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WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

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LAURA EGAN

11th January, 2024: €50 raffle winner
 Weekly winning numbers: 15, 22, 24, 26

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

JACKPOT €3,600

Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!
 Join by texting the word **WICKLOW** to 51444
 or go to the website : www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow

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 to Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....



7 STEPS TO HAPPINESS

1. Think less, feel more
2. Frown less, smile more
3. Talk less, listen more
4. Judge less, accept more
5. Watch less, do more
6. Complain less, appreciate more
6. Fear less, Love more

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th January 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year B
Wicklow & Rathnew
 RCN 20016166

GOD KNOWS YOU
 BY NAME.
 GOD LOVES YOU
 BY NAME.
 GOD CALLS YOU
 BY NAME.

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Fr Donal Neary, S.J ~Gospel Reflections for the Year B.

Good things take time

We need time for the best things in life to come to fruition. Love grows in marriage, friendship and family over many years. It has significant moments but often it cannot be rushed. Jesus' disciples were invited to stay with him the rest of that day to get to know him; it would not happen immediately at the river. 'Rest of the day' would mean a very long time.

How well do I know Jesus? How much do I know about him? These are two different types of knowledge, like I can know everything about a person and not know the person.

What do I find out in this reading about Jesus? He is one who does not force himself on people – he asks 'what do you want?' He likes an honest answer. He looks into people and sees more to them, like he did with Peter and gave him a new name. He saw faithfulness in Peter even though others would see weakness.

When we read a gospel story, we can pause here and there and ask, what is new in this story about Jesus? Or what is new about myself? The gospel is always new. It is a treasure chest to bring out new aspects of the truth of Jesus each time we read it.

In prayer he has time for each of us. They stayed with him for a long time and he does not seem to hurry them. The lord is not in a hurry with us in any way except to love us.

*Let the words, 'Come and see'
 echo in your mind and heart today and all this week.
 Lord, thank you for calling me to the Eucharist;
 and for calling me into prayer.*



Sincere sympathies to the families of

*Catherine (Cathy) Cullen late of Blainroe
 Darragh Kavanagh late of Glebemount*



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 13th - 14th January

- 6.00pm** John Porter, Mary & Richard Bell & deceased members of the Porter & Bell families. Nevin & Brigid Thornton, Liam O'Meara, Frank & Sheila Jameson,
- 9.00am** Tom Quinn & deceased members of the Quinn Family
Veronica Smyth
- 10.30am** Peggy Harbourne, Ann Vickers
- 12noon** Mary (May) Rice - 1st Anniversary

15th ~ 19th January

- Monday** Joan O'Reilly, Patrick Sherlock, Mary McPartland
- 7.00pm** Jim Hollingsworth
- Tuesday** Elizabeth Quinn
- 7.00pm** Jimmy Hatton
- Wednesday** Mary Donoghue
- Thursday** Tom Delahunt
- Friday** Kathleen Dunne

Next Weekend ~ 20th - 21st January

- 6.00pm** Bride Coffey, Ena Doyle & her grandson Mark Dunne on his 50th birthday, Kevin Duffy
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Seamus & Bridie Grant,
- 12noon** Damien Doyle, Maria Smullen

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

7th January 2024

- ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €2305
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1150
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration €870

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 : Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm : 24

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to attend an introductory meeting before booking a date for the baptism. At this meeting you will be given all the necessary information about the Sacrament of Baptism and the commitment required of the parents who request it for their child. The next meeting will be on

THURSDAY – 8TH FEBRUARY
AT 8PM IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Aquinas Duffy PP : 0404 67196

Fr Gerard Deegan CC: 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

BBK Website: work
in progress

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

For all enquires and bookings

The Pope's Intention for January

For the gift of Diversity in the Church
We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church



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

ADORATION TEAM

The purpose of the Adoration Team is to make sure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended during exposition. So, for this purpose two team members are rostered to be there each time. If you would like to be part of the team - please leave your contact name and contact details in the office or sacristy and we will be back in touch with you.

parishofficewicklow@gmail.com
Parish Office 0404 61699
Sacristy 0404 69031
Joan McCann 087 2040479

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will continue on **THURSDAYS** in St Patrick's 10.30am to 11.30am Please note the change of day!! We are looking for a few more people to help with the Adoration roster. Please contact any of the above numbers for more information.

Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara, Brittas Bay
Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara (Brittas Bay Mixed N.S.), Brittas Bay is enrolling for Junior Infants from January 10th – January 31st 2024 inclusive.

Enrolment Forms for Admission for September 2024 are available on our website: www.brittasbayns.com.

Application Forms are also available by emailing brittasbaynationalschool@gmail.com or phoning Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara on 0404 47488.

JUST TO CLARIFY

The TAP & GO Machine on the table at the main double doors at the back of the Church, has now been replaced and up and running again. Any donations to this machine goes towards the running costs of the parish and these

DONATIONS REMAIN IN THE PARISH.

The TAP & GO Machines on the stands at Our Lady's Side Door and the Main Door are for Diocesan collections. The donations received on these machines are for both the DIOCESAN COMMON FUND (which goes towards Priests salaries) & also the DIOCESAN SHARE FUND (which helps fund the workings of the diocese and poorer parishes). There is an automatic 60:40 split on these donations.

THIS MONEY DOES NOT STAY IN THE PARISH.

10.30AM WEEKLY FAMILY MASS

Family Mass has resumed at 10.30am on the weekends. We are really hoping that families will volunteer & participate in this Mass. We are looking for families to read, bring up the gifts and of course, to join in the singing and maybe even join the choir. You would be most welcome.

Anyone who is interested, please come along to the practices at 9.45am on the Sunday mornings. Contact Katie on 086 409 4013 for more information.



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!*

Phone 0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Our office is open Mon-Fri
from 10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

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

GROW mental wellbeing programs

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.

WICKLOW & RATHNEW BINGOS



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



WICKLOW SAVINGS CLUB - will re-open on Monday 15th January at 1.30pm until 3pm, in the De La Salle Parish Centre. This is a great way to save a little bit every week for Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join this savings scheme. There is a €10 fee to cover the bank charges on the account.

PARKING

Please park in the Church grounds and the Parish Centre with some consideration and care. Do not block steps, doors or other cars. Do not park in the yellow boxes or on the Double Yellow Lines - and only park in the Disabled spaces if you use a permit. Emergency vehicles should always be able to have full access to the grounds and buildings. Being late is not an excuse for bad or inconsiderate parking.

Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The death of a loved one is very devastating. Most of us are not prepared for the long journey of grief. At first we don't really believe it. Often by the time the reality hits us our friends and relatives think that we are or should be okay and they go back to their busy lives.

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary parish based ministry which aims to help the bereaved and grieving. Although grieving is a natural process which can be helped by the sympathy and understanding of friends there are times when one needs support to work through it in a positive way. Feelings need to be expressed rather than repressed. It helps the healing process to talk with a trained listener and confront the very strong feelings associated with grief.

Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group meet on the last Tuesday of the month in the De La Salle Centre at 8pm and if you are struggling with your grief and think you might like to talk with a trained listener, you are very welcome to attend this meeting. More information from 087 946 8971

This group is also looking for people to join the group as listeners - full training will be given and more information from the above number.

The Lifeboats of Dublin An Illustrated Lecture by **Cormac F. Lowth**



Tuesday, January 23
de la Salle Pastoral Centre
Wicklow @ 8pm

Wicklow Historical Society

THANK YOU
to both our local undertakers.

To Flannery's for sponsoring our fabulous flowers in the Church at Christmas time and also to McCrea's for sponsoring our beautiful Christmas trees. They were a lovely addition to the décor in St Patrick's Church.

Thank you also to the Jameson family for donating the beautiful Christmas tree to St Joseph's Church, to Susan Martin, her son Lesley and Sheila Hennessy for the work they did on the Christmas décor in St Joseph's Church in Rathnew too, it was a marvellous job.

A sincere thank you to one and all.

Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.

Conversational Irish Tuesdays at 10.00 am

Line Dancing Tuesdays 12.00 to 1.00pm

Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00 am

Choir Fridays 3.00pm—4.00pm

Follow us on our facebook page: **Wicklow Active Retirement**

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring Pauline on 087 227 6760

Family History **Workshop**

with Claire Bradley

Wicklow Town Library Thursday, January 25th

7.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Booking Essential

Ph: 0404 67025 or Email:
Wicklowlocalstudies.ie

Genealogy Workshop at Wicklow Town
Library branch with Claire Bradley,
Thursday 25th January @ 7pm

Wicklow Libraries has an array of available subscription sites that can be used, free of charge, to help people with their family history research. However, many people don't know where to start their research. This workshop will give people an idea of the first steps needed to undertake family history research. Demos on how to search sites will be provided including the Census, Irish Genealogy.ie, Findmypast.ie and the British News Archive websites.

Claire Bradley is a professional Irish genealogist. She is passionate about teaching people how to research their own ancestry and regularly lectures both in person and online to family history and historical societies in Ireland, the UK and countries with large Irish diasporas.

This event is free but booking is required. Please contact Wicklow Town Library 0404 67025 or email

Wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie

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