

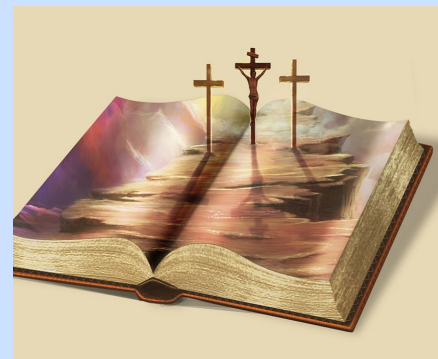
# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

Second Sunday of Easter Year A

12th April 2026



### Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

*Thanks, Thomas!*

Thomas ... thanks!

For bringing honesty into our faith. He didn't pretend that he was better than he was. He began by wanting proof and ended by being glad of faith. He is the patron saint of transitions and steps in faith. Faith is a journey. He is the saint of faith in our times. The community was the place he found faith, having lost it when he tried to go it alone. Then he came back to the community of faith and went on a journey of life that took him to martyrdom in India.

He also found Christ in wanting to touch his wounds. We find God when we enter into his wounds in the wounds of our world.

In the faith community of the church we can keep our faith. Our faith grows here too. Thomas looked for faith by wanting to touch the wounds of Jesus. When Jesus invited him to do so, he found he didn't need to. He found faith in being present with the wounded Christ and discovered there his faith in the glory of Christ.

We can do the same. What was said to Thomas is said to us all: 'You believe because you can see me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

*Recall those who have strengthened your faith and be grateful;*

*picture each person and pray for each of them.*

*Lord, I believe, strengthen my belief*

HE WAS PIERCED  
FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS



ISAIAH 53:5



*Sincere sympathies to the families of*

*Thomas (Tom) Redmond Wicklow Town, Wicklow*

*John Cullen Blainroe, Wicklow*

*Eileen Murphy née Doherty of Wicklow Town and formerly  
Cheshire England*

*Miriam Keegan Smith late of Marlton Grove*

# *Mass Intention List*

## *This Weekend ~ 11th & 12th April*

**6.00pm** Jack Fox & Deceased members of Fox & Robinson Families

Marek, Michal

Michael Loughlin (A)

**9.00am** Margaret Kelly (A)

**10.30am** Eileen Tallon 1st Anni.

Seamus & Nelly Dunne

Margaret Byrne

**12.00pm** Kathleen Brennan (A),

Bill Scott (A)

Tom Earls & Michael Earls

Ned Murphy (A)

## *13th April ~ 17th April*

**Monday** Special Intention

**7:00pm** Carmel Culbert (A)

**Tuesday** Eddie, Kate & Jack Kavanagh (A)

**7.00pm** Paddy, Alice, Mary, Michael & Bartholomew Sexton (A)

Jimmy Dilworth (A), Tommy Doyle (A)

**Wednesday** Easter Novena 2

**Thursday** Tom Porter

**Friday** Easter Novena 3

## *Next Weekend ~ 18th & 19th April*

**6.00pm** Henry & Essie Shannon

Johnny & Paul Murphy

Una Lockhart

**9.00am**

**10.30am** Kit & Ron Hagan

**12.00pm**

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

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:14,22-33**

**PSALM: Ps. 15: 1-2, 5-7, 7-11**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1: 17-21**

**GOSPEL: Luke 24: 13-35**



### 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 23rd April 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

## 5th April 2026

Here is where your donations go to.

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

<b>PARISH ENVELOPE &amp; STANDING ORDER / DONATIONS</b>	<b>1ST COLLECTION COMMON FUND &amp; DUES ENVELOPES</b>	<b>2ND COLLECTION SHARE</b>
<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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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><b>€1700</b> ( 107 envelopes received)</p>	<p><b>€2345</b></p>	<p><b>€1905</b></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 to your parish would be very much appreciated.**

**Please note that on the weekend of the 11/12 April 2026, Schedule C of masses will operate. There will be no vigil Mass in Ashford on Saturday 11th April and no masses on Sunday 12th April in Kilbride or Brittas Bay. There will be masses in**

**Wicklow Vigil Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)  
Barndarrig Vigil Mass 7.30pm (Saturday)  
Rathnew 9.00am (Sunday)  
Wicklow 10.30am (Sunday)  
Glenealy 10.30am (Sunday)  
Wicklow 12.00pm (Sunday)**

# WICKLOW TOWN

## *Heritage Trail*



Take a walk through  
Wicklow Town's past!

Why not join our **FREE Guided Trail** on Saturday morning at 11am which starts outside the Tourist Office in Fitzwilliam Square and takes 90 minutes to complete.

This Free Guided Trail takes place every Saturday morning at 11am from Easter Saturday 4th April - 26th September, 2026

Locals, visitors and overseas tourists are all welcome to join a very informative and entertaining trail telling the rich history of Wicklow Town, from the landing of St. Patrick in 432 to the end of the Civil War in 1923.

For information on the  
Wicklow Town Heritage Trail visit:

[www.wicklowtown.ie](http://www.wicklowtown.ie)  
or [www.visitwicklow.ie](http://www.visitwicklow.ie)

The Heritage Trail is an initiative of Wicklow Town Team and Wicklow Municipal District and was funded by Wicklow County Partnership



### **Wicklow Town Heritage Trail – A key attraction for locals and visitors in Wicklow Town**

The weekly guided walk of the now well-established Wicklow Town Heritage Trail returned this year on Easter Saturday, and all summer long will become a key attraction for tourists visiting the town and will provide a great insight into the rich heritage of the town.

Locals, Visitors and Tourists are all welcome to take part in what is a very informative & entertaining guided Free Trail detailing the rich history of Wicklow Town from the landing of St Patrick in 432 until the end of the Irish Civil War in 1923.

There are seven Storyboards located throughout the Town illustrating key moments in the rich history of Wicklow Town. On each storyboard, there is a QR code which enables participants to watch a video on their phone, telling them the story of each key location. The actors featured on the videos are members of the local dramatic society.

**For further information on the Wicklow Town Heritage Trail, visit [www.wicklowtown.ie](http://www.wicklowtown.ie) or [www.visit.wicklow.ie](http://www.visit.wicklow.ie)**

**You can join the Free weekly guided Trail each Saturday morning at 11am sharp which commence outside the Tourist Office in Fitzwilliam Square every Saturday morning until the end of September.**



## Parish Pilgrimage Lourdes Trip

From the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

Anam Cara, the charity organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 20th April 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

*National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek](http://www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek).*

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

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

**Parish Office: 0404 61699**

**Email: [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com), Website: [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie)**

**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**

**For all enquires and bookings**

## **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](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you.

RATHNEW WOMEN'S SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

**Craft fair**

11 AM - 3PM

SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL

HAND CRAFTED GIFTS, COSY QUILTS, KNITWEAR, CROCHET, SENSORY TOYS, UP CYCLED CREATIONS, BAKED GOODS & REFRESHMENTS

ST. BRIGID'S HALL  
RATHNEW  
A67 X583

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\*The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co-funded by the Irish Government, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training (EIST) Programme 2021 -2027.\*

**Bingo!**

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

# AnamCara

Supporting Parents After Bereavement  
**ONLINE BEREAVEMENT  
INFORMATION EVENING**

Tuesday 14 April  
7pm - 8.30pm  
For all bereaved parents



register at <https://bit.ly/4sMpsKA>

GUEST SPEAKER: BRYAN NOLAN



Bryan has an M.A. in Healthcare Chaplaincy from DCU and is a Certified Healthcare Chaplain with specialisations in end-of-life, grief, and loss care. He has worked with the Irish Hospice Foundation for over 13 years.

FREE OF CHARGE TO ALL BEREAVED PARENTS, REGARDLESS OF HOW LONG THEY HAVE BEEN BEREAVED, AGE OF THEIR CHILD OR CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEIR DEATH

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## 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](mailto:info@wicklowcancersupport.ie)

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

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 02/04/2026**

**No jackpot won this week**

**17**

**20**

**26**

**29**

**The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:**

**Sally Deehan**

● **Next Week's Jackpot will be:**

**€1,950**

**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

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Contact Number.....

Address.....

