGID'S HALL, RATHNEW
22nd-23rd-24th October 2026 at 8pm



SCAN QR CODE
FOR TICKETS

at **GR8 Events**

Tickets €15



Bethany
Bereavement Support

WICKLOW GROUP

Whenever you feel ready, Bethany Bereavement Support is here to listen.

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a free, 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.



NEXT MEETING DATES

Tuesday 6 October at 10:45am
Tuesday 27 October at 8pm



VENUE

The De La Salle Centre
Wicklow
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