

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

19th July 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

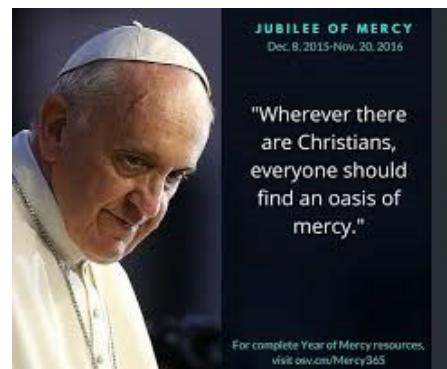
Small Beginnings

Everything starts small. The mustard seed was a tiny seed that grew into a flowering bush; it was not mustard as we know it, but only a bush to give beauty and shelter. It can remind us of the beauty of creation, and of the caring shelter we can give to others. It is also a reminder that each of us began as a seed in the mother's body, and grew with the plan of God.

The love of God grows like that - it begins small with birth and with baptism, and then grows wide so that we share our love of God. It is the same with marriage - love begins and then grows so that children and grandchildren and others may shelter in love. Love grows when love is given, in our immediate circle, and in our care for the wider world. Good friendship and love spreads out to many.

We want the kingdom of God on earth and God is saying that it grows slowly. It grows as we try to grow love, peace, justice and compassion. The shelter of the mustard bush is the mercy of God, encouraging our parish to be 'an oasis of mercy' (Pope Francis). It is not easy, as love and care for the really needy often meets with opposition. The kingdom of God grows with the help of God, and without this help, our efforts are in vain.

*Recall something in your life that began small
and has now grown; give thanks
Lord, may your kingdom come among us.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Clare Frances Pippet Church Hill, Wicklow Town,
Wicklow / Athlone, Westmeath*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 18th & 19th July

6.00pm Brian Carthy 1st anni.

9.00am Dorcas Doyle (Deceased but would be celebrating her 100th Birthday),

Anthony Tony Flaherty (A)

10.30am Peter & Betty Kenny,
Iris, Bill & Alice Stephens,
Michael & Anne Hanson
Paul Doyle,
Pat & Gráinne Bolger B.R

12.00pm Moya Byrne Boyce M.M
Pat Madden (A)
John Flynn (A)
Frank & Mary Conway (A)
Brian Miley (A)

20th July ~ 24th July

Monday Prayer Service - No Mass

7.00pm NO MASS

Tuesday Michael Lambert (Jnr), Marie Dempsey
Terry Fox & Fox & Keddy Families

7.00pm David Connolly in remb.

Wednesday Mary Hernon

Thursday Special Intention

Friday Rita Deignan in remb.

Next Weekend ~ 25th & 26th

6.00pm Lylie Henry (A)
Ena Doyle B.R

9.00am

10.30am Eileen & John Nolan in remb.

12.00pm Connie Sallinger (A)

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

FIRST READING: Kings 3: 5,7-12

PSALM: Ps. 118

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 28 - 30

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52 (shorter form 44-46)

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



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.

BAPTISM

St. Mantan Pastoral Area Baptism Details

Wicklow	First Saturday	2.00pm
	Third Sunday	1.00pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2.00pm
Ashford Glenealy	First Sunday	12 noon
	Third Saturday	12 noon
KBB	Second Saturday	2.00pm

*Please note : **No Wicklow Baptism Meeting in July and No meeting in Ashford in July.***

*Next BBK meeting
Wednesday 5th August at 7:30pm
In Barndarrig Church*

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

12th July 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 money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account	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. This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account	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. This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account
€1695 (104 envelopes received)	€1525	€1210

COMMUNICATON TEAM

Would you be interested in joining our Communications team? Do you like Social Media? Would you like to help promote our Parish through Social Media? Are you good at design? Have you a spare hour a week? If so please leave your details with the Parish Office.

Parish envelopes

If anyone is missing a box of envelopes, please notify the parish office on 0404 61699 or email us on parishofficewicklow@gmail.com. We will be happy to sort out the issue immediately

Mass Schedule B and C.

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule B: 27/28th June 2026, 11/12 July, 25/26 July

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule C: 4/5 July, 18/19 July, 1/2 August

Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Barndarrig Vigil Mass	7.30pm	(Saturday)
Rathnew	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Glenealy	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)

ST KEVIN'S CHURCH, DUNGANSTOWN would love you to join them for their SONGS AND PRAISE on Sunday 26th July at 10.30am in St KEVIN'S CHURCH DUNGANSTOWN.



Welcome.....

A very warm and heart felt welcome to Fr Kevin Rowan who is joining the St Manntan's Area. Fr Kevin is a Rathnew local, and a previous Parish Priest to the Ashford & Glenealy Parish. We are delighted to be able to welcome him back to his locality.

Although he will be living in Barndarrig, he will be helping out in all three parishes of Ashford & Glenealy, Wicklow & Rathnew and Kilbride, Barndarrig & Brittas Bay. We wish him a long, happy and fulfilling Ministry in the St Manntan's Area.



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*We're here to help -
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Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.

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
We look forward to hearing from you.

**Wicklow
Photography
Club
Exhibition**

WICKLOW LIBRARY

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wicklowphotographyclub@gmail.com

Junior Knitting-Aged 9-12 Starting Tuesday 7th July 1:45-2:45 pm and running for another 5 weeks Tuesdays 14th, 21st, 28th July and 4th and 11th August.

Registration is required however children are not required to attend all sessions if they're unable.

Drop into the library, call 0404-67025 or email:

wicklib@wicklowcoco.ie

Don't forget our Summer Stars reading programme where we give away 4 vouchers every week for the next 8 weeks. For example, this week we gave away a 20 Euro voucher to Apache Pizza, a 20 Euro voucher to Bridge Street Books, 15 Euro to Hopkins, and 10 Euro to Diamond Bowl.

Ya gotta be in it to win it!



Bethany
Bereavement Support

Wicklow Group

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a 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.

Meetings are held in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.



Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 28th July at 8:00 pm



Tuesday 4th August at 10:45 am

You are welcome to attend,
or to make contact for a chat.



Tel: 087 0060 700

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FESTIVAL**

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13TH - 16TH AUGUST 2026

AGES 16-35

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"I WILL TRUST AND WILL NOT BE
AFRAID, FOR THE LORD GOD IS MY
STRENGTH AND MY SONG" - ISAIAH 12:2

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McCrea's Funeral Home, Dublin Road,
Phone 0404 69000, 24 hours
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Parish Lotto Results for 09/07/2026

No jackpot won this week



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Tanya Moyseyeva

- **Next Week's Jackpot will be:**
€2,825

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

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

May the God of **hope** fill
you with all **joy** and **peace**
as you trust in Him, so that
you may overflow with
hope by the power of the
Holy Spirit.



Romans 15:13

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