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## WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

# Congratulations

## JILL MALONE

15th February, 2024: €50 raffle winner  
 Weekly winning numbers: 8, 20, 24, 23

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

Next weeks **JACKPOT** is €3,625

Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!

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or go to the website : [www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow](http://www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow)

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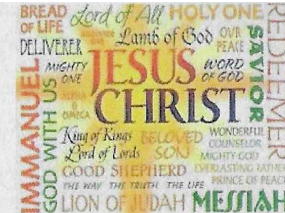
Sometimes you face difficulties not because you're doing something wrong, but because you're doing something right.



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

18th February 2024

First Sunday of Lent - Year B  
**Wicklow & Rathnew**  
 RCN 20016166



## Just LENT 1

### Our Prayer

Loving God,  
 in this season of Lent  
 you call us to act justly,  
 love tenderly  
 and walk humbly with each other  
 so that we can build  
 your Kingdom of justice and peace,  
 your Kingdom of love and truth,  
 your Kingdom of holiness and grace  
 in our world today. AMEN

### Sunday Scripture Link

1st Sunday of Lent  
 Genesis 9: 8-15  
 1 Peter 3: 18-22  
 Mark 1: 12-15

### Theme:

**Flood and Desert**



- In this Sunday's first and second readings you will notice mention of a flood.
- Flood in the Bible connects with danger and disaster, but our first reading assures us that God will never destroy the earth.
- Jesus is in the wilderness of the desert in the Gospel and he emerges from this experience proclaiming Good News from God.
- The early Christians realised that the flood of God's grace, which flows from Jesus' desert experience, is positive because it is about our Baptism.

“ There is no life without water. We cannot survive without it. Sometimes we call Planet Earth, the Blue Planet. Salt water accounts for 97.5 per cent of all water in the earth; the remaining 2.5 per cent is fresh water. This 2.5 per cent sustains human life on earth – our life. In a real sense it is the foundation of all human civilisation; however, because it seems to be in such abundance, we appear to take water for granted. While fresh water is a global concern, it is always a local issue. Most people drink from the well in their own yard. In the past one hundred and fifty years, with the significant industrialisation of society and of agriculture, the demand for fresh water has increased exponentially, and the effects of vastly increased urban living can be seen in our rivers, lakes and oceans. ”

#2.1 The Cry of the Earth, The Cry of the Poor  
 Archbishop Dermot Farrell

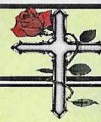
**SEE** What effects of flooding are you noticing in our country and world?

**DISCERN** How much water does your household use for cooking, bathing and cleaning?

**ACT** What could you do differently this Lent to preserve water?



# Mass Intention List



## This Weekend ~ 17th & 18th February

**6.00pm** Sadie O'Sullivan - MM, Jim Hollingsworth - 1st Ann  
John Gannon, Maura Kelly, Mable Augustine, Elizabeth  
Kenny, Theresa Copeland, Patricia & Shinoj - wedding anniversary

**9.00am** *Special Intention*

**10.30am** Dick Fitzpatrick, Bill & Lucy Colgan & deceased  
members of the Colgan family

**12noon** Eddie Hanlon, Kay Mularkey, Seamus McCarthy  
Kathleen & Jim Conway

*Please note that the Masses in green type are in St Joseph's Rathnew*

## 19th February - 23rd February

**Monday** *Special Intention*

**7.00pm** James (Jim) Hollingsworth - 1st Anniversary,  
Bridget & Derek Hollingsworth, Conor Byrne

**Tuesday** Annie Phillips & deceased members of the Phillips family  
*Special Intention for good health & good results*

**7.00pm** Mark Clare, Kathleen, Seamus & Eleanor Caulfield

**Wednesday** Mary & Paul Rice & their daughter Valerie Byrne

**Thursday** *Special Intention*

**Friday** Billy Conway

## Next Weekend ~ 24th & 25th February

**6.00pm** Leonard & Ann Kelly, Timmy & Lilly Kelly, Frank, Mary,  
George & Kathleen Newsome, Tommy Marah, Joey Doyle,  
George Byrne, June Kenny, Michael & Maureen Knowles &  
deceased members of the Knowles family

**9.00am**

**10.30am** Betty Whelan

**12noon** Myles Kavanagh—1st Ann, Pat O'Rourke, Gerry Nolan  
Rose Flaherty, Nancy Ryan

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

11th February 2024

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1755  
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1412  
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration €965

*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 : Genesis 22:1-2,9-13, 15-18**

**Psalm : Ps 115**

**Second Reading: Romans 8: 31-34**

**Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10**

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 – 14TH MARCH**  
**AT 8PM IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE**

## The Pope's Intention for February

For the terminally ill.

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their  
families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual  
care and accompaniment.



## Sincere sympathies to the families of

Stephen (Fish) Fitzpatrick late of St Manntan's Pk  
Sean Gregory late of Ashford who died in Milton Keyes  
Kathleen Coogan late of Lakeview Grove





## 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.

We have also got a beautiful new range of First Holy Communion & Confirmation gifts & cards available now.

Shop open same time as office from 10am till 12.30pm.

## 10.30AM WEEKLY FAMILY MASS

Family Mass has resumed at 10.30am on the weekends. We are really hoping that families will volunteer & participate in this Mass. We are looking for families to read, bring up the gifts and of course, to join in the singing and maybe even join the choir. You would be most welcome.

Anyone who is interested, please come along to the practices at 9.45am on the Sunday mornings. Contact Katie on 086 409 4013 for more information.



## Ministers of the Word for 10am weekday Masses



We would like to invite more people to join this ministry. If you think that you might be interested, speak to any of the regular readers, to Fr. Aquinas or Fr. Gerard or the Parish Office.

Training will be provided and an opportunity given to practice until you feel comfortable with reading on the altar. If you have ever thought about getting involved in this Ministry - now is your chance and you would be very welcome!

## Scripture Reflection

Making time to pause & reflect with others on the Sunday Gospels, on Wednesday mornings from 10.45am till 12noon in the Dominican Ecology Centre.

Tea & coffee is provided and everyone is very welcome

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

It is proposed to have Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays as well as Thursdays. Both 10.30am to 11.30am. Therefore we intend to reorganise the Adoration Team.

Depending on member's availability, members are asked /rostered to be there about once every month on six weeks.

We consider it an honour to guard the Lord in His Eucharistic presence. Indeed, many prayers have been answered, many blessings bestowed and confirmed, through and because of this form of prayer.



If you would like to join the team please tick your choice of day.

MONDAY ( ) THURSDAY ( ) OR BOTH DAYS ( )

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the form to the Parish Office - 61699 or Sacristy 69031

For those already on the team, please inform Joan McCann of your choice of day



The annual collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this weekend of 17th & 18th February 2024.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

Marriage Preparation courses - online, small groups.

Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone.

A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever. Please give generously this weekend.



Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs?

### NO ONE SHOULD CARE ALONE.

Caring for a loved one can be rewarding, but it can also be difficult, frightening and isolating. It shouldn't be.

Family Carers Ireland want carers to know they have the support they need to care safely, to make it less of a battle and to know they are not alone. We are the national charity supporting the 500,000+ family and young carers across the country who are caring for their loved ones with additional care needs. We believe no one should care alone.

### MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS!

Alongside our FREE supports and services, FCI offers an annual membership for family carers (and young carers for free), with over 100+ discounts, such as free venue entry, fuel discounts, Three mobile/broadband deals plus much more, for only €20 per year! Apply online or call us on 057 9370 221.



Local Centre Support	Freephone National Careline	Rights & Entitlements Guidance	One-One Advocacy	Learning & Training	Crisis Support Counselling
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Family Carer Support Groups are also organised locally across all our centres nationwide

[www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie)

Freephone Careline 1800 24 07 24

Search 'Carers Ireland'





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Wicklow


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086 821 6694

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from 10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

## WICKLOW & RATHNEW BINGOS



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

## 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

## Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.

Conversational Irish Tuesdays at 10.00 am

Line Dancing Tuesdays 12.00 to 1.00pm

Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00 am

Choir Fridays 3.00pm—4.00pm

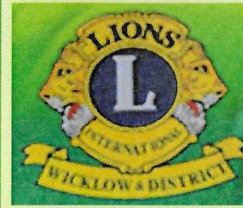
Trip to Sive at the Gaiety Theatre on Wednesday 28th February.

Spring holiday to Killarney from the 14th April to 18th April.

Follow us on our facebook page: Wicklow Active Retirement

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring Pauline on 087 227 6760

*You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte*



## WICKLOW & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

### QUIZ NIGHTS 2024

DATES \* VENUES \* CHARITIES

FEB 22 CHESTERS ASHFORD  
FEB 29 O'SHEA'S LOUNGE WICKLOW

ASHFORD NS and WICKLOW ICA  
WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT,  
LEINSTER FLEADH and  
HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

MARCH 7 WICKLOW GOLF CLUB GRAND FINAL

## LOURDES



## LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Wicklow Rathnew

10 September 2024

5 Nights

€939 per person sharing

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » 20kg bags included.
- » Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- » 5 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

For information please contact:

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