

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C

18th May 2025



*Gospel Reflection ~ The glory of God in St John's gospel
is another word for his love. ~ Donal Neary SJ*

We have types of love, and for most of us we find it in our lasting friendships, our spouses, our partners, our family – those without whom life would be so much the poorer.

Real love transforms. Opens the heart more and more. We get out of ourselves in real love – caring, forgiving, getting over things. In all sincere and outgoing love between any two people, God is present. Love brings God alive in us. Not the love that is in name only and uses each other. But love that sees the other as more important than myself.

We say, 'love made him'.

Parents say – 'I hope they find friends who will bring the best out of each other'.

Mauriac writes- "To love someone is to see a miracle invisible to others."

The example of Jesus can help us at times when it can be hard to see goodness even in those we love.

Real love heals. Only love makes the best out of the worst. In concentration camps the survivors were often those who had love to remember or go back to. Even when things go very badly in life, the forgiveness of love can help us move forward.

Lord, help me to be truly grateful for love in my life.



Sincere sympathies to the family of

John Doyle, St. Patrick's Avenue

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 17th & 18th May 2025

- 6.00pm** Michael Kinsella - 1st anniversary, Coley Murley (A)
Willie Earls & his grandson Adrian Doyle (50th A)
Cathy (Catherine) Cullen (BR)
- 9.00am** *Eleanor Vize RD*
- 10.30am** Maggie, Ger, Joe & Josie Vickers (A)
Patrick Davis (50th A) & deceased members of the
Davis & Fitzpatrick families, Trevor McWilliams (A)
Ann Marah (Birthday Remembrance), Philip Malone
- 12.00pm** Ken McElhinney -1st Anniversary, Eddie Hanlon (BR)
May & William O'Neill & members of the
O'Brien family, Maeve & Vivien Moloney (A)
In grateful appreciation for the donor of the heart
that has kept a local man alive for the past 30 years.

19th ~ 23rd May, 2025

- Monday** Special Intention
- 7.00pm** *Pete Hamilton RD*
- Tuesday** Arthur Fitzpatrick (A)
- 7.00pm** *Alan Carroll (RD)*
- Wednesday** Kathryn Whately RD
- Thursday** Ken McElhinney -1st Anniversary,
- Friday** Fr. Seán Buckley, Margaret & Denis Buckley,
Matthew Turner

Next Weekend ~ 24th & 25th May 2025

- 6.00pm** Donal, Gráinne & Gina McCormack,
Eamon Deehan (A), Tommy O'Sullivan, Tom O'Neill (A)
- 9.00am** *Art Dickenson*
- 10.30am** Grace Mary (Gráinne) & Christy Cooney & their
daughter Róisín Cooney, Charlie Howes,
Rita & Michael Doyle & son Michael (A)
- 12.00pm** Yvette Davis (A), Kathleen Michaels,
John Hogan (A)

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

11th May 2025

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	€2875
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	€1430
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€ 1090
EASTER DUES		€ 5160

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: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

PSALM: 66:2-3,5-6,8

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 21: 10-14,22-23

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

Baptisms 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
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm



Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday 12th June, 2025, at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre

Congratulations to the girls & boys from St. Coen's N.S. who received the Sacrament of Communion on Saturday in St. Joseph's Church, Rathnew.

Hoping that all the families had a very special day. Many thanks to all who helped them to their First Holy Communion Day - their teachers, parents and Parish Co-Ordinators who all worked very hard in preparing them.



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: Tuesdays at 9am



Archdiocese of Dublin

**LAY
MINISTRY
APPEAL**

Building Hope Through Lay Ministry

Thanks to
your support

**Sat 17th
& Sun 18th
May 2025**

This collection replaces the normal
SHARE collection and your support
would be much appreciated.



Learning to live the Sunday Gospels

Where? 'An Tairseach',
Dominican Ecology Centre

What time? 10.45 - 12 noon
(including a cuppa)

When? Wednesday mornings

- Wednesday - May 7th
- Wednesday - May 14th
- Wednesday - May 21st
- Wednesday - May 28th

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.

WICKLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

Present the IRISH PREMIERE of
KIM ANDRÉ ARNESEN'S CHORAL SYMPHONY

THE WOUND IN THE WATER



JAMES BINGHAM, DIRECTOR EMMA NASH, SOPRANO
DEGANI SINFONIA TATIANA KONINA, ACCOMPANIST
18 May, 7:30PM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, WICKLOW TOWN
www.gr8events.ie/thewoundinthewater

Wicklow Historical Society

A.G.M.

Tuesday, 20 May

@ 8pm

St. Patrick's Room
De La Salle Pastoral Centre

New Members Welcome

If you have an interest in the
history of the town and its
environs come and join us.

Living with Inner Peace in Today's World

A talk on Tuesday 20th May

7.00pm - 8.30pm

at An Tairseach Ecology Centre,
Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow

Topics will include:

Calming Anxious Thoughts
Contentment in Daily Life

Tools & Tips to make a positive difference

With 40 years' experience of work in
caring professions and a profoundly
enlightening spiritual path, Bernadette
will gently share her insights

Pre-booking is essential as places are limited
Cover charge €5 only

To book your place contact Bernadette
by phone on 087 132 8579 or by email at
bernadette@healinghelps.ie



**LIFE &
SPIRIT
SEMINAR**
in
**RDA HALL
RATHDRUM
Co. WICKLOW**
A67 X668

COMMENCING
TUESDAY 15th
APRIL
to
TUESDAY 27th MAY
(seven consecutive
Tuesday Nights)

Time 7.30pm

Guest Speaker
each night

For further info:
Jack 086 - 2464181

**TESTIMONIALS TO THE
HEALING POWER OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

- Kate healed from Crohns disease after 26 years.
- Robert paralyzed and on a life support machine for 3 months, totally healed
- Abby young girl with anorexia, totally healed
- Aishling with depression and alcoholism, totally healed
- Eugene 10 years of chronic pain, the Holy Spirit asked me to forgive, totally healed

SUMMER GIVEAWAY COMPETITION!



WEEKLY
FUNDRAISER DRAW



BONUS
NATIONAL
COMPETITION

Terms and Conditions Apply



22

DAY

05

MONTH

25

YEAR



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

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.



Wicklow Tennis Club is supporting Trócaire 'Gifts of Change Sustainability Project'

Tennis Tournament was on
Friday 2nd May

Fundraising for
Water Systems
in the Developing World
You too can support this great
cause by accessing the
QR Code below.
Thank you in advance for your
support.



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**

**RATHNEW WOMENS SHED
CRAFT FAIR**

SUNDAY, 25th MAY

**ST. BRIGID'S HALL, RATHNEW
A67 X583**

HAND CRAFTED KNITWARE, QUILTS,
CROCHET, UPCYCLED CREATIONS,
GIFTS, SENSORY TOYS,
BAKED GOODS & REFRESHMENTS

Wicklow County Council
Co-funded by the
European Union
pobal
LCDC
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.

GOLF CLASSIC

**€200 FOR A
TEAM OF 4**

23RD MAY 2025
slots running 12:00 - 15:50

WICKLOW GOLF CLUB

OR SPONSOR A TEE BOX FOR €150

Great Prizes on the Day, Play a Great Course
and Help Support Your School!
CALL PETER: 087 9882640

Many thanks to the sponsor of our newsletter
McCrea's Funeral Home, Dublin Road,
Phone 0404 69000, 24 hours

Parish Lotto Results for 16/ 05 / 2025

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK

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The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Mary D. Roberts

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,650

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

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.....



**TO LOVE
ANOTHER
PERSON IS
TO SEE THE
FACE OF GOD**

-Victor Hugo

Les Misérables