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## WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

# Congratulations

## Eileen Tobin

14th December, 2023: €50 raffle winner  
Weekly winning numbers: 9, 11, 16, 25

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

### JACKPOT €3,550

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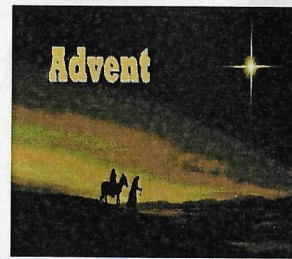
"Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts."  
-Janice Maeditere



## PARISH NEWSLETTER

17th December 2023

Third Sunday of Advent - Year B  
Wicklow & Rathnew  
RCN 20016166



Fr Donal Neary, S.J ~Gospel Reflections for the Year B.

### The Joy of Waiting

Advent is a time of joy – joy in the waiting and this Sunday we wear the joyful rose-coloured vestment. The messenger in the first reading is the 'joyful messenger', and his joy is that God is near and God is coming. This would be the message of Jesus –that he was the joyful messenger of his Father's love. He would be the shepherd – the one who cares, knows and actively looks after the sheep. John the Baptist is the voice of joy and energy, preaching the new message.

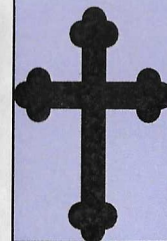
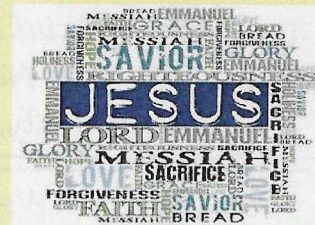
Voices of Advent to bring God near - The central message within all the voices of Christmas. God's Christmas voice is saying

*I love you, you are all brothers and sisters, and nothing except love is final.*

Not just a voice...but actively loving in word and deed. One way of touching that love is the Mass. Jesus is not really love from the sky, but food of the Eucharist, that nourishes us and makes a difference. We bring our ordinary concerns to Mass, and let God lighten them and transform them, and enlighten us with his word. The voice of God makes sense of and brings light into the ordinariness of life.

God is present in his word, and in his body – we wait in joy for the Word to be made flesh.

*Remember this week what makes you joyful  
about the coming  
feast of Christmas and be grateful.  
Lord I believe your word was made flesh and  
appeared among us.*



Sincere sympathy to the family of  
Sr. Ana Maria (Maureen) Mulqueeny  
(Magheramore, Wicklow / Kilfenora, Clare)



# Mass Intention List



*This Weekend ~ 16th & 17th December*

**6.00pm** Nick Healy, Margaret Healy BR, Pat Byrne,  
Teresa O'Neill, Eileen Byrne, June Doran, Liam Kavanagh,  
Michael & Mary Knowles, Des Doyle & his son Adrian,  
Carmel & Timmy O'Donovan

**9.00am** Maura McCoy—First Ann, Margaret Timmons (BR)  
Neil, Agnes & Gaye McGettigan, Georgie Connor, Patricia Ivory  
James, Kathleen, Pat, Judy & Veronica Hollingsworth

**10.30am** Liam Heffernan, Kathleen & Andy Hamilton,  
Ned, Rosanna, John & Eddie Hanlon, Bridie Moody

**12.00noon** Michael (Mick) Merrigan-First anniversary,  
Bernadette Waldron, Michael & Beth Malone

*18th - 22nd December*

**Monday** Tom Sinnott

**7.00pm** NOMASS

**Tuesday** Christine & Kevin Kearns

**7.00pm** NO MASS

**Wednesday** Eddie O'Neill, Hannah Carton, Jim Vickers,  
James Murphy & his father Jimmy

**Thursday** Special Intention, Robert Kearns (A)

**Friday** Jack, Nellie, John & James Flynn, Rosaleen Earls,  
Evelyn Kelly, Tommy & Margaret Hogan, Nora Gladney

*Next Weekend ~ 23rd - 24th December*

**6.00pm** Betty & Patsy Byrne, Tom & Delia Murphy,  
Jordan Giannikis

**9.00am** Mary Jameson

**10.30am**

**12noon** No Intentions for Christmas Masses -

*these are reserved for Parishioners personal Intentions*

## PARISH CONTACTS

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Parish Office: 0404 61699

[parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com)

BBK Website: work  
in progress

Office opening times

**Monday - Friday:  
10am - 12.30pm**

For all enquires and bookings

## *The Pope's Intention for December*

**For persons with disabilities**

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



**PLEASE .....**

**MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE  
IS SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE  
CHURCH.**

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to attend an introductory meeting before booking a date for the baptism. At this meeting you will be given all the necessary information about the Sacrament of Baptism and the commitment required of the parents who request it for their child. The next meeting will be on

**THURSDAY - 11TH JANUARY**  
**AT 8PM IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE**

## Advent Scripture

*Christmas is coming!*

*It can be a very busy time. So, you are invited to come to a 'mini' Advent Retreat on Wednesday evenings to prepare for this wonderful feast of the birth of Jesus. There will be time to reflect on the beautiful Advent Gospels quietly & mindfully.*

When: During the four Wednesdays of Advent, Nov 29th, Dec 6th, 13th & 20th

Where: Meditation Room, Dominican Ecology Centre

Time: from 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Finishing with a chat & cuppa for those who wish - all are very welcome.



## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

10th December 2023

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €2165  
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1305  
2ND COLLECTION /ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION €7586

*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 : 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16**

**Psalm : 88**

**Second :Romans 16:25-27**

**Gospel : Luke 1:26-38**

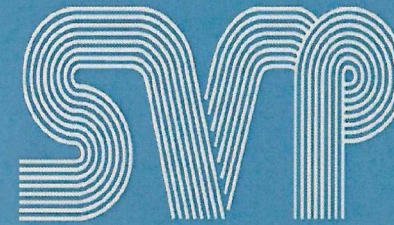
## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT

*Our annual Christmas Carol Service will be on  
Sunday 17th December at 4pm in St Patrick's Church.*

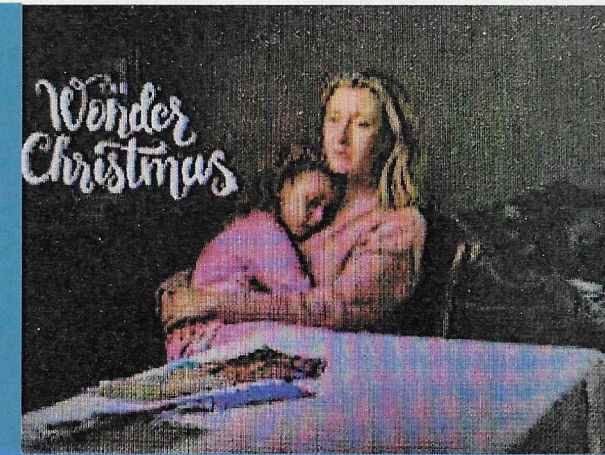
*This has become a very  
popular part of our Christmas  
schedule and is a lovely way to  
lead into Christmas week.*

*Our Hospitality Group will be on  
hand in the De la Salle Pastoral  
Centre with the mulled wine and  
mince pies after the service.*

*Why not take a little time out and join us?  
Everybody is very welcome!*



Society of St Vincent de Paul



The Annual Christmas collection for the St Vincent De Paul was held last weekend the 9th/10th December - it replaced the normal SHARE collection in all Churches. A Massive thanks to all who contributed to the collection a total of €7586 was collected in St Patrick's Church, the Ashford/Rathnew conference received €1160 and the street /Supervalu collection amounted to €5150.

Your support for the Society is always very much appreciated but especially at this time of year with so many needy cases all around us. A sincere thank you to everyone who made a donation.



A huge thank you to all who contributed to the local Buion Muire Lourdes Rangers, Guides, Brigini and Cygnet group with donations of food and toiletries. We ended up with a car full of donations which was just amazing. To all of you who contributed to us - you have made a difference. The collection was handed over to Sean & Ethne from the Lions Club and Esther & Lisa from the St Vincent De Paul Society on Tuesday night. The girls finished the night off with a Christmas movie and pizza. Happy Christmas to you all !

## CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2023

The Christmas Arrangements leaflet are now available at the Church doors with the full Christmas schedule for all the churches in the St Mantan's area. Please feel free to take one home with you.



# NUMBERS ATTENDING MASS OVER THREE WEEKENDS IN NOVEMBER 2024

Date	Church	Mass Time	Number
Sat 4 November	Holy Rosary Ashford	6.00 PM	85
Sat 4 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	6.00 PM	181
Sat 4 November	St Mary's Barndarrig	7.30 PM	45
Sun 5 November	St Joseph's Rathnew	9.00 AM	58
Sun 5 November	St Brigid's Kilbride	9.00 AM	34
Sun 5 November	St Joseph's Glenealy	10.30 AM	88
Sun 5 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	10.30 AM	250
Sun 5 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	12 Noon	261
Sun 5 November	Star of the Sea Brittas Bay	12 Noon	41
Sat 11 November	Holy Rosary Ashford	6.00 PM	118
Sat 11 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	6.00 PM	226
Sat 11 November	St Mary's Barndarrig	7.30 PM	68
Sun 12 November	St Joseph's Rathnew	9.00 AM	102
Sun 12 November	St Brigid's Kilbride	9.00 AM	50
Sun 12 November	St Joseph's Glenealy	10.30 AM	91
Sun 12 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	10.30 AM	200
Sun 12 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	12 Noon	359
Sun 12 November	Star of the Sea Brittas Bay	12 Noon	51
Sat 18 November	Holy Rosary Ashford	6.00 PM	117
Sat 18 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	6.00 PM	200
Sat 18 November	St Mary's Barndarrig	7.30 PM	61
Sun 19 November	St Joseph's Rathnew	9.00 AM	77
Sun 19 November	St Brigid's Kilbride	9.00 AM	36
Sun 19 November	St Joseph's Glenealy	10.30 AM	97
Sun 19 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	10.30 AM	175
Sun 19 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	12 Noon	280
Sun 19 November	Star of the Sea Brittas Bay	12 Noon	76



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Wicklow

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**GROW** mental wellbeing programs

GROW run peer support groups in Wicklow on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 to 4.30 in De La Salle Parish Centre. They are self referral and no charge for anyone struggling with depression, anxiety, low mood or just the stresses of life. They offer a tried and tested method of self help and personal growth. Experience new hope and meaning through working on issues together in a peer support setting  
**MEETINGS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.**  
Ring Trish for further info on 086 0129 082  
And see Grow.ie to listen to stories of Hope and Recovery.

## THE GIFT OF RELAXION

*Give the unique gift of relaxation this year. Gift vouchers available for yoga classes with Frances in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre Wicklow. Classes will begin Monday the 8th of January, 5:30-6:30pm and Thursday the 18th of January, 6-7pm.*

*5 week course: €60 -  
Suitable for beginners and  
intermediate level*

*"If you have the courage to begin, you have  
the courage to succeed."*

*Contact Frances on 0863179400 for  
vouchers or further information .*

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA  
CARDS NOW ON SALE  
FOR THE LIVING & THE  
DEAD €5.00 EACH.  
Available in the Parish Office  
from 10am till 12.30pm**

## PARISH CENTRE

**Will close on Friday 22nd at 1pm and  
re-open no Monday 8th January 2024  
at 9am.**

**Wishing all our users a lovely peaceful  
Christmas and a great 2024.**

## 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. 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. Christmas Novena Cards are now available.

## 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**