

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

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Palm Sunday - Year C
13th April 2025



Gospel Reflection ~ Who was there at the end? ~ Donal Neary SJ

Who was there at the end? The friends of Jesus: from a distance, but still around. They stayed near, not wanting to leave. Did they all stand around for a while? Wanting to go and not wanting to go, like mourners at a graveside - confused, sad and discouraged - silent in the moments of violent death. Were they afraid that this might happen to them too? The friends and acquaintances of **J**esus, the one who promised much and said he would rise again... Did any of them remember this promise? Did they whisper it to each other as they closed the stone at the tomb? Did they wonder if more was yet to come? For there was always more with Jesus. We are that 'more'!

There also was the centurion: the good man who said, '**he was a Son of God**'. The one from Rome saw through the many from Jerusalem. He was a strange type of guy at the cross - the Roman who had been told to get these crucifixions done, with the least amount of trouble and publicity. Away from home and his own people, he would find a new **G**od in the home of his heart and would be linked forever to a new people.

Something about this man gave a scent of love, and an authority that came from somewhere far away - further than an emperor or a political power. He knew that this man was a Son of God; may we know this too of Jesus.

Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

You are the saviour of the world.



*Sincere sympathies to the family of
Betty Carbery Nikolic, Wicklow*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 12th & 13th April 2025

- 6.00pm** *Teddy Dunne (Month's Mind), Yvonne Rice (1st A.)
Johnny & Paul Murphy, Una Lockhart, Thomasina Brennan,
Jim, Nancy, Anthony & Joe Doyle, Joseph (Joe) Cullen (A)
Michael Loughlin (A)*
- 9.00am** *Frank, Lena, Francis & Martin Doyle*
- 10.30am** *Catherine Carey - Months Mind*
- 12.00pm** *Mary O'Reilly (née O'Connell) (RD in UK formerly of Wicklow
& Coyne's Cross), Kathleen Brennan (A) Bill Scott,
Kathleen Kilcoyne (A), Sylvester Delahunt (A)*

14th ~ 18th April, 2025

- Monday** *Con Flaherty (RD)*
- 7.00pm** *Malcolm Franey (A)*
- Tuesday** *Special Intention*
- 7.00pm** *Carmel Culbert (A), Alice, Paddy, Mary, Michael &
Bartholemew Sexton & Jimmy Dilworth, Elizabeth
Doyle, Margaret Davis (née Doyle), Kathleen Byrne
(née Doyle), Teresa Aherne (née Doyle) & Marie Dunne
(née Doyle) RD*
- Wednesday** *Tom Porter, Betty Fitzpatrick (A)*
- Thursday** *Holy Thursday*
- Friday** *Good Friday*

Next Weekend ~ 19th & 20th April 2025

- 6.00pm**
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** *Thomas & Bridget Cregg & deceased members of the Cregg
& Hurley families. Thomas & Anastasia Duffy & deceased
members of the Duffy & Corrigan families*
- 12.00pm** *Marie Sweeney (1st A)*

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

6th April 2025

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	€1515
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	€1020
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€1280

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 10:3-4, 37-43

PSALM: 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

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, 8th May 2025, at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre



QUARTERLY COLLECTION.
Many thanks to everyone who
contributed to the collections.

We will have a full total for this
collection, next weekend.

EASTER NOVENA CARDS

There are a beautiful arrangement of
Easter Novena cards at €5 each, now
available in the Parish Office. These are
suitable for both the living and the dead
and the names will be remembered in
nine Masses over the Easter Season.

There are also Easter - I lit a candle
cards available for €2 which are also a
lovely way to remember someone over
the season.

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



**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

Knock Pilgrimage



Pilgrimage to knock on the 21st September 2025.

Leaving the Memorial park Rathdrum at 7.30am sharp via Grand Hotel
Wicklow at 8am.

€80 per person this includes Bus, Breakfast, Dinner.

Names and payment before 1st June 2025

Contact Susan at 0876273032.

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.

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.



You are invited to join this guided trail, which will commence outside the Tourist Office in Fitzwilliam Square on Easter Saturday at 11am.

(Trail will take approximately 2 hours to complete).

Guided trails will take place each Saturday from Easter Saturday April 19th until 27th September.

For more information on Wicklow Town Heritage Trail visit: www.wicklowtown.ie



A huge thanks to all those in Wicklow and Rathnew who contributed to the Lourdes Pilgrimage collection last weekend and to all our collectors. The total sum collected in both churches was €1,220.

St. Mary's Church, Barndarrig

DIVINE
Divine Mercy Sunday, 27 April at 3pm
Sunday

**Commemorate the merciful love of God
Holy Hour
with Divine Mercy Chaplet**

*Congratulations to all the girls & boys from
St. Joseph's N.S., Glenealy*

*who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the week.
The best of luck to the students from Scoil na Coróine Mhuire who
will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this week.*

*We hope the families all have a very enjoyable day celebrating
this special time in their child's life.*

*Many thanks to the teachers and the parish co-ordinators for all
the hard work and great effort, that they have put in during the
past few months to make this a special day for all the children.*

EASTER SCHEDULES

Are now available in all Churches.

**This booklet has all the ceremonies and Masses in all seven churches in
the St Mantan's Area, for the Easter season.**

Please feel free to take one home for your reference.

LOURDES



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Wicklow Rathnew

26 August 2025

7 Nights

€1,095 per person sharing

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » 20kg bags included
- » Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- » 7 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

For information please contact:

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Email: cncolgan@gmail.com

Carol Kavanagh

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Email: carol.kavanagh2@gmail.com



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**

You're not alone

Drink problem? We get it...



AA Open Meeting

Last Friday of Every Month

20:30-21:30
Kilcoole Community Centre
A63 X862

All Welcome!

www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie
01 842 0700

Alcoholics Anonymous

> www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie

> 01 842 0700 (ROI) / 028 90 351 222 (NI)

> gso@alcoholicsanonymous.ie



Scan for more
information

All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence

IMPORTANT NOTE

It has come to our attention that there is an organised begging group outside the Church doors before some of the Masses We would ask parishioners not to give anyone from this group money. All genuine collections will be announced in the Church or in the Newsletter.

If you ever feel under pressure from anyone either inside or outside the Church to give them money please let us know as soon as possible. It is very important to us that all parishioners feel safe and comfortable in the Church and in the Church grounds.

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 10/ 04 / 2025

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK

2

21

23

26

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Ann Doyle

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,650

PARISH CONTACTS

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

Parish Office: 0404 61699

parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

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

For all enquires and bookings

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

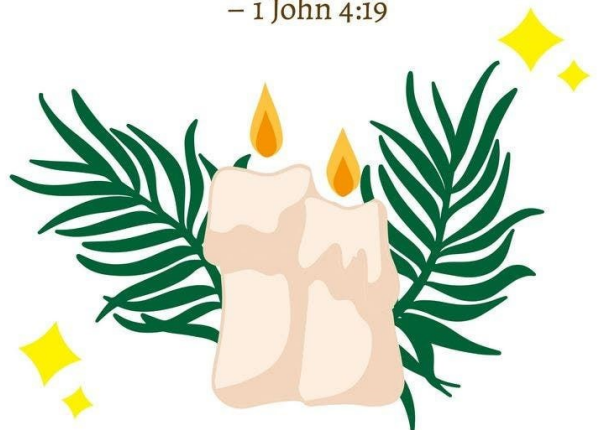
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“We love because He first loved us.”

– 1 John 4:19



Happy Palm Sunday