

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

13th September 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Forgiveness

We are called to forgive; and that can be really difficult.

You have been defrauded by the banks of your life's savings - can you forgive?

You were abused as a child - can you forgive?

You were done out of a job because another lied to get it - can you forgive?

The answer is maybe 'no'. What then does God want? He asks us to open our hearts to the other so that we may forgive. Forgiveness is the deepest of God's desires on our behalf, and he hopes that we can forgive each other.

Our hurts and burdens are heavy to carry through life. To forgive can release some of that weight. The person who hurt us may be dead, or may not even know (or care) that we are hurting. When we desire to forgive but don't know how, one way of looking for this strength is to pray for it. We often pray, 'Lord, make my heart like yours'. When we pray that we are praying to be forgiving people!

Another way is to pray for the person. When we realise that as God loves me, he also loves everyone, we may find a spark or light of forgiveness in our souls. Out of this we may find the will to meet the other and talk to him or her, and find the grace of forgiveness between us.

Forgiveness sometimes comes slowly. When God sees us wanting to be on the road to forgiveness, he gives us the graces we need to unburden ourselves and be able to love like him.

Sit in silence for a while, and send a blessing or prayer to someone you need to forgive.

Lord, I ask - make my heart like yours.



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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 12th & 13th September

- 6.00pm** Imelda Janzen (McCall) M.M.
Paddy & Betty Ryan (A), Patrick O'Donovan &
also his sister Bridie Ralph,
Thomas Kavanagh (A)
Eileen & Joe Delaney (A)
Evelyn Lalor (A)
- 9.00am** *Jacinta Lee in remb.*
- 10.30am** Marion Redmond (A)
Laurence Dunne (A)
- 12.00pm** Sarah D'Arcy 1st Anni.

14th September to 18th September

- Monday** Kathleen Byrne in remb.
7:00pm *Special Intention*
- Tuesday** Tom Cahill
7.00pm *Special Intention*
- Wednesday** Madge Bolger in remb.
- Thursday** Rita Dignan in remb.
- Friday** Jack Fitzpatrick in remb.

Next Weekend ~ 19th & 20th September

- 6.00pm** Anne Moran (A)
Gráinne Byrne (A)
Roey Bouchier (A)
Joseph & Anne Cullen B.R
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am**
- 12.00pm** Tom Shields M.M
Eddie Michaels (A)

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55: 6 - 9

PSALM: (Ps. 144)

SECOND READING: Philippians 1: 20 - 24.27

GOSPEL: Matthew 20: 1-16

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



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 **8th October** at 8pm in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on
Thursday **24th September** at 7.30pm in
The Parochial House in Ashford-
which needs to be confirmed with the
Parish Office. Next KBB meeting
Wednesday 7th October at 7:30pm
In Barndarrig Church*



BAPTISM

A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

ADULT BAPTISM

Your Journey of Faith

*Are you thinking about taking the
step to join the Catholic Church?*

OUR ADULT FAITH JOURNEY COURSE
commences on Friday 11th September at 7pm in the
DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE

For further information
contact the Parish Office on 0404 61699
or email us on parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

6th September 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 money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account	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. This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account	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. This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account
€1430 (104 envelopes received)	€1335	€1055

Cross Care Annual Appeal 2026



The Cross Care Annual Appeal collection is taking place next weekend 19th & 20th of September. It will replace the SHARE Collection. Your support as normal would be appreciated.

Sacramental Meeting First Holy Communion : There will be a meeting for parents of first Holy communion Children on Tuesday 29th September at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Confirmation:

There will be a meeting for parents of Confirmation class children on Thursday 1st October at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Wicklow Male Voice Choir

Singing together is one of the most powerful things a group of men can do. If you feel like singing this could be for you!

Wicklow Male Voice Choir is inviting singers to join our ranks – no audition or experience required. Why not come along to our open day, taking place at the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Church grounds, Wicklow Town (A67 FX65) on Saturday 26th Sept.

Morning session: 09:45-12:15
Complimentary lunch: 12:15-13:15
Afternoon session: 13:15-15:00



Parish Religious Education Classes

The parish offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children who are attending non-Catholic Schools.

Parents who wish to present their child for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation are invited to enrol them for a two-year programme of preparation.

Online Registration is now available on www.stmantan.ie

Go to General Information click into Sacraments then click Parish Religious Education Programme and enrolment. You can now enrol your child by clicking on the relevant link and filling in the form. Payment can be made at the end of the form.



Sacramental Registration

2026 ~ 2027

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their child receive the
Sacraments of
First Holy Communion
& Confirmation
may now register online on
www.stmantan.ie.
Go to general information
then sacraments,
choose your sacrament &
fill in the form.*

*Any problems or for more
information, please contact
the parish office
on 0404 61699
between 10am & 12.30pm*

SUNDAY 27TH OF SEPTEMBER

Sunday Social

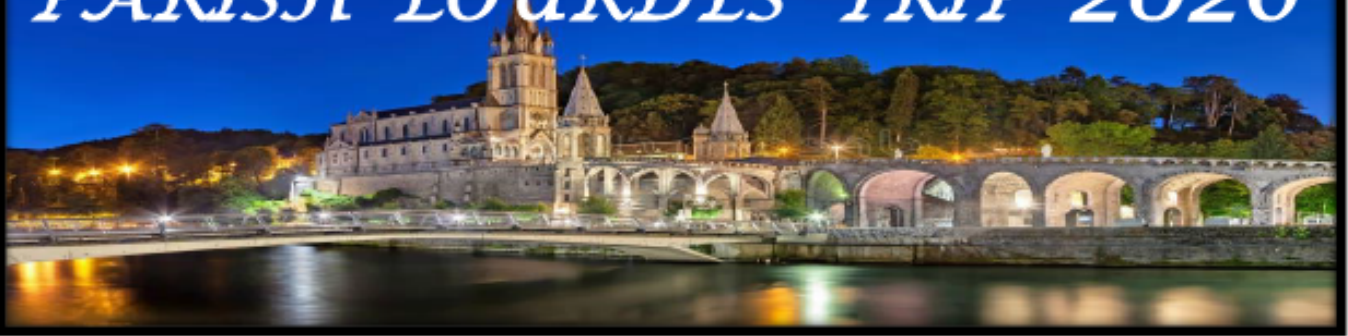
Cuppa & chats

After the 10.30am Mass

Activities for the kids

Everyone is warmly welcome

PARISH LOURDES TRIP 2026



My dad and I had the privilege of attending the Lourdes 2026 trip with an amazing group of people. As it was our first time going, we didn't really know what to expect from the trip but every day was filled with different and exciting activities.

Personally, the procession was my favourite part of the trip I thought it was an absolutely beautiful experience. Walking around the grotto at night with all the candles lighting and seeing everyone's beautiful signs and statues was quite an emotional experience for me and I think it is definitely something you have to see for yourself, pictures and videos don't do it justice at all.

Dad's favourite part was the Holy Bath, he was looking forward to it for the whole trip and loves telling people about it. He definitely felt like a different man when he came out, he looked very refreshed and full of hope. It was definitely an experience like no other.

Dad had a stroke a year ago, and I think going to Lourdes really gave him and myself the hope and courage to keep pushing forward. Not only were all the activities amazing, but the motivation my dad got over there was incredible, he really pushed himself every day which is a struggle for him at home. We of course couldn't have done it without everyone's help, every single person on the trip offered help every single day, and it definitely made the trip that more special for us.

It was really inspiring to see so many young people in Lourdes as well, I definitely feel more encouraged to get in touch with my religion and I would highly recommend this trip to people it was just such a beautiful, welcoming experience and we are already looking forward to next year's trip.

I really can't thank everyone enough for all the help and support we received on the trip, especially to Charlie and Nancy who are amazing, and to Carol, Annie and Katie for including us on the trip and of course to Father Liam for everything he did for us.

Thank you all ~~ Wayne & Shauna

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 03/09/2026

No jackpot won this week

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4

16

18

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Roisin Nestor

Next Week's Jackpot will be:

€3,300



Unwanted Gift Sale

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

8th
Nov

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

Are you stressed, depressed or
just in need of some real self-
care?



Join **Rozel** for gentle Yoga and Meditation
sessions in:

De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow.
Fridays at 10.00am.

With an emphasis on breath work and
deep relaxation, these sessions will help
you to relax, renew and cope with life in
the present moment. The sessions are
subsidised by Social Prescribing in
County Wicklow Partnership

Tel: 087 2485905 for more information

