

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th May 2024

Feast of the Ascension -Year B

Wicklów & Rathnew  
RCN 20016166



*Gospel Reflections Donal Neary SJ*

## Going Out or Going Up?

The feast of the Ascension seems to be more about the apostles going out than Jesus going up! As Jesus goes to his Father, the message is for us now, and to be witnesses to him, sharing what we have received, and heard.

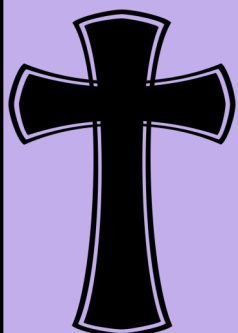
Witnesses to a road accident can often contradict each other. They get mixed up in what they saw or heard. Or they may have only glanced at the event and moved on. We can be witnesses of Jesus who stayed with the event, not just with a glance. We have seen and heard the best story ever told, and the most influential life ever lived.

We witness to Jesus in prayer, in reading the gospel and in service of others in love. Prayer means being in touch with God who is reaching out to us. The gospel is what feeds us, a daily opening to the words and deeds of Jesus. Loving service brings us to witness the care of God as we give and receive care.

This is what we give to the ascended Lord and receive from him. The word of God is the divine word in human words. In our work for him, God is linking heaven and earth, and we are sharers in his divinity as he is in our humanity. Far from being the absence of Jesus, the *Ascension* is his presence in a new way among us.

*Looking up is a religious gesture.  
Look up to the skies sometimes this week  
and make a favourite prayer.  
Lord, may your kingdom come!*

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*Sincere sympathies to the families of*

*Matt Whyte late of Rocky Rd*

# Mass Intention List



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

- 6.00pm** Gareth Dunne (Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance)  
Anna Maguire - 1st Anniversary, Cora Crennan  
John, Sarah, Thomas, Mary, Patrick & Ellen Carr.  
Christine Roche
- 9.00am** Mick & Don Marah, Mary-Ann Duffy (A) & deceased  
members of the Duffy family. Leo Devlin
- 10.30am** Deceased members of the Thornhill Family
- 12noon** Noeleen Shortall & Winifred Lambert, Tom Merrigan,  
Martin Murphy, Eddie Hanlon— birthday rem.

## *13th April ~ 17th May*

- Monday** Margaret Ring RD
- 7.00pm** Barry Murphy RD
- Tuesday** Mary Meade RD
- 7.00pm** Carmel Franey (A)
- Wednesday** Willie Ward RD
- Thursday** Gerald & Mary Plunkett
- Friday** Angela Smith RD

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

- 6.00pm** Donald, Grainne & Gina McCormack, Coley Murley &  
his parents, Jim & Angela. William, Anne, Patrick,  
Ellen, James & Monica Carr. Pat, Maí, Gerald & Joan  
Barry, Christina Roche
- 9.00am** Art Dickenson
- 10.30am** Maeve, Peter & Vivien Moloney
- 12noon** **NO MASS**

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

5th May 2024

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1865  
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1165  
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 870

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

**First Reading : Acts 2: 1-11**

**Psalm : 103**

**Second Reading:**

**Gospel: 5:16-25**

## New Appointments in St Mantan Pastoral Area

Fr Eamonn Crosson, current Administrator of Ashford-Glenealy Parish will be reaching the retiring from active ministry age for Priests this year. He has very generously agreed to continue in Ashford-Glenealy by taking up an appointment as a curate in the parish from the 6th July next. Fr Aquinas Duffy will be appointed Parish Priest of Ashford-Glenealy in addition to his current appointment as Parish Priest of "Wicklow-Rathnew" and "Kilbride-Barndarrig-Brittis Bay" Parishes.

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to attend an introductory meeting before booking a date for the baptism. At this meeting you will be given all the necessary information about the Sacrament of Baptism and the commitment required of the parents who request it for their child. The next meeting will be on

**THURSDAY 13TH JUNE**  
**AT 8PM IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE**

*Popes intention for May ~ Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.*





LOURDES



## LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Wicklow Rathnew

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For information please contact:

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## FR DONAL'S ORDINATION AS AUXILIARY BISHOP

The parish will be organising buses to St. Andrew's Church Westland Row, Dublin, on Sunday 26th May to Westland Row for the Mass installing Fr Donal as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin.

The bus will cost €15 per person payable before travelling.

You need to book your seat through the parish office only.

Time & place of departure will be announced closer to date

## No 12 Noon Mass in St Patrick's Church on Sunday 19th May

Please note that there will be **No 12 Noon Mass on Sunday 19th May in St Patrick's Church Wicklow.** That day Archbishop Dermot Farrell will be the celebrant of the 10.30 AM Mass during which he will also celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the boys and girls who are part of the De La Salle Parish Preparation group. There will be a 12 Noon Mass in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Brittas Bay.

## Building Hope Novena to the Holy Spirit

A Novena Prayer will be recited each day from May 12th to May 20th.

You are encouraged to also say this at home. Prayer Card and Novena cards are available on our website and a limited amount in the church. Pray- and a limited amount in the church.

This time is a dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin

[Prayer-Card2024](#)

[Novena-Prayer-Booklet2024](#)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ~

The young adults from Holy Rosary NS, St Patrick's NS, The Gaelscoil, St Coens NS & Brittas bay who all received the Sacrament of Confirmation over the past couple of weeks. We hope that you are all inspired by the Holy Spirit and that the candidates and their families enjoyed their special day.



A huge Thank you to all involved in the preparation of the children beforehand - teachers, priests, sacramental co-ordinator & families. Another thank you to all who helped out with refreshments after the ceremonies.

**The Rosary will be said every evening at 7.30pm at the Rathnew Grotto for the month of May. Everybody is very welcome to go along and participate in this nightly event. In the event of rain - it will move to the church.**

**There will also be a ROSARY RALLY on Saturday 11th May at 4pm at the Grotto in the grounds of St Patrick's Church Wicklow and once again everybody is very welcome to come along and participate. Candles will be available to purchase on the day to leave at the Grotto**

## **HONESTY POLICY, CARDS & CANDLES**

**We are introducing an Honesty Policy system to buy Mass Cards and candles in the Church after the weekend Masses. Initially there will be someone to help out with this.**

**The idea is that there will be envelopes left on a table on the Sacred Heart side of the Altar, black print for deceased and blue print for everything else, eg Get Well, Happy Birthday etc. You write the intentions name on the space on the front of the envelope enclose the €5 for the Mass card, and pop it into the letterbox on the door at the confession box.**

**The candles are now a new style and are €2 each - again the money can be put through the letterbox. Unfortunately there is no change facility, so please use the accurate amount of money.**

**This will be done for a trial period to see how it goes.**

*Building Hope*

**Novena to the Holy Spirit**

*12th – 20th May 2024*

*for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin*



Pentecost, by Jen Norton

Archdiocese of Dublin

*Building Hope through Prayer, Reflection and Planning*

## **Building Hope- Novena to the Holy Spirit 2024**

We are invited to join once again with every parish in the diocese in a Novena to the Holy Spirit – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place in the nine days from 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Let us join together with other parishes across the Archdiocese, in praying and planning with Archbishop Farrell during this dedicated period 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May. May this time of reflection, as we prepare also for the ordination of Bishop Donal Roche and the arrival of Bishop Paul Dempsey to the Archdioceses be blessed and build hope for a new future in partnership and a new way of being Church. The Novena will be run as part of the Mass each day in Ashford/Glenealy.





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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS in  
ST BRIDGETS HALL - BOTH AT  
8PM. STRICTLY OVER 18s.**

## 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**

## Active Retirement Activities & Trips

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

**Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.**

**Conversational Irish Tuesdays at 10.00 am**

**Line Dancing Tuesdays 12.00 to 1.00pm**

**Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00 am**

**Choir Fridays 3.00pm—4.00pm**

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 Míle Fáilte*

## WICKLOW LIBRARY EVENTS

Come along to the Wicklow Library Wednesday 22nd May from 12:30 - 3:00 pm for our Cafe Bealtaine event. Afternoon tea will be served and the Wicklow Community Choir will be singing, along with a few other entertainment surprises!

Also, on Thursday 16th May 7:00 - 8:00 pm author join Sadie Harpur as she discusses her new book about her upbringing in the Irish foster system, her struggles with undiagnosed Dyslexia and Apraxia and how writing helped in her journey to heal and ultimately triumph.

To book in please call 0404-67025 or email: [Wicklib@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:Wicklib@wicklowcoco.ie)

## WICKLOW TOWN

# Heritage Trail

**JOIN OUR FREE GUIDED WALK EACH SATURDAY MORNING AT 11am commencing from outside the Tourist Office in Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow Town.**

**Walk will take approximately 2 hours, spending some time at each key location.**

**These guided walks will take place each Saturday until Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

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

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

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

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

**Bayside Alpha are showing Bishop Barron's groundbreaking 10-part documentary series, 'Catholicism', on Zoom with discussion afterwards in breakout rooms starting on Sunday the 7th of April at 7:30pm and continuing for 10 weeks. To register please email Paul at [alphabayside@gmail.com](mailto:alphabayside@gmail.com)**

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## WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

# *Congratulations* **SHARON GREGORY**

9th May, 2024: €50 raffle winner

Weekly winning numbers: 9, 14, 20, 29

*Please call into the office to collect your prize.*

*Next weeks JACKPOT is €3,675*

*Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!*  
*Join by texting the word WICKLOW to 51444*

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with God when  
your heart needs  
company.

*Turn*  
to God when  
you need  
someone to  
lean on.

*Take*  
His hands  
when you  
feel alone.

*He*  
is there when  
you need him  
most.

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give up,  
never back down,  
never lose faith.

*Trust*  
God, He can do  
the impossible.

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-Mar Razalan