

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

16th August 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Fighting for her child

She was a woman like many. She would fight for her child, so she took on Jesus, the best known religious figure around. Like someone taking on the minister for health or children over a medical card for a chronically ill child, and not letting them off the hook. Jesus was testing her. He saw faith, but he wanted everyone else to see it. So he told her she didn't fit into the local religious sphere because she was foreigner, like an asylum seeker or a refugee. She knew she fitted into the heart of Jesus simply because she was the mother of a sick child and believed he could help.

Even if he would cure everyone, maybe he would come back to her at the end. Jesus went further - he cured her child and praised her faith.

She is another of the unnamed people of the gospel. Like the woman of Samaria, the rich young man, the thief on Calvary - she is herself, and she is all of us. She is everyone, man and woman, of faith.

Faith in a surprising God who, in Jesus, his Son, never says no to goodness. Faith that keeps us energetic and alive, not tired, in soul as well as body.

Remember your feeling of gratitude for the children of your family.

Lord, I believe. Strengthen my faith.



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Bernie Conway (née Corkish) Greenhill Road,
Wicklow Town, Wicklow,
Josephine (JoJo) Doran Wicklow Town, Wicklow,
Esther Duffy Rathnew, Wicklow,
Thomas Joseph Shields Greenhill Field, Greenhill Road,
Wicklow Town, Wicklow / Cootehill, Cavan*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 15th & 16th August

6.00pm Hannah & John Ferguson (A)

May & Jimmy Kavanagh (A)

9.00am Sarah Farrelly Lilly & Michael O'Brien Richard & Patricia McCarthy, Terence Murphy

10.30am Peg Heffernan M.M, Claire Pippet M.M

P.M Mathew 1st Anniv.

James Breen, Phil Burke B.R

12.00pm Patrick Christopher Murphy

Patricia Murphy (Nee Dunne)

Margaret Millgak (Nee Murphy) Martin Carr (A) ,

Ann & Jim O'Neill & her parents Tommy & Christina

Merrigan, Deborah Hart (A), Billy Winters (A)

Stella Clarke (nee Byrne) 10th Anniv.

17th August ~ 21st August

Monday Maurice Dunne (Remembering him on his 100th Birthday)

7:00pm Parishioners Intentions

Tuesday Special Intention

7.00pm No 7pm Mass

Wednesday Dorothy & Patrick Murphy

Thursday Sister Geraldine Ryan in remb.

Friday Madge Bolger in remb.

Next Weekend ~ 22nd & 23rd August

6.00pm Shirley Byrne 1st Anniv.

Tina Conroy (A), Margaret Healy (A)

9.00am NO MASS

10.30am Raymond Howes, Kathleen & Patrick Cannon

Rose, John & Matthew Ryan, Sister Mary Dominic (A)

Rita Byrne (A)

12.00pm Tom Vickers 1st Anniv.

Sean Griffin & deceased relatives, Joan Delahunt (A) &

relatives, May Mason, Eddie Scallan (A)

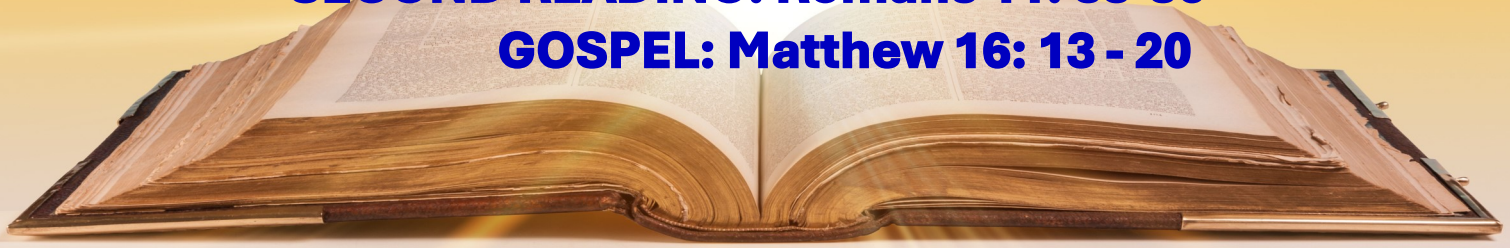
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...

FIRST READING: Isaiah 22: 19 - 23

PSALM: (Ps. 137)

SECOND READING: Romans 11: 33-36

GOSPEL: Matthew 16: 13 - 20



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



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 4 months before the date of the proposed wedding.

BAPTISM

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 10th September at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on Thursday 27th August at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office. Next KBB meeting Wednesday 2nd September at 7:30pm In Barndarrig Church

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

9th August 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
€1880 (98 envelopes received)	€1490	€1135

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*thank
you*

Fr. Liam & Fr. Kevin would like to thank all those involved in the welcome reception that they received last Sunday. Special thank you to the hospitality group and the choirs for providing their services on the day.

Meals On Wheels Collection

The annual Church door collection for the local Wicklow Meals on Wheels takes place on Sat/Sun 15/16th August at all Masses.

We are delivering in excess of 90 meals which consist of a main course and a dessert twice weekly at the moment so your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Please give as generously as you can.

The MOW committee.

Mass Schedule B and C.

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule B: 8th /9th August 2026 & 22nd/23rd August

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)

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Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

**Schedule C: 15/16 August & 29th/30th August**

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| 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)   |



## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes is happening next week - thirty of the parish community are heading off to Lourdes on Monday morning for a five day fully inclusive pilgrimage.

We wish them all a safe journey, a very happy and spiritual pilgrimage and a wonderful few days away together. May they keep all of us parishioners in their prayers and may we keep them in our prayers.

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

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**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**

# *Our Ladys Island*

## PILGRIMAGE 2026



### **ST MANTAN'S PASTORAL AREA**

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are delighted to announce they have organised a Pilgrimage to Our LADY'S ISLAND for Sunday 23rd August.

It has been a while since this Pilgrimage has been done and was previously organised by the late Mary Kavanagh and members of the Pioneer Association, we are very happy to bring it back in honour of Mary and all the past members of the local Pioneer Association.

There is a bus organised and a light lunch (Tea/Coffee, sandwiches & cakes) on the island which costs €25 per person. Lunch will be before the Mass.

Mass begins at 3pm with a Testimony & Songs from Michael Flood, Soprano. There will be some free time to visit the shop and wander around the area before returning home.

**Booking is through the Parish Office only (0404 -61669), and is limited**

#### **BUS PICK / DROP OFF UP POINTS ARE:**

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| ASHFORD | 10.45am |
| RATHNEW | 11.00am |
| WICKLOW | 11.15am |
| BEEHIVE | 11.30am |

**The bus will be leaving Our Lady's Island at 5pm.**





# Bethany

## Bereavement Support

### Wicklow Group

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a confidential listening service for adults who are grieving.

It offers a quiet and supportive space where people can speak about their loss and be listened to with understanding and compassion by trained volunteers.

Meetings are held in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.



### Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 4th August at 10:45 am



Tuesday 25th August at 8:00 pm

You are welcome to attend,  
or to make contact for a chat.



**Tel: 087 0060 700**



## Wicklow Town Memory Cafe

This is a free monthly cafe event bringing together people living with dementia or memory challenges, their carers, family, friends, and healthcare professionals to connect, enjoy time together, and find information and support.

### Upcoming Dates

26<sup>th</sup> June 28<sup>th</sup> August

25<sup>th</sup> September 30<sup>th</sup> October

The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town,  
A67 FX65



Wicklow Town Memory Cafe



memorycafewicklowtown@gmail.  
com



4 WEEK SABBATICAL

Sunday 4. - Friday 30. October

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# AN TAIRSEACH

KILMANTIN HILL, WICKLOW TOWN  
0404 61833 [www.antairseach.ie](http://www.antairseach.ie)

FREE DAY EVENT

10am - 2pm  
Saturday 12. September

## Conversation Café

Discussion • Organic Lunch • Farm Tour  
• Community • Values • Solidarity •

Regenerative Food Systems, Food Poverty  
Locally & Globally, Health & Wellbeing,  
Organic Farming, Biodiversity and more...

Booking essential [info@antairseach.ie](mailto:info@antairseach.ie) 0404 61833



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Public Participation  
Network Wicklow

CONCERN  
worldwide

An Tairseach Organic Farm & Ecology Centre, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow Town, A67 YX26



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Phone 0404 69000, 24 hours  
www.mccrea.ie - info@niallmccrea.com

**Parish Lotto Results for 06/08/2026**

**No jackpot won this week**



**The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:**

**Lynda Quinn**

**Next Week's Jackpot will be:**

**€3,100**

**Please encourage friends and family to support this Parish Fundraiser from as little as €2 per line or €5 for three lines.**

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.....

If God had a flower for each moment He thought of you, the whole universe would be a garden.

Matskhana Dhlwayo



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