

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

Third Sunday of Easter Year A

19th April 2026



## Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

*Hearts uplifted*

I have met many people who found this story really helped at times when they were down, when there were disappointments in life, when they encountered illness and many of the crosses of life. They believed in him after he had vanished, having broken bread with them. He had accompanied them in a dark journey of life.

Jesus went to them - he did not await their visit. Somehow he knew that people of his 'set' were in darkness and maybe despair. This is the call of the church - to be with us in prayer, community and service always, and especially for what Pope Francis calls 'the peripheries of life'. Most of us spend some time there, and appreciate the help of love and faith.

Then they went to tell the story of how they were changed. Faith grows through sharing it. A father said, 'At my child's first communion, my faith became stronger'.

They told their story of Jesus in the here and now, sometimes reminiscing on what things were once like in Galilee. Every journey of life can be an Emmaus journey where we meet the Lord. Every altar can be the altar of Emmaus, and indeed every meal can be a time of friendship, care and nourishment for body and for soul.

*Notice this week where the Lord is present in love, care, creation, an uplift of joy, prayer and the Eucharist.*

*Lord, lift my hope and my faith in your presence as the disciples found their hearts burning when they listened to you*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of  
Jim (Shea) Crofton of Darragh Park, Wicklow Town  
and formerly Wexford Town  
Breda Delaney née Kennedy of Mount Carmel Avenue,  
Wicklow Town and formerly Ballygannon, Rathdrum*

# *Mass Intention List*

## *This Weekend ~ 18th & 19th April*

- 6.00pm** Henry & Essie Shannon  
Johnny & Paul Murphy  
Una Lockhart  
Joseph Cullen (A)  
Jinny O'Reilly  
Chelsea Kennedy  
Jim & Bessie Vickers
- 9.00am** Seamus Butler R.D
- 10.30am** Kit & Ron Hagan  
Thomas Breen
- 12.00pm** Marie Sweeney (A)  
Kathleen Kilcoyne (A)

## *20th April~ 24th April*

- Monday** Betty Fitzpatrick (A)
- 7:00pm** Ned Jameson
- Tuesday** Michael & Christina Byrne
- 7.00pm** Special Intention
- Wednesday** Kathleen Kenny R.D
- Thursday** Maureen & Des O'Toole (A)
- Friday** Easter Novena 4

## *Next Weekend ~ 25th & 26th April*

- 6.00pm** Leonard, Ann, Elizabeth (Lillie) & Timothy Kelly  
Bill Bury, Dan Breen
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Phil Burke M.M  
Gráinne and Pat Bolger (A), Kevin Nugent R.D  
Mac Hanlon  
Margaret & Tommy Hogan (A)
- 12.00pm** Andy Doyle M.M  
Siobhán O'Connor 1st Anni.  
Veronica Carroll 1st Anni.  
Tom & Mary Malone (A)

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

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:14,36-41**

**PSALM: Ps. (Psalm 22: 1-6)**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2: 20 - 25**

**GOSPEL: John 10: 1 - 10**



### 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
BBK	Second Saturday	2.00pm

*Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday 14th May at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on Thursday 23rd April at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office.*

### 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 4 months before the date of the proposed wedding.

# WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

## 12th April 2026

Here is where your donations go to.

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

<b>PARISH ENVELOPE &amp; STANDING ORDER / DONATIONS</b>	<b>1ST COLLECTION COMMON FUND &amp; DUES ENVELOPES</b>	<b>2ND COLLECTION SHARE</b>
<p>The Envelope/Standing Orders are what funds the Parish. This money stays locally and is vital to sustain our Parish.</p> <p>The money from these envelopes and Standing Orders maintain the Churches, Parish Centre, Houses, general maintenance and administration expenses.</p>	<p>The Common Fund account is funded by all the loose notes &amp; coins in the First Collection</p> <p>It is used to provide suitable and equitable remuneration and support for all priests serving in the diocese, including active, sick, and retired clergy.</p>	<p>The Share account is funded by all loose notes &amp; coins in the Second collection.</p> <p>It is primarily used to finance central support services for all parishes, and to provide financial assistance to low-income parishes.</p>
<p>The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account</p>
<p><b>€1355</b> ( 97 envelopes received)</p>	<p><b>€1390</b></p>	<p><b>€910</b></p>

*We welcome in Baptism.....*

*Wicklow*

*Isabelle Cummins, Oliver Cummins, Sol Sheehy,  
Conor Jameson, Mac O'Meara, Freyja Tonnies  
Luca O'Reilly Lyons, Emilia Vacchiani, Julia Byrne,  
Daniel Jnr. Bolger, James O'Brien*

*Rathnew*

*Rhea Connolly, Jessie Harrington, Maise Duddell*

# WICKLOW TOWN

## *Heritage Trail*



Take a walk through  
Wicklow Town's past!

Why not join our **FREE Guided Trail** on Saturday morning at 11am which starts outside the Tourist Office in Fitzwilliam Square and takes 90 minutes to complete.

This Free Guided Trail takes place every Saturday morning at 11am from Easter Saturday 4th April - 26th September, 2026

Locals, visitors and overseas tourists are all welcome to join a very informative and entertaining trail telling the rich history of Wicklow Town, from the landing of St. Patrick in 432 to the end of the Civil War in 1923.

For information on the  
Wicklow Town Heritage Trail visit:

[www.wicklowtown.ie](http://www.wicklowtown.ie)  
or [www.visitwicklow.ie](http://www.visitwicklow.ie)

The Heritage Trail is an initiative of Wicklow Town Team and Wicklow Municipal District and was funded by Wicklow County Partnership



### **Wicklow Town Heritage Trail – A key attraction for locals and visitors in Wicklow Town**

The weekly guided walk of the now well-established Wicklow Town Heritage Trail returned this year on Easter Saturday, and all summer long will become a key attraction for tourists visiting the town and will provide a great insight into the rich heritage of the town.

Locals, Visitors and Tourists are all welcome to take part in what is a very informative & entertaining guided Free Trail detailing the rich history of Wicklow Town from the landing of St Patrick in 432 until the end of the Irish Civil War in 1923.

There are seven Storyboards located throughout the Town illustrating key moments in the rich history of Wicklow Town. On each storyboard, there is a QR code which enables participants to watch a video on their phone, telling them the story of each key location. The actors featured on the videos are members of the local dramatic society.

**For further information on the Wicklow Town Heritage Trail, visit [www.wicklowtown.ie](http://www.wicklowtown.ie) or [www.visit.wicklow.ie](http://www.visit.wicklow.ie)**

**You can join the Free weekly guided Trail each Saturday morning at 11am sharp which commence outside the Tourist Office in Fitzwilliam Square every Saturday morning until the end of September.**



## Parish Pilgrimage Lourdes Trip

From the 17<sup>th</sup> August for 4 nights in the hotel La Solitude. €945.00 per person sharing. A single room supplement €49.00 per night. Travel insurance €55 per person up to 79 years. €75 per person from 80 years up. Deposit of €350.00 per person, with the balance due 12 weeks before departure.

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

**Fr Aquinas Duffy : 0404 67196//Fr Gerard Deegan : 0404 67133**

**Parish Office: 0404 61699**

**Email: [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com), Website: [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie)**

**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**

**For all enquires and bookings**

The official first class heart relic of St. Carlo Acutis will visit St. Michael's Parish Church, Gorey on Wednesday, 22 April. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am (including a short talk for schools and a solemn blessing with the relic). This will be followed by Adoration and the Rosary at 11.00am. This event is open to everyone.

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

We would love to hear what is happening in the parish so that we can include it in the parish newsletter.

If you are organising any event or activity—non-profit—please email us with the details at [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Anam Cara, the charity organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 20th April 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)



Last Friday of  
each month  
2pm - 4pm

## Wicklow Town Memory Cafe


This is a free monthly cafe event bringing together people living with dementia or memory challenges, their carers, family, friends, and healthcare professionals to connect, enjoy time together, and find information and support.

### Upcoming Dates

27th March, 24th April  
29th May, 26th June

The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town,  
A67 FX65

 Wicklow Town Memory Cafe

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



## Active Retirement Activities & Trips

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

**Tuesday morning  
meetings 10.45am.**

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*



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

## 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](mailto:info@wicklowcancersupport.ie)

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.  
Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.

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 09/04/2026

# No jackpot won this week



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

• **Alison Ui Bhroin**

Next Week's Jackpot will be:

**€2,025**

**Please encourage friends and family to support this Parish Fundraiser from as little as €2 per line or €5 for three lines. (The price of a coffee) Its quick and easy to sign up.**

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish.

If you would like to become a regular supporter to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return to the Parish Office or Sacristy

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Contact Number.....

Address.....



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overflow  
with HOPE  
through  
the power  
of the  
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