

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

Third Sunday of Advent - Year A

14th December 2025



Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Good news of God

John the Baptist was a man of passionate commitment to what he believed in. He strongly believed in the coming of the Christ. This man of faith was being tested in that Jesus was a different type of Christ or Messiah from what he expected. He often wondered who the Messiah would be.

John was a man with a lot of conviction and truth. He preached what he believed and practiced what he taught. But he seemed to miss the point sometimes. He seemed to miss that Jesus would be found, not in preaching only but in helping others.

John preached repentance for sin; Jesus preached the coming of the kingdom. The blind would see, and the lame would walk - these were to be signs of the coming of the 'One to come'.

The late Pope Francis says:

'There is no prayer in which Jesus does not inspire us to do something. Our faith in Jesus is seen in strong action. The poor are helped at our pre-Christmas collections.'

We might ask not what we might get for Christmas, but how our Christmas might help others. We might ask that Christmas will be happy for others because of us -

happy in body, with enough food for every family,

happy in mind that we know the truth of God's coming into the world, and happy in forgiveness, as that is one of God's biggest gifts.



*Lord, let me believe that your life is good news and
help me to share this good news in word and deed with all whom I meet
these waiting days*



Sincere sympathies to the families of

Thomas Byrne of Seafield, Wicklow Town

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 13th & 14th December 2025

- 6.00pm** Leo Dover M.M, Paddy O'Brien M.M Valerie Quinn (A), Jack, Nellie, John & James Flynn, Noeleen Nolan, Rosaleen Earls & Evelyn Kelly
Mary & Patrick Hendrick, John, Sheila & Jim Beamish
Edward Byrne, Michael Kenny, James Byrne,
William Lyons, Bill & Lucy Colgan & deceased members of
Colgan Family, Liam Kavanagh,
- 9.00am** Matt, Mary & Michael Hynes & Shane Rabbitt
Maura McCoy
- 10.30am** Bernadette Waldron, Ned, Rose, John & Eddie Hanlon,
Bridie Moody, Margaret Walsh (nee Breen), Tom Maher (A)
- 12.00pm** Pat Kavanagh (A) & Anna & Noel Murphy & their
daughter Carmel Wyatt, Frank Duignan (A)
Joseph (Joe) Parle, Anna-May Phillips, May Kavanagh
Rose Barlow

15th December ~ 19th December 2025

Monday Roisin Donelan R.D

7.00pm No MASS

Tuesday Matthew & Mary Duffy & their Daughter Caroline Hayes
May & Bill Phillips (A)

7.00pm NO MASS

Wednesday Dorothy Salmon R.D

Thursday Cathy Flynn R.D

Friday Maureen Collard R.D

Next Weekend ~ 20th & 21st December 2025

6.00pm Nick & Margaret Healy, Deidre O'Reilly, Dympna, Oisín,
Christy, Grainne & Roisin Cooney, Edward O'Neill (A), Eileen Byrne
(A) Pat Byrne (A), Michael Gleeson (A), James & Jimmy Murphy ,
Des Doyle & his Son Adrian, Frank & Mary Newsome & deceased
members of Newsome & Marah family, Pat O'Rourke B.R

9.00am May Jameson - nee Vickers (A), Michael, Esther, Kate
& Paul Doyle

10.30am Michael & Mary Knowles (A), Liam Heffernan (A)
Evelyn Kelly nee Flynn (A)

12.00pm Betty and Patsy Byrne (A), Michael (Mick) Merrigan (A)
Liam, Tess, Des, Muriel & Matt Whyte, Mike &
Beth Malone (A) Tommy & Margaret Hogan (A),
Special Intention

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

7th December 2025

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1990**
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€1275**
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - St. Vincent De Paul Collection **€6535**

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: Isaiah 7: 10 - 14

PSALM: Ps 23: 1 - 6

SECOND READING: Romans 1: 1-7

GOSPEL: Matthew 1: 18 -24

De La Salle Parish Office

*Will close on Friday 19th December
at 12.30pm and re-opens on
Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 10am.*

*Wishing all our clients
a very happy and
peaceful Christmas
and new year.*



Society of St Vincent de Paul

The Annual Church collection was held last weekend the 6th & 7th of December. The total collected in the Wicklow Church was €6535. A sincere thanks to one and all for your generosity to this collection.



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 **8th January** at 8pm in
the De La Salle Pastoral Centre
NO MEETING IN DECEMBER*

**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.**



#HaveYourSay about your local Catholic school

Participate before 16 December 2025 in the
Department of Education and Youth's
#PrimarySchoolSurvey



www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/



**CATHOLIC EDUCATION
PARTNERSHIP**



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

AN TAIRSEACH

SOLAS

Winter Solstice Ceremony

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 6.30PM TO 9PM

☘

• REST • RESTORE • REPLENISH •
SONG • SOUND HEALING • PRAYER

Homemade organic soup & soda bread on arrival

☘

A cosy evening
of communal
ritual hosted in
our beautiful
chapel

☘



Tickets: €20 Booking Essential
0404 61833 info@antairseach.ie www.antairseach.ie
Accommodation available on request

ADVENT AT AN TAIRSEACH

Lectio Divina with Sr. Pauline - Wednesdays 7.30-9pm
Sacred reading of the Sunday Gospel
November 26th - December 17th

Contemplative Prayer - Thursdays 12-12.30pm
Space to cultivate your contemplative
prayer practice. Try new techniques to
deepen your prayer life.
November 27th - December 18th

**FREE
SERIES**

www.antairseach.ie



Maureen's Unwanted gift sale

**A big thank you to Maureen and her team for the very generous donation to the parish from her recent annual Sale.
A cumulation of months of gathering and storing stock.
Well done to you all.**



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.

WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

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



Wicklow & Rathnew Lotto

Wicklow & Rathnew Parish CHRISTMAS PRIZE SPECTACULAR! 18TH DECEMBER 2025

Support our weekly fundraiser draw this Christmas and you could win BIG!
Enter now for a chance to win.....

€250
MUST WIN
CASH PRIZE

€100
MUST WIN
CASH PRIZE

€50
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PLUS!

You're entered into the national
Christmas Giveaway Competition.
See next page for details.

CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY COMPETITION 18TH DECEMBER 2025

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



TO WIN

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

What is traditionally hung
by the fireplace at
Christmas?

- (a) Hats
- (b) Jumpers
- (c) Stockings

DON'T MISS OUT!

Visit our website to support.

www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/wicklow

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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 11/12/2025

No jackpot won this week

4

10

23

28

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Sinead Lane

Next Week's Jackpot will be: €750

PARISH CONTACTS

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

Parish Office: 0404 61699

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

Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 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.....

**GOD WILL NEVER
LET US DOWN,
BECAUSE HIS
LOVE IS
UNCONDITIONAL.**

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