

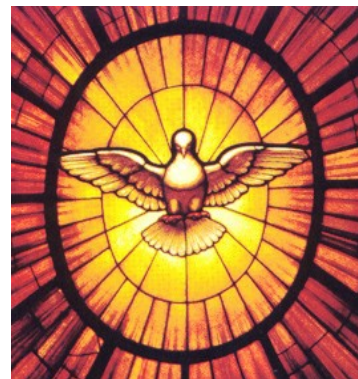
PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

16th November 2025



Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ The Feet of the Sun

The imagery of the readings today is frightening and cannot be easily understood. Maybe one aspect is of the contrasts we live with terror and violence among ourselves and the Earth, and also the healing and gentle power of God. *The sun of justice will shine with healing in its rays*. When we see the terrors of the globe, it is a sign that God's power is also in our midst: *'Do not be frightened'*, we are told.

If you look at the sun in the evening, you often see the rays of light hitting the Earth. In Irish they are called '*cosa na greinne*' or '*the feet of the sun*'. We can think of them as God's feet walking along our scorched and wounded earth: through the poverty and the illness of his world, through fields full of landmines and unexploded bombs, the rays of light take their pilgrimage from heaven through our world, which needs the light of God so badly.

Even in persecution the presence of God is near. Even in betrayal and in the conflicts that arise over the word of God and how to live the gospel, God is near. He never abandons his people. We can almost sum up the message of the prophets as '*God does not abandon us*'.

In years when the Church throughout the world was stripped of almost all except its relationship with Jesus, we know that despite the faults, sins and weaknesses and the huge need for renewal, God is near in the word of Jesus Christ. It is in listening to his word and interpreting it together for today that we will find our true way forward as his community.



*Lord Jesus, may your kingdom come
and your will be done on earth as in heaven.*

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Aquinas Duffy : 0404 67196 // Fr Gerard Deegan : 0404 671

Parish Office: 0404 61699

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

Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 15th & 16th November 2025

6.00pm George & Kieran Nichols (A)

Dorothy Dickenson & Tony O'Brien (A),
Emily & Sam Doyle Nicholas, Paul, James & John Doyle,
Serena Dunne, Angela Doyle. John Gannon
Teddy Dunne.

9.00am Kathleen Caffrey, William, Ann & Peggy Ronan

10.30am Pat Marah (A), Sean McSherry (A), Peter Moloney (A)

12.00pm Eoghan Whelan M.M

Michael (Mick) Vickers & son Martin (A)
Raymond & Marjorie Maguire,
Helen Gorman (A),
Donal Henderson B.R

17th November ~ 21st November 2025

Monday Mark Conlon R.D

7.00pm Fiona Lyons R.D

Tuesday Deceased members of Active Retirement Association

7.00pm Celia and Shay Doyle (A)

Seamus, Kathleen & Eleanor Caulfield

Wednesday Kevin Doran R.D

Thursday Special Intention

Friday Joyce O'Connor R.D

7:30pm Bereavement Mass

Next Weekend ~ 22nd & 23rd November 2025

6.00pm Jack Mooney (A)

Carmel Lawlor (A)

Sinead & Tom Cahill (A)

9.00am

10.30am

12.00pm Mick Lambert M.M,

Pauline Garvey (A)

Paddy Duffy

Margaret Mcgrath (A)

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

9th November 2025

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1885**
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€1570**
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€1208**

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: Samuel 5:1-3

PSALM: Ps 121: 1-5

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:12 - 20

GOSPEL: Luke 23, 35 - 43



The Annual Masses for Deceased from the Parish of Wicklow and Rathnew will take place this year in:

St. Joseph's, Rathnew on Friday, 7th November 2025 at 7.00 PM

and

St. Patrick's, Wicklow on Friday, 21st November 2025 at 7:30PM

All families, who have lost a loved one, buried from our church, in the last year, will receive a letter. If anyone would like to include a relative, friend, or someone with strong association with the parish, who died in the last twelve months please contact the Parish Office in Wicklow 0404-61699 or email parishofficewicklow@gmail.com as soon as possible.

All are welcome to attend.



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 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.



THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER BAPTISM MEETING

RATHNEW SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Rathnew Senior Citizens Christmas party taking place on Saturday the 6th of December in the Rathnew Community Centre at 2:30pm – 6pm. If you like to attend you must contact Elaine Doyle 086 078 3024 or Doreen McGettigan 087 781 4472 to Confirm a place.

Can you spare a couple of hours to help on Wicklow Hospice stalls in Bridgewater Shopping Centre or Kilquade Arboretum on dates from 21st November through December?

Volunteers Needed!

Contact
Allison on
087 4146363



Arklow & Kilquade

Mustard and Fig, a coffee cart run by Robert and Gosia Freese from Glenealy, are serving free coffee, hot chocolate and treats on Sunday November 17th, in support of Radio Maria Ireland. The cart will be parked outside Saint Patrick's church after the 10:30 and 12:00 mass. You are very welcome and 100% of donations received will go directly to Radio Maria.



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

*Wicklow Historical Society
presents*

Wicklow's Railway Curiosities
by
Ben Fagan
in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre
on
Tuesday, 25 November
at 8pm

We look forward to seeing you there

**AN TAIRSEACH
ECOLOGY
CENTRE**



**FREE
10-WEEK
ADVENT
PROGRAMME**

Book Club & Contemplative Prayer
November 20th - January 29th
Thursdays 11am - 12.30pm

Lectio Divina
November 26th - December 17th
Wednesdays 7.30pm - 8.30pm

www.antairseach.ie

ADVENT PROGRAMME

Book Club
Reading weekly chapters of
'The Wisdom Jesus' by Cynthia
Bourgeault. Facilitated to
encourage the art of robust
dialogue

Contemplative Prayer
Space to cultivate your
contemplative prayer practice.
Try new techniques to deepen
your prayer life.



November 19th - January 29th
Thursdays 11am - 12.30pm

Lectio Divina
Sacred reading of the
Sunday Gospel

**November 26th -
December 17th**
Wednesdays
7.30pm - 8.40pm



**Just arrive at the Ecology Centre or
call us on 0404 61833 with questions**

Nov 20

THIS WEEK

Thursday

LIONS QUIZ NIGHT

starts 8pm sharp



The High Court (Ernies)
SUPPORTING
RNLI + Ed.Together S.School



WICKLOW COMMUNITY CRAFTERS

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

FREE ADMISSION

RESIN CRAFTS, CANDLES, CROCHET,
 SENSORY TOYS, WOODWORK,
 UP CYCLED CREATIONS, KNITWEAR,
 NOVELTY GLASSWARE,
 JEWELLERY, GIFTS
 AND MUCH MUCH MORE

10 am to 2pm
Sunday 30th of November

**THE PASTORAL CENTRE
 DE LA SALLE WICKLOW
 (OPP ST PATRICKS CHURCH)**




Rathnew Women's Social Enterprise

CRAFT Fair



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23RD
11 am - 3 pm
St. Brigid's Hall, Rathnew A67 X583

Hand crafted gifts, Candles,
 Sensory toys,
 Up cycled creations, Crochet,
 Knitwear, Cosy quilts
 Baked goods, sweet treats & 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."



WMDS
 WICKLOW MUSICAL & DRAMATIC SOCIETY

SNOW WHITE

Into The Dark Woods

DATES – DECEMBER 5TH-7TH
EVENING SHOWS 5TH & 6TH 7-9PM
MATINEES 6TH 2-4PM & 7TH 3-5PM
**VENUE FATIMA HALL,
 DOMINICAN COLLEGE**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
 WWW.GR8TEVENTS.IE**



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 13/11/2025

No jackpot won this week

1

10

15

19

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Paula Conway

Next Week's Jackpot will be: €525

Christmas Novena mass cards now available in the parish shop

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.....

