

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

18th October 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew *A place for everything!*

My mother used always say - put things where they belong. Newspapers, food, the bicycle not in the hall, and other homely advice. Jesus says the same here - give what belongs to where it belongs and to whom.

So Jesus is being asked about taxes and politics. He knows he is being trapped about money. He moves on to higher questions. Something about the answer of Jesus asks us — where do we belong?

Belonging can sound heavy - as if we are being controlled, or our money belongs to us and we can do what we like with it. But for Jesus it's the belonging of love, not of power and control.

Much is not in our control. We are born and die at God's time. This reminds us that we are not the masters of our lives, we come from God and go to God. This belonging is the centre of our human family and community. God doesn't want to control us but to love us.

But there's an addition: belonging to God means belonging to each other. We have rights and duties of love. To give to others what belongs to others; give to the poor what belongs to the poor. Everyone has a right to the food of the earth and the food of the mind, and shelter for the body. It's not charity when people are given food, education, a home, freedom of religion, freedom of speech - it is justice. To give to God what belongs to God is to share the goods of the earth!

*Think of a time when you made a decision for the common good -
money given away, cleaning the neighbourhood,
joining a parents' group etc. Remember and be grateful
Lord, may your will that we share well the goods of the world be done.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Eileen Patricia Oppermann Blainroe, Wicklow
/ Wicklow Town, Wicklow / Malahide, Dublin,
Michael Butler of Wicklow Town and formerly
Woodfield, Birr Co Offaly
Miriam (Mini) O'Brien née Dickenson of Wellfield Close
and formerly Colley Row, Wicklow Town*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 17th October & 18th October

- 6.00pm** Croia Martha Power 1st Anniv.
Bill O'Toole (A), Mary & Michael Healy & their parents
Breda Heraty (A), Molly & Jim McCall,
Molly & Jack O'Reilly, Anthony Walker
- 9.00am** *John Paul Redmond, Peter Martin & Joesph Redmond*
- 10.30am** Michael Carey (A)
Edmund O'Reilly (A) & O'Reilly family
- 12.00pm** Darren Franey M.M
Andrew Phillips, Michael Byrne (A),
Patrick Egan (A), Jack Quill (A)
Theresa Haughton (A), Tony Burke (A)

19th October to 23rd October

- Monday** Special Intention
- 7:00pm** *Shirley Byrne in remb.*
- Tuesday** Veronica Carroll in remb.
Joan McMahon in remb
- 7.00pm** *Mary Dowling*
- Wednesday** Julia Lynch in remb.
Arthur Quinn in remb.
- Thursday** Clodagh Phelan in remb.
Arthur Cunningham in remb.
- Friday** Brian Carthy in remb.
Barry O Carroll in remb

Next Weekend ~ 24th October & 25th October

- 6.00pm** Bridie Delaney 1st Anniv.
Mick Lambert 1st Anniv.
Sean & Rita Bouchier (A), Thomas & Elizabeth Bouchier (A)
Anthony Doyle (A)
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Peter & Julia & Tommy Fitzsimons (A) & deceased
members of Fitzsimons & Lynch Families
Joesphine & Matt Murphy Bridget Turner, Ann Mitchell
- 12.00pm** Liam Vickers 1st Anniv.
Patricia Gross, Hyacinth Rohan

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 22: 20 - 26

PSALM: Ps. 17: 2-4. 47.51

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 1: 5 – 10

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 34 - 40

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
KBB	Second Saturday	2.00pm

*The next meeting will be on
Thursday **12th November** at 8pm in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre. There will
be no baptism meeting in December.
Thursday **22nd October** at 7.30pm in
The Parochial House in Ashford-
which needs to be confirmed with the
Parish Office. Next KBB meeting
Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm In
Barndarrig Church*

Children's Choir



New recruits are welcome to our Children's Choir

Place: Saint Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town

Time: 9.45am Sunday morning for 10.30am Family Mass

Senior Infants to 6th year welcome

Instrumentalists especially welcome ☺

Contact: 086 084 2942 or just come along!

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

11th October 2026

Here is where your donations go to.

Many thanks for your continued support.

PARISH ENVELOPE & STANDING ORDER / DONATIONS	1ST COLLECTION COMMON FUND & DUES ENVELOPES	2ND COLLECTION SHARE
The Envelope/Standing Orders are what funds the Parish. This money stays locally and is vital to sustain our Parish. The money from these envelopes and Standing Orders maintain the Churches, Parish Centre, Houses, general maintenance and administration expenses.	The Common Fund account is funded by all the loose notes & coins in the First Collection It is used to provide suitable and equitable remuneration and support for all priests serving in the diocese, including active, sick, and retired clergy.	The Share account is funded by all loose notes & coins in the Second collection. It is primarily used to finance central support services for all parishes, and to provide financial assistance to low-income parishes.
The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account	This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account	This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account
€1570 (105 envelopes received)	€1570	€1355

Brittas Bay mxd N.S. – Admissions Notice 2027-2028

Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara (Brittas Bay Mxd N.S.), Brittas Bay is enrolling for Junior Infants from 1st October to 22nd October 2026 inclusive.

Enrolment Forms for Admission for September 2027 are available on our website: www.brittasbayns.com

Application Forms are also available by emailing office@brittasbaywicklow.com or phoning Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara on 0404 47488.

SUNDAY 25TH OF OCTOBER

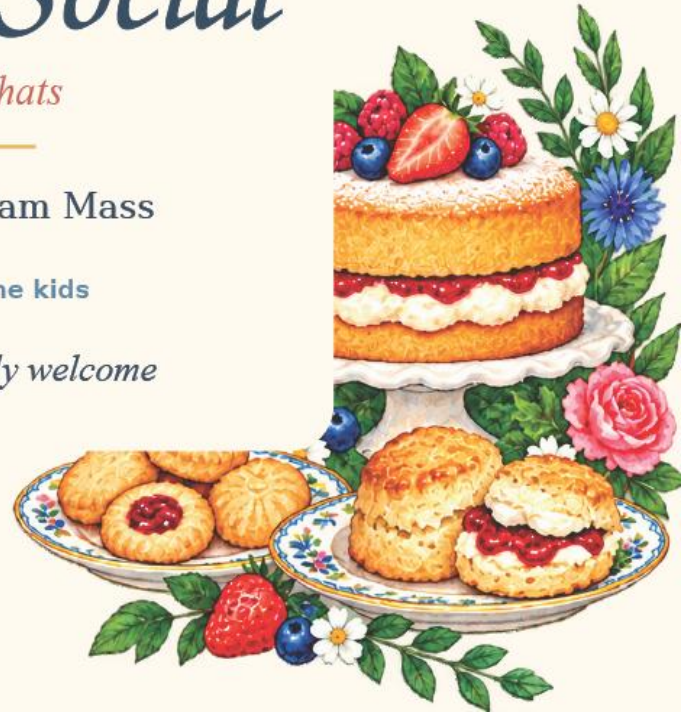
Sunday Social

Cuppa & chats

After the 10.30am Mass

Activities for the kids

Everyone is warmly welcome



WICKLOW CANCER 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.

LETTERS FROM AMERICA

with Peadar Curran

In 1906, twenty-year-old Bernard Kelly left his home in Cronebane, Tigroney, Avoca, and set off for Butte, Montana, in search of a new life. Through six remarkable letters written to his sister, this talk traces Bernard's journey from his home in Avoca, his experiences working in the mines, and his passage across the Atlantic to America.

**OCTOBER 22ND, 2026
@7PM**

**Wicklow Town
Library**



To Book: 0404 67025 Wicklib@wicklowcoco.ie
or scan QR Code



Unwanted Gift Sale

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



Date: Sunday 8th November 2026
Time: 10am to 3.30 pm, with Coffee & Raffle
Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town
(across from St Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town)

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



**Special Christmas
Room**



Full of Decorations



Can't believe it's only 3 weeks to "The sale of the Century"

"THE UNWANTED GIFT SALE"

I would like to say a very big thank you for all your generous support towards this sale. It couldn't go ahead without the help of the fantastic team of helpers, the people who donate, the amazing parish office who support us so much and the fabulous hospitality team. We are starting to accept unwanted gifts of all kinds which can be left in the parish office. Again, many thanks for your support and hope to see you there.
Maureen & her fantastic team.

Wicklow Historical Society presents



**Gone, but not
forgotten**

**A visual presentation of
Wicklow Past
by John Finlay**

**Tuesday, 27th October at 8pm
De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow**

Irish Learning Group



Weekly language workshop for adults

Day & time
Saturdays 3–4:30 pm
Venue
Wicklow Library

Bookings welcome ♦ text or call **085 831 0552**

HALLOWEEN AFTER SCHOOL SPECIAL

De le Salle
Pastoral Centre

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October 23rd

4.00pm - 6.30pm

Face
Painting

Cake
Sale

Raffle

Train
Ride

Games

€5
ENTRY
Includes ONE
Train Ticket



In aid of the RNLI



On Sept. 27, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV invited Catholics around the world to pray the Rosary for peace throughout October.

On October 22nd at 7pm we will recite the Rosary at Our Ladys Grotto in Rathnew (Weather Permitting or else up in the Chapel)

All very welcome.



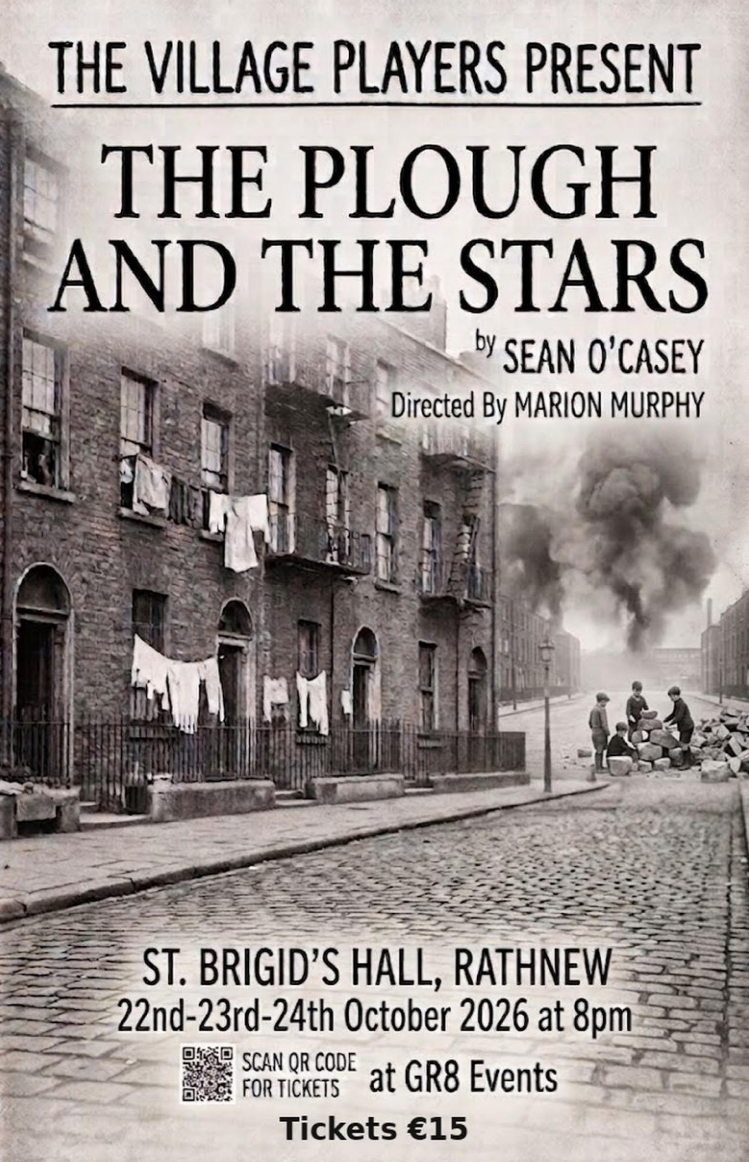
Many thanks to the sponsor of our newsletter
McCrea's Funeral Home, Dublin Road,
Phone 0404 69000, 24 hours
www.mccrea.ie - info@niallmccrea.com



THE VILLAGE PLAYERS PRESENT

THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS

by SEAN O'CASEY
Directed By MARION MURPHY



ST. BRIGID'S HALL, RATHNEW
22nd-23rd-24th October 2026 at 8pm

SCAN QR CODE FOR TICKETS at GR8 Events
Tickets €15



Bethany

Bereavement Support

WICKLOW GROUP

Whenever you feel ready, Bethany Bereavement Support is here to listen.

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a free, 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.



NEXT MEETING DATES

Tuesday 6 October at 10:45am
Tuesday 27 October at 8pm



VENUE

The De La Salle Centre
Wicklow
A67 FX65



FOR INFORMATION

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