

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B

**Wicklow & Rathnew**

**RCN 20016166**

**17th November 2024**



## *Gospel Reflections Reminder from the Tree Donal Neary SJ*

The tree was a big image for Jesus – he spoke many truths of his message pointing at trees,

~like mustard seeds which grew big,

~ vines that withered,

~ and the fig tree which was common to his hearers.

When asked about the signs of things to come, he gave no long homily, but just looked at the fig tree and said you know from this when summer and winter is coming. In the same way we can sense his presence in our lives in different ways. This may not help us to know about the end of time and the questions people had then, but it can get us to become aware of how God is present in our lives.

The word of God is spoken in the human words of many people. In kindly words, in forgiving and tolerant words, and also in the word of God spoken in the Mass, Jesus speaks to us today. Like the people looking at a fig tree, we can find his presence in the kindness and the helpful words of another. This is the word of God in human form. It will not pass away.

We are called to speak his word in our way of life:

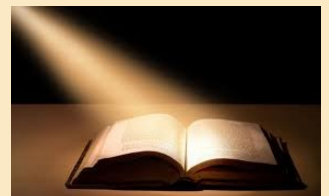
\*to be friends of the earth,

\*friends of all people, and

\*friends of the poor. That's redemption, Jesus and ourselves working in unison.

God's book of compassion and love includes our names.

We can be thankful our names are in the book of life.



*Imagine a blank page of the Book of Life:*

*see your name on the page, and a list of the good you have done.*

*Lord bring more good out of what I have tried to do in my life out of love.*

## PARISH CONTACTS

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**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**

# Mass Intention List

## *This Weekend ~ 16th & 17th November 2024*

- 6.00pm** Anthony Walker (MM), Ben & Joan Kavanagh, Eddie & Kate Kavanagh, Ann & Jim O'Neill, John O'Brien, Pat Marah (A), James (Jim) Duffy, Patrick, Liz & Paddy O'Brien
- 9.00am** *Walter Pallas (RD)*
- 10.30am** Seán McSherry (A), John Mitchell (A)
- 12.00pm** Therese Haughton (MM), Colm Ffrench (MM), Mick & Martin Vickers (A), Christine Dianne Fowler (A), Tom Reynolds (Birthday Remembrance)  
Raymond & Marjorie Maguire, Claire Maher (A)

## *18th ~ 22nd November 2024*

- Monday** Joe Doyle (RD)
- 7.00pm** *Pat Walsh (RD)*
- Tuesday** James Whelan (A), Mass for Deceased Members of Wicklow Active Retirement
- 7.00pm** *Celia Doyle & Shay Doyle (Anniversaries)*
- Wednesday** Michael Casey (RD)
- Thursday** Anthony Shine (RD)
- Friday** Billy Kane (RD)

## *Next Weekend ~ 23rd & 24th November 2024*

- 6.00pm** Jack Mooney (1st A), Patrick & Elizabeth O'Brien (A), Ben & Maureen Mahon, Kathleen Reburn (A)
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Jack, Nellie, John & James Flynn, Rosaleen Earls & Evelyn Kelly
- 12.00pm** Breda Heraty (MM), Peggy O'Sullivan (MM), Philip O'Sullivan (A), Peter Moloney (A) also Maeve & Vivien, Sean Flood (A), Margaret McGrath (A).

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

10th November 2024

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1830  
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1140  
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration €1120

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

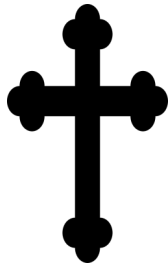
To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

**FIRST READING: Daniel 7:13-14**

**PSALM: 92:1-2,5**

**SECOND READING: Apocalypse 1:5-8**

**GOSPEL : John 18:33-37**



*The Annual Masses for Deceased in Wicklow will take place this year in:*

*St. Patrick's, Wicklow on Friday, 22nd November 2024 at 7:30PM*

*All families, who have lost a loved one in the last year, will have received a letter. If anyone would like to attend to remember a relative, friend or someone with strong association with parish, who died in the last twelve months please contact the Parish Office in Wicklow 0404-61699 or email [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com) before Wednesday.*

*All are welcome to attend.*

## IMPORTANT NOTE

It has come to our attention that there is an organised begging group outside the Church doors before some of the Masses. We would ask parishioners not to give anyone from this group money. All genuine collections will be announced in the Church or in the Newsletter.

If you ever feel under pressure from anyone either inside or outside the Church to give them money please let us know as soon as possible.

It is very important to us that all parishioners feel safe and comfortable in the Church and in the Church grounds.



## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Ashford: 1st Friday after Mass

Wicklow: Mondays and Thursdays after Mass

Kilbride: 1st Thursday at 9am (Divine Mercy)

Brittas Bay: Tuesdays at 9am



### 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

*Please note : The next meeting will be on  
Thursday, 12th December,  
At 8pm in the de la Salle Pastoral Centre*



### Altar List of the Dead

November Altar List of the Dead envelopes are available now at all Church doors.

Please take one home and take one for anyone you think would like one.



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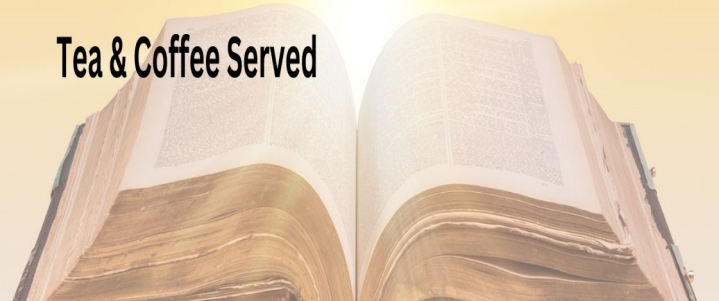
Learning to Live & Love the Sunday Gospels

When? Wednesdays starting 11th September

Where? An Tairseach Ecology Centre

Time? 10:45am-12 noon

Tea & Coffee Served



## Christmas Care for Ukrainian Orphans:

### BRING JOY AFTER LOSS ...

Hello everyone I am reaching out to you for help, specifically with «Bring Joy after Loss.» This concerns children who, as a result of the full-scale war that has been ongoing for almost three years in Ukraine, have lost their parents, childhood, sense of safety, and joy. Due to the ongoing war, 13,000 children have lost parental care, with 1,759 of these children officially recognized as orphans in Ukraine. Since the onset of the war, I have been dedicated to supporting orphans in Ukraine. In the early weeks of the conflict, with the support of my family and the generous contributions of kind-hearted individuals, I raised €40,000. These funds were used to renovate the basement of a Ukrainian orphanage providing a safer space for the children. Two years ago, thanks to the incredible generosity of the residents of Wicklow Town and your parish in particular, I was able to raise around €8,000. This allowed us to purchase 1,000 new toys, bringing moments of joy to 1,000 Ukrainian children living in shelters and orphanages across the country. As a mother of three, I understand just how special Christmas is for children. And for us, as adults, it's important to make this time magical for them no matter what! It's incredibly difficult for me to accept that while my children may have more than they need, there are others who won't even receive a hug on Christmas morning, let alone a gift. That's why I believe in your understanding, compassion, love, and kindness—your ability to help me make a difference and bring joy after loss. «There is no such thing as someone else's child. All donations received will be directed toward purchasing Christmas toys for Ukrainian children who have lost their parents due to the war. Many thanks from the bottom of my heart. Tanya.

Church door collection this weekend in Wicklow  
16th & 17th November

### **Senior Citizens Christmas Party Rathnew**

**Saturday 7th December  
3-6pm  
St Brigid's Hall**

**Join us for catch up, food, dance,  
raffles, singing  
ALL FREE**

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

**To book, ring:**

**Doreen - 0877814472**

**Elaine - 0860783024**



**ON MONDAYS in the  
DE LA SALLE CENTRE &  
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS  
in ST BRIDGETS HALL -**



Christmas O Holy Night **LIVE**

# The Three Tenors **LIVE**

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*Conor Gibbons/ Philip Klubicka/ Paul Feery*

**FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 8 PM**

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, WICKLOW TOWN**

**Popular Favourites**

**from The Dubliners to Andrea Bocelli**

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW ON SALE €30**

**Earl's Newsagents Abbey St.**

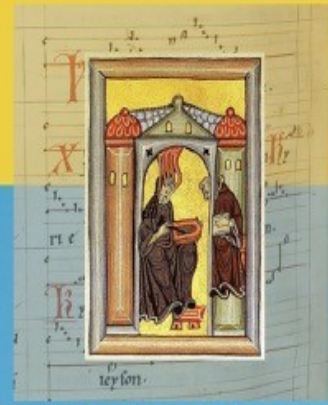
**Hear the Hits: Caledonia/ Christmas 1915  
Silent Night/ The Prayer/ Bring Him Home/  
The Parting Glass/ Nessun Dorma**

The Sunday Independent called them 'FABULOUS...  
The entire audience was moved by their soulful performance'  
All The Songs You Love! Absolute Joy!

[www.threetenorsireland.com](http://www.threetenorsireland.com)

**Special Guests: Local Children's School Choir**

SINGING HILDEGARD



Learn & sing a chant by Hildegard Von Bingen

## Medieval Chant Weekend Workshop

with  
**Eilish Butler**

7-8 December 2024

An Tairseach  
Wicklow, Ireland

cost: €250  
+onsite accommodation

For more info:  
[uncoveryourvoice@gmail.com](mailto:uncoveryourvoice@gmail.com)

## Christmas Market

St Brigid's Hall, Rathnew A67X583

FRIDAYS

**22nd NOVEMBER & 13th DECEMBER**  
5.30-8.30PM

**SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 12-4PM**

INCLUDING PERFORMANCE BY  
**FYI DANCE ACADEMY CREW**  
& more surprises

**ARTS, CRAFTS,  
KNITS, GIFTS,  
TOYS & CAKES**



## Christmas Market

Friday 22nd November

5.30pm—8.30pm

**You are all invited to come and  
support our women from across many  
districts of County Wicklow.**

**We come together as a community  
each week and meet in St. Brigid's  
Hall in Rathnew for skill sharing,  
craft and a chat.**



## Unwanted Gift Sale

in aid of  
St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow  
and  
Wicklow Cancer Support



Date: 17th November, 2024

Time: 10am to 3pm

Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre  
Wicklow Town



### Special Room

Full of Bags,  
Purses, Hats, Scarfs



Pick up a Great Christmas Present and support  
Wicklow Parish Church and Wicklow Cancer Support Services

There will also be a  
cake sale  
and coffee morning  
on the day so come  
along and support a  
great cause.

## During the month of October 2024

the Tap & Go machines in  
Wicklow Parish collected  
€1,255.50 from 155  
transactions.

This is split 60% to the  
Common Fund and 40% to  
Share.

The Share collection over  
the weekend of 19th and  
20th October was for the  
Mission Sunday collection  
and €174.02 from the above  
went there.



**Wicklow  
Lions  
QUIZ  
NIGHT**  
Thurs Nov 21  
**Fitzpatrick's Wicklow**  
supporting  
**Blue Dolphin's + St Patricks NS**

## The Boathouse Set Dancers Christmas Party on

Sunday, November 24th,  
2.30pm—5.15pm.

St. Patrick's GAA Hall,  
Wicklow

Music by  
Cathriona and Pat  
Refreshments Served  
Admission €10

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 / 2024

**NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK**



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

**Bernie O'Brien**

**Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,575**

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish.  
If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

**Be like a tree.**

Stay grounded.

Connect with your roots.

Turn over a new leaf.

Bend before you break.

Enjoy your unique natural beauty.

Keep growing.



Emily's Quotes