

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166

15th September 2024



Gospel Reflections **Losing and Finding** *Donal Neary SJ*

Giving up is part of life – you give up your time and money for your children and grandchildren. Parents say it was worth it for the joy in their faces. A person goes to work for the poor and gives up a better job. You want to do more study and know you have to leave some leisure aside that you like. In sport we sacrifice a lot to train and to do well. But something else comes through for us when we give up. If it's real and true we get back a lot. It seems strange for Jesus to say – lose your life to save it. He's talking about losing good things, to get better.

This can be a big challenge in a culture today that is very 'me' conscious. We can find that personal concerns take total precedence, without enough care for others. But as long as one person on this globe is hungry or homeless or seeking refuge, the work of Jesus is never done.

Losing life and saving life with Jesus is a call to community, to neighbourhood and the world, to make our part of the world a better place.

My own life may be my main concern, my circle of care may extend just as far as myself, ignoring care in a sustained way for the stranger or the outcast, then I am called to the challenge of the gospel to lose selfishness, and find the generosity given in my heart by God.



Think ahead to today or this week.

Offer love and service to God.

Lord, teach me to be generous in your service

Congratulations

€3,775 JACKPOT WINNER

Marian O Meara

Draw Date – 12th September 2024



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 14th & 15th September 2024

- 6.00pm** Kathleen, David, Patrícia & Esther Cullen, Tom Cullen.
Michael Butler (A.)
- 9.00am** Terence Murphy - Months Mind
- 10.30am** Mary Smullen Byrne (1st A.) Paula Tarrant,
Laurence Dunne
- 12.00pm** Jack Mooney (Birthday Remembrance and in
acknowledgement of Mass Cards and expressions of sympathy)

Please note that Masses in green are in St. Joseph's, Rathnew.

16th - 20th September 2024

- Monday** Carlos Corkish RD
- 7.00pm** Kate Hanrahan (RD)
- Tuesday** John McKiernan (RD)
- 7.00pm** Majella Turner (RD)
- Wednesday** Emmett Ó Cléirigh (RD)
- Thursday** Julie Lynch (RD)
- Friday** Daphne Tynan (RD)

Next Weekend ~ 21st & 22nd September 2024

- 6.00pm** Nora & Tom Cullen, Charlie, Peggy, Kathleen & Mary
Cullen, Ann, Patrick, Cathy, Ann-Marie, Michael & Joseph
Cullen. Roey Bouchier
- 9.00am** Christina Doherty
- 10.30am** Lauren Quinn (1st A.) Tomás Ó Maonaíle (1st A.),
Grainne Byrne William Sinnott, Anne Moran, Philomena
McNamara, Andy Courtenay—Birthday Remembrance
- 12.00pm** Special Intention

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

8th September 2024

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1950
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1355
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration €1110

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 : Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

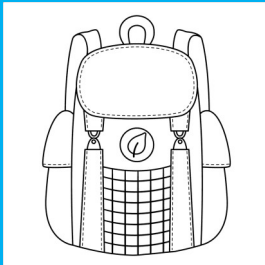
Psalm : 53:3-6,8

Second Reading : James 3:16, 4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37



**The Family Mass is back at 10:30am
with the Children's Choir.
New members are always welcome.**



Bring your Schoolbag to Mass Day!

**The Blessing of the Schoolbags will
take place at the 10:30 Mass on
Sunday, 15th September.**

Upcoming Funeral Team Training

Funeral Team training for existing funeral teams and those parishes within our partnership who wish to establish a Funeral Team will take place on **9th, 16th and 23rd October 2024**. (all three sessions to be attended)

For those who have completed the funeral team training, there will be a further **Funeral Team Leader Training**(assisting and/or conducting a funeral service) on **6th, 13th and 20th** of November 2024.(all three sessions to be attended).The venue and time will be decided once numbers of people registered has been confirmed.

Please contact the parish office to express your interest in attending the training.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



will now take place on
Mondays and Fridays
directly after Mass.



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Rear of Boots Pharmacy,
Abbey Street, Wicklow

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Email info@wicklowcancersupport.ie

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Baptism 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, 10th October.*



The collection for Crosscare will
replace the Share Collection
this weekend 14th & 15th September.

Crosscare exists to support people and families when they face difficult challenges in life and when they find it hard to get the help they need. Crosscare focuses on helping people when they need it most or when they can't find support anywhere else.

Your support to this collection is very much appreciated.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024

We wish all those Parishioners on our Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes a very successful and enjoyable Pilgrimage. As they pray for us while they are away in Lourdes let us also remember them in our prayers this week.

Mass Schedule B and C.

Mass Schedule B in the event of one priest not being available.

Weekend 6/7 July // Weekend 27/28 July // Weekend 31 August/1 Sept //
Weekend 5/6 October

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)

Mass Schedule C in the event of one priest not being available.

Weekend 21/22 July // Weekend 10/11 August // Weekend 14/15 September

Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Barndarrig Vigil Mass	7.30pm	(Saturday)
Rathnew	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Glenealy	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)

UPDATE FROM MEALS ON WHEELS

WCC have assured us that the new kitchen will be fully completed and ready for occupation by the weekend of 14th September which means we will be recommencing delivery of our meals on TUE 17th. September. We are looking forward to seeing you all once again. We apologise for the delay



Guides, Brigini & Cygnets

RESUMING
TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
DE LA SALLE PASTORAL
CENTRE

WOULD YOU LIKE TO
MAKE NEW FRIENDS?
DO YOU ENJOY - ARTS &
CRAFT, GAMES, MUSIC,
COOKERY, CAMPFIRE,
SEASONAL PARTIES,
BADGEWORK, DANCE,
QUIZ'S & MUCH MORE.

TEXT 087 756 2004 FOR
MORE INFORMATION
RE-TIMES & AGE
REQUIREMENTS ETC.



Wicklow Town ICA Guild

Wicklow Town ICA Guild has been operating in the Parish Centre for the past 10 years meeting, on the second Monday of each month, with the customary tea and cake, from September to June. The diverse activities engaged in range from crafts including beading, felting, upcycling fashion and small furniture to making cards and decorations and performing in small drama presentations. Besides meetings the guild also organises a number of days out, theatre trip and get-togethers as well as social and fundraising events. Members participate in Federation evenings and some have also been active on the Wicklow Federation Committee and on the ICA National Executive Board.

Twice yearly weekends in the ICA Educational Centre in An Grianan are an opportunity to meet up with members from other guilds and try out a new skill while being nurtured and entertained in the comfort of this lovely historic building. While there is no pressure on any member to participate in competition some members enjoy taking part in Wicklow Federation and ICA National competitions and have been winners in creative writing, art and crafts, flower arranging, public speaking and photography on a number of occasions.

New members are always welcome to join the guild on 2nd Monday of each month in St Patricks Room in Parish Centre beside St Patricks Church at 7.30 for short meeting, a skill, a game, a getting to know you activity or input from a local group followed by opportunity to chat and sample the supper provided by our hosts for the evening.

Next meeting on Monday 9th September at 7.30

To Contact - Text 086 308 7937 or 086 369 6620

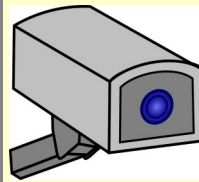
Learning to Live & Love the Sunday Gospels

When? Wednesdays starting 11th September

Where? An Tairseach Ecology Centre

Time? 10:45am-12 noon

Tea & Coffee Served



Don't forget that Masses in Wicklow can be viewed live on the pastoral area website, www.stmantan.ie Mass leaflets are available in all the churches.



To everybody who worked so hard to make the return of Bishop Donal Roche such a special occasion. To all those who donated and who collected money after Mass a couple of weeks ago for the gifts. To our choir who came back a week early for the occasion. To Aidan our sacristan for all the effort he put in on the day - our altar servers, readers & Eucharistic Ministers who we were delighted to have join us on the day from the other churches in the Mantan area.

And of course no parish occasion would be the same without our Parish Hospitality and as usual - the team pulled out all the stops and fed hundreds, a sincere thank you to one and all for all the hard work and lovely treats.

Bishop Donal was presented with a fabulous full Mass kit and a donation and Fr Aquinas was also presented with a belated gift on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of his ordination which was earlier in the Summer. Bishop Donal's two sisters Dymphna & Jean were also surprised with gorgeous flower bouquets.

A final thank you to the Parish Office team for their help and input into the occasion.

St. Mantan Pastoral Area Education Programme

The St. Mantan Pastoral Area offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children attending non-Catholic schools. The programme provides a two-year preparation course for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Classes will begin on Tuesday 17th September. More information is available from the Parish Office or on www.stmantan.ie under the headings General Information – Sacraments – Parish religious education programme.

Registration for the Sacraments

Registration for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for parents of children in Catholic Schools who wish their children to receive those sacraments in the academic year 2024-2025 is now live on the pastoral area website, www.stmantan.ie under General Information – Sacraments.



Have you a little free time to help out in the Parish?

We are putting together a Sacristy Support Team which would involve supporting the sacristans when they have time off. This role would involve occasionally opening and closing the church and the main gates. Preparing for Mass and other services. Full training will be provided.

If you are interested please contact the Sacristan on duty or the Parish Office.



Missionary Sisters of Saint Columban
Celebrating the Journey
1924 – 2024

You are invited to join the Columban Sisters on **Sunday 29th September at 3pm** for their Centenary Celebratory Mass in St. Patricks Church, Wicklow. Refreshments will be served after the mass in the Pastoral Centre situated in the Church grounds.

Many thanks to the sponsor of our newsletter
McCrea's Funeral Home, Dublin Road,
Phone 0404 69000, 24 hours
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WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

***Congratulations
Marían O'Meara***

12 September 2024: Jackpot Winner

Weekly winning numbers: 4, 9, 17, 20

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

Next week's JACKPOT is €1,525

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

A sincere "THANK YOU" to all who support this Lotto!

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish.
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