

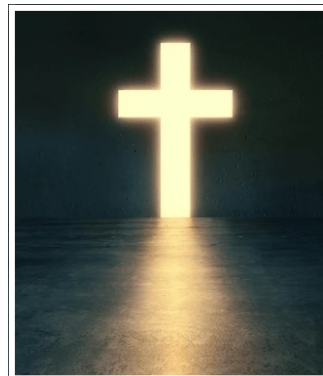
PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

17th August 2025



Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Disturbing love and the warmth of love

Fire is frightening; it can burn up a city. Controlled it is warming: in control in a grate; and it also warms the heart, when we sit back, watch the flames and chat, think or pray. Jesus came to bring fire on the earth. His is the warmth of love and companionship: when we know we can go to him just as we are, and enjoy the intimacy of his friendship - the friend who is always offering the gift of his heart to each of us.

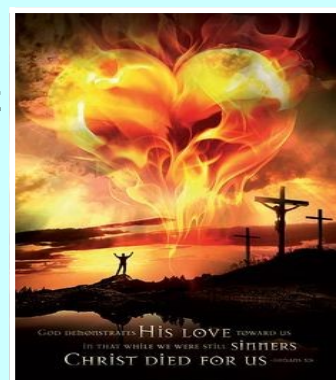
The warmth of Jesus brings comfort and hope to the world when we live in isolation from each other, lack of friendship and hope. When we lack the reconciliation and justice that makes life possible among us, then the warmth of God's love for all can inflame our coldness.

There is also the fire that disturbs; love challenges as well as comforts. The flame of God can be frightening in that it demands a world of justice, peace and reconciliation. The fire of this love is the fire that also warms and comforts.

The flame of God is the Holy Spirit. Jesus comes to bring all sorts of fire to the world, and to send the Spirit of comfort, justice, reconciliation and hope. The message of Jesus may divide us, and if it does, the love of Jesus can unite us, for love is the most powerful gift of Jesus.

A saying has it — he has come to afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted.

*Holy Spirit, flame of God, hover over each of us
as you did for the followers of Jesus
at the first Pentecost.*



PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Aquinas Duffy : 0404 67196 // Fr Gerard Deegan : 0404 67133

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 ~ 16th & 17th August 2025

6.00pm *John & Hannah Ferguson (A) William Sweeney (A)*
*In grateful appreciation to all those who sent cards,
messages & thoughts on the recent death of Stephen Keeley*

9.00am *Terry Murphy - 1st Anniversary*

10.30am *Laura Burke - 1st Anniversary*

12.00pm *May Mason (A), Martin Carr (A)*
Gerard Cullen RD who died in Rathdrum

18th ~ 22nd August 2025

Monday *Special Intention*

7.00pm *Special Intention*

Tuesday *Patrick and Dorothy Murphy (A)*

7.00pm *Catherine Vickers RD*

Wednesday *Victoria Leonard RD*

Thursday ***NO MASS ~ PRAYER SERVICE***

Friday *Jim O'Rourke RD*

Next Weekend ~ 23rd & 24th August 2025

6.00pm *Brían Carthy— Months Mind*
Margaret Healy, Tina Conroy (A)

9.00am

10.30am *Raymond Howes (A), Rita Byrne (A)*

12.00pm *Ken McLean (A) Eddie Scallan (A)*

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
10th August 2025**

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1845
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1100
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration €920

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: Isaiah 66:18-21

PSALM: 116

SECOND READING: 12:5-7,11-13

GOSPEL: luke 13,22-30

PLEASE

Do not park in the 'Disabled Parking Bays' unless you have a badge permitting this.

We do have Parishioners who need these spaces and unfortunately it makes it difficult for them to attend the Mass/Service when these spaces are not available.

Unfortunately, these parking spaces are regularly used by inconsiderate people with no badges, which is very unfair to those who genuinely need them.

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.

DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE



SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Going on holidays? Fruit and Vegetables left over? Excess garden vegetables? The new Cooler in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre is able to take Vegetables (potatoes, carrots, turnips, etc) and Fruits (apples, oranges, rhubarb, grapes) for someone else to take. It's a cooler, not a fridge or a freezer so no meat or fish. Also in the centre is an area for people to leave clean clothes and toys suitable for young children. Just out of the picture is a stand for books that have been donated. The books are for all ages.

PARISH FUNERAL TEAMS

The diocesan wide Building Hope co-responsibility with priests and mission of the church.

Programme emphasizes laity working together to serve the

Every parish in the diocese is required to have a fully trained funeral team.

Our Funeral team provides a Ministry of Consultation, Care & Compassion.

They are fully trained volunteers, who give of their time and resources freely. They represent our parish to provide a seamless, discrete, practical support at this most difficult time.

Our Funeral Team provides assistance to the priest as they accompany the grieving family through the journey that is the funeral rite

This assistance includes; providing help with the preparation of the liturgy, prayers in the home or funeral home, in the church on the day of the funeral and in the graveyard praying the prayers of committal.



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 September, 2025,
at 8pm in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre

Are you stressed, depressed or
just in need of some real self-
care?



Join **Rozel** for gentle Yoga and Meditation
sessions in:

De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow.
Fridays at 10.00am.

With an emphasis on breath work and
deep relaxation, these sessions will help
you to relax, renew and cope with life in
the present moment. The sessions are
subsidised by Social Prescribing in
County Wicklow Partnership

Tel: 087 2485905 for more information



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.



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



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 -
All our services are free of charge*

0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Email info@wicklowcancersupport.ie

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.

Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.

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

RANGERS *GUIDES*BRIGINI* CYGNETS

**65TH
ANNIVERSARY**

**BUIÓN MUIRE
LOURDES UNIT**

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Celebrated by Bishop Donal Roche

**MASS
AT**

2:30PM

**ALL
WELCOME**

20TH SEPTEMBER

REFRESHMENTS

*in the De La Salle Parish Centre
afterwards*

**We need PICTURES of PAST and PRESENT groups,
and especially past CAPTAINS, sent to our Facebook page**



**Still taking names and numbers
- more information from phone
number on bottom of page.**

**** DIY SOS Wicklow Town ****

Trades Day: Thursday 14th August

Location: St. Patricks GAA club, Dunbur Road,
Wickow Town (A67 N822)

To join the build, you need to attend Trades Day & meet the build team.

11:30am - Groundworkers, blocklayers, landscapers, gardeners, pavers, plant
hire, machine drivers, labourers

12:30pm - Plumbers, electricians, tilers, plasterers, slabbers, caterers

2:30pm - Carpenters, joiners, interiors suppliers, decorators, painters

Anyone outside of the above categories who'd like to help can arrive between
11:30am and 3:30pm to talk to the build, design and production teams.

Note: The dates for this build are 2nd - 11th of September

Any questions, please contact diysoswicklow@indiepics.ie or text
083 126 3130

JubileeCamino

Men's Hike - Carlingford to Newry

Saturday September 13th



Mass. Adoration. Fraternity.

Cost: €70 (Lunch, Dinner, Bus)
Strictly an over 18yrs, Catholic male event.

Contact op.evangelisation@gmail.com for further details

Organised by Dominicans and Friends www.dominicans.ie



You're not alone

Drink problem? We get it...



AA Open Meeting
Last Friday of Every Month
20:30-21:30
Kilcoodle Community Centre
A63 X862
All Welcome!
www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie
01 842 0700

Alcoholics Anonymous

- > www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie
- > 01 842 0700 (ROI) / 028 90 351 222 (NI)
- > gso@alcoholicsanonymous.ie



All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence

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 14/ 08 / 2025

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK

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28

30

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Marie Dunne

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,675

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.....

