

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

14th September 2025



Fr Martin Hogan comments on John 3:13-17

Today's feast of the exaltation or triumph of the Holy Cross is not like Good Friday. Our focus is not so much on the sufferings of Jesus. Rather, we celebrate what the gospel reading refers to as the lifting up of the **Son of Man**. The term 'lifting up' suggests not just his being lifted up physically on the cross but also his being lifted up in glory. There are some depictions of the cross which highlight this double sense of Jesus being lifted up, where the body of Jesus on the cross is almost glorified. You may be familiar with the cross of San Damiano in Assisi. When Saint Francis was praying before it, he heard the Lord call on him to rebuild the church. The image of Jesus that is painted on that cross has a glorious, luminous, quality. It is this kind of depiction of the cross that reflects the meaning of today's feast, which is the feast of the triumph or exaltation of the cross.

In what sense was the crucifixion of Jesus a triumph?

It was firstly the triumph of love over hatred, the triumph of **God's** love over human sin. All authentic love is life-giving and God's love is supremely life-giving.

That is why the crucifixion of Jesus was a triumph in another sense, the triumph of life over death, of God's life over human death, a triumph in which we can all share. That verse in today's gospel reading which has spoken to believers down the centuries really sums up the meaning of today's feast, ***'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him'.***

Today we are invited to look upon the cross as the ***'explosion of God's life-giving love for us all'*** and then to allow ourselves to be drawn into that love so that we can reflect it to others through our lives.



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 ~ 13th & 14th September 2025

6.00pm Thomas Kavanagh (A)

9.00am Jimmy Clarke RD

10.30am Miriam Burke nee Kavanagh & her brother John

12.00pm Gráinne Byrne (A),
Deceased members of the MacGowan Family

15th ~ 19th September 2025

Monday Breda Heraty RD

7.00pm Rosaleen McNichols RD

Tuesday John McAulay RD

7.00pm Sarah McWatt RD

Wednesday Roger Kavanagh RD

Thursday Special Intention

Friday Paul Doherty RD

Next Weekend ~ 20th & 21st September 2025

6.00pm Stephen Keeley 1st Anniversary
Ann Cullen & Joseph (Joe) Cullen both B.R,
Ann-marie Cullen (A), Rory Bouchier & William Sinnott

9.00am

10.30am Paula Tarrant (A), Laurence Dunne (A)

12.00pm Shirley Byrne M.M,
Olive Synnott & Eddie Michaels ~ both 1st Anni.
Ken McLean ~ 80th B.R, John O'Connor, Anne Moran (A),

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
7th September 2025**

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	€1160
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	€1180
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€895

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: Amos 8: 4-7

PSALM: Ps. 112: 1-2, 4-8

SECOND READING: Timothy 2:1-8

GOSPEL: Luke 16,1-13

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.

**ENROLMENTS TAKING PLACE FOR THESE CLASSES
DURING PARISH OFFICE HOURS 10AM –12.30PM
MONDAY –FRIDAY**

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN WISHING TO RECEIVE THE
SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION IN 2026**

Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2026 for children attending Catholic schools in the Pastoral Area is now open on the Pastoral Area website, www.stmantan.ie – under General Information and then Sacraments you will see a section for First Holy Communion and one for Confirmation. When you open one of these there is a link to the Registration Forms.

Once you have completed and submitted the form you will be redirected to Payzone in order to pay the registration fee of €10 which goes towards administration costs. Please register at your earliest convenience as this will ensure you receive emails about upcoming meetings and ceremonies.



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 9th October, 2025,
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.



Jubilee Tour

Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 05th October 2025. €799.00pps. Price includes return train/bus, 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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.



Rathnew Women's Social Enterprise

CRAFT FAIR

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH

11AM TO 3 PM

ST. BRIGID'S HALL RATHNEW
A67 X583




HAND CRAFTED GOODS, CROCHET,
KNITWEAR, GIFTS, SENSORY TOYS,
UP-CYCLED CREATIONS, COZY 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."

To The Island Of Saints



An hour of baroque and traditional
Irish music for young and old



Handel, Giordani, Carolan and Traditional Irish music

Friday
19th Sept
6.30 pm

DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE
ST PATRICK'S ROAD, WICKLOW TOWN

To The Island Of Saints

CULTURE NIGHT
WICKLOW





Family Mass

The Family Mass is back at 10:30am with the Children's Choir.

We are looking for new members if you think your child is interested talk to Naomi after 10:30 mass or contact the Parish office.

Wicklow Town ICA

The Wicklow Town ICA Guild Meet in St. Patricks room on 2nd Monday of each month at 7.30 from January to June and Sept to December 2025.

New members always welcome, contact Mary Finlay on 086 3087937 or drop in to monthly meeting.

DO YOU NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AS YOU AGE?

CALL OUR NATIONAL SUPPORT LINE ON
0818 222 024
FROM 8AM-8PM, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

ALONE is a national organisation that enables you to age at home.

We support with issues like:

- Access to Health Services
- Social Welfare Entitlements
- Housing Issues
- Activities and events

No matter how big the concern, ALONE will be there to support you.

ALONE

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

**BUÍON MUIRE
LOURDES UNIT**

65TH

ANNIVERSARY

**GUIDING IN
WICKLOW TOWN**

Mass celebrated by
Bishop Donal Roche

SATURDAY 20TH OF SEPTEMBER
AT 2:30PM

Refreshments after in the
De La Salle Parish Centre

Send any photos from your time at Girl
Guides to our facebook page

Once a guide, always a guide

Ways to Get Involved



Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteer

Visitation Support and Befriending is a supported one-to-one relationship between a volunteer and an older person who has been linked in with ALONE.



Telephone Support & Befriending Volunteer

ALONE's Telephone Support and Befriending is a free friendly, support and information telephone service for older people.



National Support & Referral Line Volunteer

As an NSRL volunteer, you will provide a listening ear, information, and support for older people in a warm, friendly, and professional manner.

"My Volunteer brightens up my day and I look forward to the visit every week"

- Older Person

"I have gained meaning from supporting others and I have a new perspective on life"

- Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteer

"I feel connected to the people I talk to"

- Telephone Support & Befriending Volunteer

0818 222 024 National Support & Referral Line 8am - 8pm

Sign up at volunteer@alone.ie



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Everyone is very welcome to celebrate this special occasion with us. Please pass this message on to friends & family especially those who have been involved in the organisation. We would really love to see as many past members as possible on the day to share memories, stories laughs and photos. To those who have offered donations of home baking, cakes, bars etc—thank you all so much and they can be dropped into the parish office on Thursday 18th & Friday 19th Sept.



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

**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.



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


Unwanted Gift Sale
in aid of
**St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow
and
Wicklow Cancer Support**

16th Nov

Date: 16th November, 2025
Time: 10am to 2pm, with Coffee & Raffle
Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre
Wicklow Town

**Pick up a Great Christmas Present and support
Wicklow Parish Church and Wicklow Cancer Support Services**




Special Christmas Room



Full of Decorations

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 11/09/2025

No jackpot won this week

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The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Dervela Earls

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.....

**“let your
faith
be bigger
than your
fear.”**

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