

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

12th October 2025



Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ A grateful heart

Nine were cured, and a tenth was healed, The last one came back and lifted his heart in praise and thanks. He was a man of another country, not liked by the followers of Jesus, yet his heart was like the heart of Jesus, thankful and light.

The word '*thanks*' can change an atmosphere. It is one of the most important words between people who are in ordinary and consistent relationships. With those we love, with those with whom we work, live, and with whom life is shared, it is a word that deepens the bond among us. It brings lightness among us.

The Christian heart is a grateful heart. We sometimes find people whose lives are very difficult and disabled on the outside but have a heart of thanks on the inside. They are the people who give thanks for what they have, rather than whine over what they have not!

The thanks of the Samaritan brought him into a sort of unity with Jesus and with the others who looked on him as a foreigner. Thanks can bring enemies together. When we give thanks for the same things, we shatter barriers.

The nine were cured, and probably did well for Jesus in their reports. But the tenth brought the new life of Jesus to others from a grateful heart.

Give thanks this day for the ordinary, for the people who are always there, for the goodness of God. Give thanks, and in giving thanks we will be more like Jesus, the one whose life and words always thank God his Father.



Lord Jesus it is right to give you thanks and praise.

PARISH CONTACTS

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Email: parishofficewicklow@gmail.com, Website: www.stmantan.ie

Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 11th & 12th October 2025

- 6.00pm** Tom (Chopper) Vickers M.M,
Tom & Helen Fitzgerald (A),
Teresa Dunne (A), Miriam O'Brien (A)
Mary McDonald B.R
- 9.00am** Leslie Martin and his grandson Cathal (A),
Mairéad Manley (A) her husband Jimmy,
Jerome Manley & Yvonne McGrath
- 10.30am** Victoria Leonard née Egan 1st Anniv.
Baby Anthony O'Rourke (A)
- 12.00pm** Michael Byrne 1st Anniv, his parents and siblings
Andrew Phillips (A), Seamus McCarthy (A)
Tony Burke (A)

13th October~ 17th October 2025

- Monday** Special Intention
- 7.00pm** Leslie Martin and his grandson Cathal
Bill O'Toole (A), Stan and Kay Baird
- Tuesday** Ann Quinn R.D
- 7.00pm** Leslie Martin and his grandson Cathal
Andrew Quinn (A)
- Wednesday** Matt Murphy (A)
- Thursday** John McAulay R.D
- Friday** Noeleen Nolan R.D

Next Weekend ~ 18th & 19th October 2025

- 6.00pm** Breda Heraty 1st Anniversary
Anthony Walker 1st Anniversary
Jack Ryan (A)
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Sarah Manifold, Anna May Gill (A), Róisín Bunn
Richard and Dorothy Murphy (A)
- 12.00pm** Sarah D'Arcy M.M, Noel and Mary Gallagher,
Michael Alex Kennelly R.D who died in UK

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

5th October 2025

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1360**
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€1055**
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€950**

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: Exodus 17:8-13

PSALM: Ps 120

SECOND READING: Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

St. Vincent de Paul Collection :

The Church door quarterly collection for the local conferences was held on the 27th & 28th of September. The total that was collected was €3355.70. A sincere thanks to one and all for your generosity to this collection.

First Holy Communion meeting

For Parents of children making their first Holy Communion in April and May 2026. Meeting next Wednesday 15th October at 7:30pm in St Patricks Church Wicklow.

An Tobar Nua

We provide confidential counselling nationwide via telephone and Zoom. Our service is donation-based, because we do not want finances to prevent anyone from receiving support.

If any parishioners, are struggling with grief, anxiety, depression, or other life challenges, please know that we are here to help.

☎ Phone: 091 562 175

✉ Email: counselling@antobarnua.com



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 13th November, at
8pm in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre

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.



THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER BAPTISM MEETING

We welcome in Baptism.....

Méabh Earls,
Elizabeth Reynolds,
Zen Tyrrell,
Caoimhe O'Sullivan,
Bonnie Abbey,
Esme Hughes.



WICKLOW & RATHNEW PARISH

HALLOWEEN GIVEAWAY COMPETITION

OCTOBER 23 2025

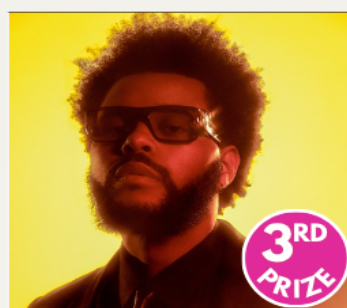
This nationwide competition is open to all participants who have a ticket in a fundraiser run by our service provider 'Our Fundraiser'.



**€2,000 SHOP TILL
CASH PRIZE YOU DROP!**



**€500 AMAZON
GIFT CARD IRELAND**



**CONCERT THE
TICKETS X 2 WEEKEND**

TO WIN

Answer a call from 'Our Fundraiser' after 7pm and answer the question correctly:

What vegetable is traditionally used to carve a lantern at Halloween?

(a) Cabbage (b) Onion (c) Pumpkin

DON'T MISS OUT!

Visit our website
to join.

www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/wicklow

Terms and conditions apply

www.ourfundraiser.ie/terms-and-conditions

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.



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.

Anam Cara - supporting parents after bereavement, are hosting an Online Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 30th October at 7pm.

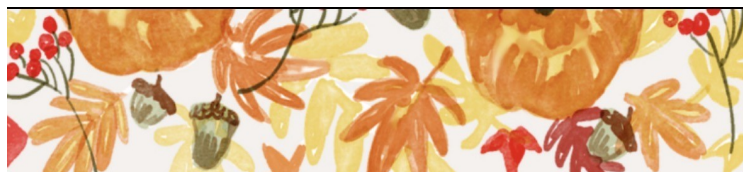
Breffni McGuinness will be serving as our guest speaker, bringing years of experience with LauraLynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice, and his robust background in pastoral care.

Breffni will also take extra time to speak to the experience of parents who may have been carers to their children before their passing. Whether it be due to illness, disability, age, or any other reason, we recognise that grieving a child that one has cared for in this way may bring additional questions, complications, or difficulties. All parents, regardless of the age of their child or circumstances of their passing are, of course, very welcome, but we would like to extend this additional invitation to these families this month.

Anam Cara, the charity organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 20th October 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.

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



Rathnew Women's Social Enterprise

CRAFT FAIR

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26TH



11AM TO 3 PM

ST. BRIGID'S HALL RATHNEW
A67 X583

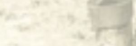


HAND CRAFTED GOODS, CROCHET,
KNITWEAR, GIFTS, SENSORY TOYS,
UP-CYCLED CREATIONS, COSY QUILTS,
BAKED GOODS & REFRESHMENTS

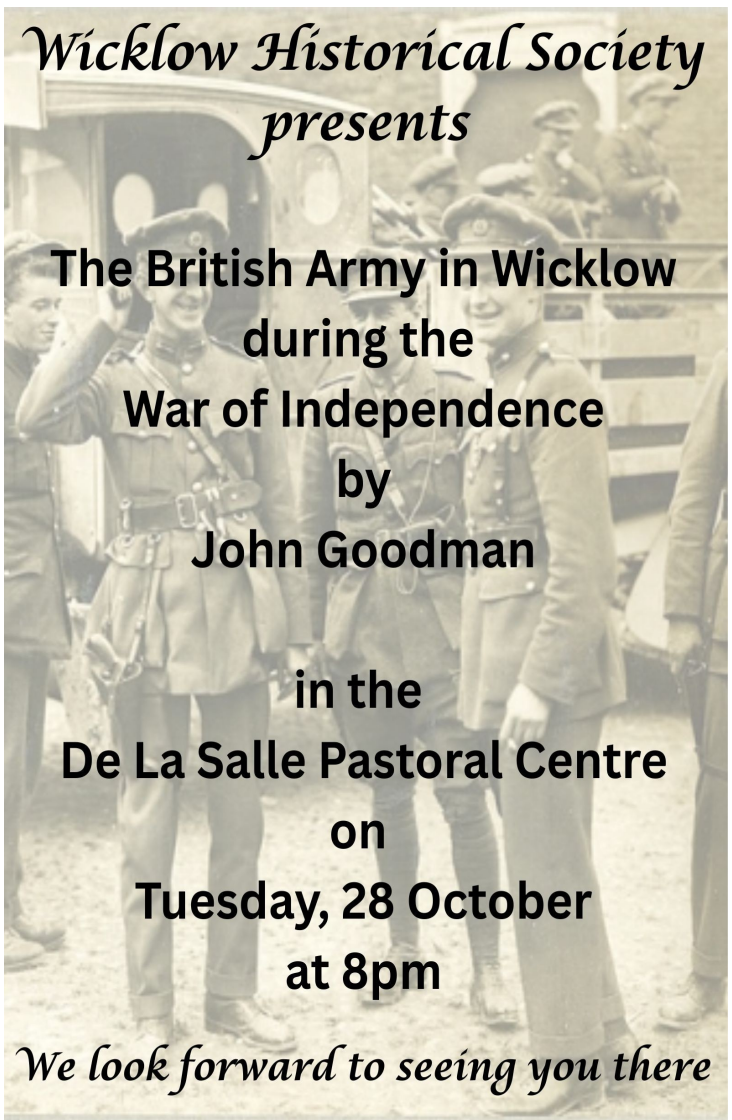







"The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co-funded by the Irish Government, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training (EIST) Programme 2021-2027."



Wicklow Historical Society
presents

**The British Army in Wicklow
during the
War of Independence**
by
John Goodman

**in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre
on
Tuesday, 28 October
at 8pm**

We look forward to seeing you there



THE Alzheimer
SOCIETY OF IRELAND

Join Our Rathdrum

**Young Onset Dementia
Activity Club**

Our activity club offers a welcoming space for connection, creativity, and fun.

It's a wonderful opportunity to build friendships and explore new hobbies in a supportive and uplifting environment.




**Every Tuesday morning
10am to 12 noon**

**The Heather Room, St Coleman's
Hospital, Rathdrum, A67 AK06**

For more information contact
michelle.bardon@alzheimer.ie
087-3182956





'Very like proselytism'

Delgany Children's Home (1890-1905) and the
Fanny Christian affair

Explores the 1891 controversy sparked by allegations of proselytism that cast an unwelcome spotlight on the newly established children's home in Delgany. The story journeys from the quiet lanes of Delgany to the heart of Dublin's Monto district.

Historian Rosemary Raughter
Thursday, 23rd October
7.00pm Wicklow Town Library

To Book: 0404 67025 Wicklib@wicklowcoco.ie



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Wicklow County Council

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 09/10/2025

No jackpot won this week

1

11

23

24

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Carol Murphy

Next Week's Jackpot will be: €525

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, visor medals, cards and much more. There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards and ordinary cards available.

Shop open same time as office from 10am till 12.30pm.

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

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

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God is our refuge and
strength, a very present
help in trouble.

PSALM 46:1