

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

Ascension Sunday Year A

17th May 2026



### Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

#### Fully Alive

I asked a woman once if Johnny was in the house. She pointed at a chair and said, '*If he was here he would be there.*' He never moved far! **J**esus - he is here and there. The risen lord has moved on, but he has not fully left us. His **S**pirit dwells in us.

The one who came to earth has now gone back to heaven, bringing with him all that is human. His body - the man of heaven and the God of earth - is now the church, and that's us.

Before we are of any denomination or group, we are **C**hrist's. We are baptised into the church of **C**hrist; and yes, we live out our faith in different denominations. Today is the feast of the whole church - we begin in him and end in him, like the **A**lpha and **O**mega, the beginning and the end, on the paschal candle. Our faith is also renewed through living with **J**esus - we are partners in our mission. Our faith is also renewed in reading and praying the gospel each day.

On earth we are his body, with all our strengths and weaknesses, goodness and sin. Icons have **J**esus smiling as he reaches heaven, smiling on us and living through us. We prepare for the way he is with us now next Sunday - in the Spirit. Where the qualities of the Spirit are alive, he is alive and well among us.

*A breathing prayer - as you breathe in notice you are breathing in the gift of life from God.*

*Holy Spirit, living in the church, living in Mary, draw me more fully into your life.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of  
Phyllis Butler née Shanahan of Wicklow Town and  
formerly Castleisland Co Kerry  
Esther Kinsella Gorey, Wexford / Rathnew, Wicklow*

# Mass Intention List

## This Weekend ~ 16th & 17th May

**6.00pm** Jim Crofton M.M

Willie Earls & his grandson Adrian Doyle  
Coley Murley (A) & his parents Jim & Angela  
Cora Crennan (A)  
Cathy & Ann-marie Cullen B.R

**9.00am** Mary Malone R.D

**10.30am** Jim Crofton M.M

**12.00pm** John Doyle 1st Anni.

Noeleen Shortall  
Winifred Lambert

Mary & Willie O'Neill (A) & Deceased members of the  
O'Brien Family, Tom Merrigan (A)  
Ann Marah B.R

## 18th May ~ 22nd May

**Monday** David Harrison B.R son of Dolores Mclean

**7:00pm** Special Intention

**Tuesday** Patrick Davis & deceased members of Davis &  
Fitzpatrick families

**7.00pm** Mary O'Flaherty

**Wednesday** Special Intention

**Thursday** Easter Novena 7

**Friday** Breda Delaney M.M

## Next Weekend ~ 23rd & 24th May

**6.00pm** Tommy O'Sullivan (A) John Hogan (A)

Margaret Burke (A), Phyllis Milmow (A),  
Mark Reilly (A), Donal, Gráinne & Gina McCormack  
Tom Redmond R.D

**9.00am** Art Dickenson (A)

**10.30am** Charlie Howes (A), Gerard Byrne (A)

Ger, Maggie, Josie & Joe Vickers

**12.00pm** Ronan Griffey M.M, Fr. Sean Buckley

Margaret & Denis Buckley, Kathleen Michaels

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

**FIRST READING: Acts 2: 1 - 11**

**PSALM: Psalm Ps. 103**

**SECOND READING: Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13**

**GOSPEL: John 20: 19 - 23**



### 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



## 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
BBK	Second Saturday	2.00pm

*Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday **11th June** at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on Thursday **28th May** at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office.*

### 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.

# WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

## 10th May 2026

Here is where your donations go to.

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

<b>PARISH ENVELOPE &amp; STANDING ORDER / DONATIONS</b>	<b>1ST COLLECTION COMMON FUND &amp; DUES ENVELOPES</b>	<b>2ND COLLECTION SHARE</b>
<p>The Envelope/Standing Orders are what funds the Parish. This money stays locally and is vital to sustain our Parish.</p> <p>The money from these envelopes and Standing Orders maintain the Churches, Parish Centre, Houses, general maintenance and administration expenses.</p>	<p>The Common Fund account is funded by all the loose notes &amp; coins in the First Collection</p> <p>It is used to provide suitable and equitable remuneration and support for all priests serving in the diocese, including active, sick, and retired clergy.</p>	<p>The Share account is funded by all loose notes &amp; coins in the Second collection.</p> <p>It is primarily used to finance central support services for all parishes, and to provide financial assistance to low-income parishes.</p>
<p>The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account</p>
<p><b>€1745</b> ( 96 envelopes received)</p>	<p><b>€1375</b></p>	<p><b>€1021</b></p>



**The Rosary will be said each evening at the Grotto in Rathnew every evening for the month of May at 7.30pm - weather permitting. We look forward to seeing you there.**



## Parish Pilgrimage Lourdes Trip

From the 17<sup>th</sup> August for 4 nights in the hotel La Solitude. €945.00 per person sharing. A single room supplement €49.00 per night. Travel insurance €55 per person up to 79 years. €75 per person from 80 years up. Deposit of €350.00 per person, with the balance due 12 weeks before departure.

## THE PARISH GARDENING TEAM

A huge THANK YOU to the parish gardening team who look after the parish flower beds around St Patrick's Church. The flower beds are looking fantastic at the moment!

But like most things, this doesn't just happen, it takes time, patience, planning and commitment. This team is a very practical and valuable group working continuously to enhance the look of the Church grounds for both our parish and people visiting the town.

If you think that this is a ministry that you might like to help out with, please get in touch with the Parish Office – 0404 61699, and we would be happy to put you in contact with this team.

### Trocaire boxes

Please return Trocaire boxes to the parish office as soon as possible.

Next Sunday's 10.30am mass will include First Holy communion for The De La Salle group & the Montessori School. Several rows of seats will be reserved for these families.

RETREAT



Friday 12. June

# The Wisdom of Flowers: Summer Day Retreat

with Brid Kennedy

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BOOKING ESSENTIAL

KILMANTIN HILL, WICKLOW TOWN

0404 61833 [www.antairsteach.ie](http://www.antairsteach.ie)

2 DAY RETREAT

Fri 22. - Sat 23. May

# The Gardened Soul: Feasting & Fasting

with Rev. David White



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RATHNEW WOMEN'S SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

**Craft fair**

11 AM - 3 PM

SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE

HAND CRAFTED GIFTS, COSY QUILTS, KNITWEAR, CROCHET, SENSORY TOYS, UP CYCLED CREATIONS, BAKED GOODS & REFRESHMENTS

ST. BRIGID'S HALL  
RATHNEW  
A67 X583

The Heart of Rathnew  
Rathnew Women's Social Enterprise  
Cool Ballis New

RATHNEW CRAFT FAIR MARKET

Sláinte na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland

ES-IR/2021/040 as an  
Erasmus+ project  
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Community Development  
Centre Wicklow Partnership

LCDC  
Local Community Development Centre

"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."

WORKSHOP

Monday, 18. May

10 AM - 1 PM

# Natural Dyeing & Stamping

with Moira Byrne & Lorna Lafferty

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Are you interested in local history?  
Would you like to be more involved  
in the local historical society?

Join us for ...

## Wicklow Historical Society

### AGM

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm  
De La Salle Pastoral Centre

All welcome

A vibrant graphic for a bingo event. It features several colorful bingo cards (blue, green, pink, orange) fanned out against a background of radiating blue and yellow lines. The word "Bingo!" is written in a large, bubbly, yellow font with a blue outline. Below the cards, the text "ON MONDAYS in the DE LA SALLE CENTRE & WEDNESDAY EVENINGS in ST BRIDGETS HALL - BOTH AT 8PM. STRICTLY OVER 18s." is written in red and black.

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**Bethany**  
Bereavement Support

#### Wicklow Group

We are delighted that **three new members** of the Bethany Wicklow Group will be commissioned at Mass this weekend for their ministry of bereavement support and listening.

**Carmel Meade, Mary O’Riordan  
and Roisin Vickers.**

We thank them for their generosity, compassion and commitment to supporting those who are grieving in our community.

Please keep them, and all involved in bereavement ministry, in your prayers.



**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 26th May at 8:00 pm



Tuesday 2nd June at 10:45 am

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



Tel: 086 835 9148

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 07/05/2026

# No jackpot won this week



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

● **Marian O Meara**

● **Next Week's Jackpot will be:**

● **€2,275**

# BRAHMS

A German  
*Requiem*

*With*

WICKLOW CHORAL SOCIETY & full orchestra

JAMES BINGHAM, director

OWEN GILHOOLY-MILES, baritone

AOIFE O'CONNELL, soprano

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026, 8PM

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, WICKLOW TOWN

TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT

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# CHAIR YOGA

## WICKLOW LIBRARY



Classes

Wednesday 6th May 10:15 - 11:15

Wednesday 13th May 10:15 - 11:15

Wednesday 20th May 10:15 - 11:15

Wednesday 27th May 10:15 - 11:15

To sign up for all 4 classes,  
please register at the desk or  
phone 0404 67025.



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