

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

19th October 2025



Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ A passionate spirit

Irish people have long memories of helping the missions - collecting stamps, mission groups in schools, maybe aunts and uncles 'out foreign'. It is an essential part of the Church, because Christ is missionary, sent not just to one, but to all, to make a better world, founded on the gospel of Christ. Even if people are not baptised, the Church wants to point out the way to a truly human life - in the way, truth and life who is Christ, and committed to the world of justice

With so much hunger, ill health, and lack of education, the missionary spirit is passionate about wanting to improve things with the message of the gospel.

Today we pray for all our voluntary missionaries, religious, clerical and lay men and women. They are helped by our prayers in what is often a lonely life for them. Maybe we might even think about giving some time in volunteering in the poorer world;

or decide to vote for people who are concerned for the developing world and who will maintain our aid to the world in need; and we can encourage the young to think globally. We pray for courage for our people overseas and also for ourselves that we can live as Jesus in different ways.

All are missionaries as Pope Francis says -

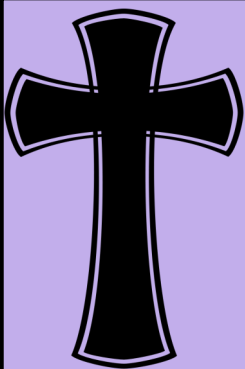
'Each individual Christian and every community is missionary to the extent that they bring to others and live the Gospel, and testify to God's love for all, especially those experiencing difficulties. Be missionaries of God's love and tenderness! Be missionaries of God's mercy, which always forgives us, always awaits us and loves us dearly.'



*May our lives be lived in love and service
of you, Lord God, and of each other.*

Sincere sympathies to the family of

Eoghan Whelan of Market Street, Wicklow Town



Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 18th & 19th October 2025

- 6.00pm** Anthony Walker 1st Anniversary
Therese Haughton 1st Anniversary
Jack Ryan (A)
- 9.00am** John Paul Redmond (A)
- 10.30am** Sarah Manifold, Anna May Gill (A),
Róisín Bunn (A), Richard & Dorothy Murphy (A),
Matt Murphy (A), Michael (Mick) Carey (A)
- 12.00pm** Sarah D'Arcy M.M,
Breda Heraty 1st Anniversary
Noel & Mary Gallagher,
Michael Alex Kennelly R.D who died in UK
Michael & Mary Long (A)

20th October~ 24th October 2025

- Monday** Special intention
- 7.00pm** Lily Sands & Martin Thackaberry (A)
- Tuesday** Liam Brady R.D
- 7.00pm** Mary Dowling 1st Anniversary & the deceased
members of the Dowling family
- Wednesday** Audrey Roberts R.D.
- Thursday** Betty McGinley R.D.
- Friday** Mary Fawle R.D.

Next Weekend ~ 25th & 26th October 2025

- 6.00pm** Sean Kitson (A), Hyacinth, Michael & Gerard Ronan (A)
Mary & Michael Healy & their parents
Rita & Sean Bouchier & Thomas & Elizabeth Bouchier
Jim & Molly McCall, Jack & Mary O'Reilly,
Elenor Vize (A),
Elizabeth Giffney (A) & her husband Aiden
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Peter, Julia & Tommy Fitzsimons & all deceased
members of the Lynch & Fitzsimmon Families
- 12.00pm** Michael White B R

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
12th October 2025**

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1195**
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€1320**
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€945**

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: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19

PSALM: Ps 32:2-3,17-19,23

SECOND READING: Timothy 4: 6-8, 16- 18

GOSPEL: Luke 18: 9- 14



The Annual Masses for Deceased from the
Parish of Wicklow and Rathnew will take place
this year in:

St. Joseph's, Rathnew on Friday, 7th November
2025 at 7.00 PM

and

St. Patrick's, Wicklow on Friday, 21st November
2025 at 7:30PM

All families, who have lost a loved one, buried
from our church, in the last year, will receive a
letter. If anyone would like to include a relative,
friend, or someone with strong association with
the parish, who died in the last twelve months
please contact the Parish Office in Wicklow 0404-
61699 or email parishofficewicklow@gmail.com
as soon as possible.

All are welcome to attend.



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 13th November, at
8pm in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre*

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.



THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER BAPTISM MEETING

Confirmation meeting

There will be a Confirmation meeting for the parents of all children making Confirmation in the De La Salle Pastoral Area in 2026 on Wednesday 22nd October at 7:30pm in St. Patricks Church, Wicklow.

Anam Cara - supporting parents after bereavement, are hosting an **Online Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 30th October at 7pm.**

Breffni McGuinness will be serving as our guest speaker, bringing years of experience with LauraLynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice, and his robust background in pastoral care.

Breffni will also take extra time to speak to the experience of parents who may have been carers to their children before their passing. Whether it be due to illness, disability, age, or any other reason, we recognise that grieving a child that one has cared for in this way may bring additional questions, complications, or difficulties. All parents, regardless of the age of their child or circumstances of their passing are, of course, very welcome, but we would like to extend this additional invitation to these families this month.

Pockets of Hope

*A project of hope based on
the message of Pope Francis for The
Year of Jubilee 2025*

Hopelessness can often be a characteristic of many lives today. This is not difficult to believe as with increasing secularism, war, violence, lack of social cohesion, the lack of care for our planet and general brokenness, it can be a real challenge to be a person of hope. In response to our plight Pockets of Hope is a project created by Fr. Alan Hilliard and designed by Mary-Aoife Ong which is based on the writings of Pope Francis in the document *Spes Non Confundit* (Hope Does Not Disappoint) which is the theme for The Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. Pockets of Hope draws on the imagery of the Burren Landscape on the western shore of Ireland. The display aims to highlight how hope can be discovered even amidst the most bleak of landscapes.

Our selection of Pockets of Hope reflection posters will be on display in St. Patricks Church, Wickow until the 10th of November

You are invited to complete your own mini pilgrim journey as you contemplate each message of hope and let God speak to you through the reflections. This is a selection from the complete set of forty-two posters which are on display in the Dublin Churches. It allows the pilgrim journey through the document, contemplating its rich and life-giving narrative for today's world. It is the desire that many people in Ireland can be filled with the gift of Hope through this project!

Abide in His Love Women's Conference

A few tickets remaining! Abide in His Love Women's Conference Nov 21-23. The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal. A beautiful event for women exploring the beauty & gift of their feminine identity in Christ.

Guest Speakers include Sr. Mary Madeline Todd OP (USA), Megan Madden from 'A Mother's Lace' (USA/UK), Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton (UK), Fr. Francesco Mary Gavazzi, CFR, the Nashville Dominican sisters, & Mass with Archbishop Eamon Martin. Check Eventbrite for tickets & more information.



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

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
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And see Grow.ie to listen to stories of
Hope and Recovery.

WICKLOW & RATHNEW PARISH

HALLOWEEN GIVEAWAY COMPETITION

OCTOBER 23 2025

This nationwide competition is open to all participants who have a ticket in a
fundraiser run by our service provider 'Our Fundraiser'.



**€2,000 SHOP TILL
CASH PRIZE YOU DROP!**



**€500 AMAZON
GIFT CARD IRELAND**



**CONCERT THE
TICKETS X 2 WEEKEND**

TO WIN

Answer a call from 'Our Fundraiser' after
7pm and answer the question correctly:

What vegetable is traditionally used to
carve a lantern at Halloween?

(a) Cabbage (b) Onion (c) Pumpkin

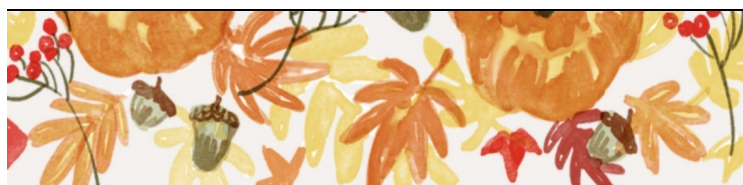
DON'T MISS OUT!

Visit our website
to join.

www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/wicklow

Terms and conditions apply

www.ourfundraiser.ie/terms-and-conditions



Rathnew Women's Social Enterprise

CRAFT FAIR

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26TH



11AM TO 3 PM

ST. BRIGID'S HALL RATHNEW
A67 X583



HAND CRAFTED GOODS, CROCHET,
KNITWEAR, GIFTS, SENSORY TOYS,
UP-CYCLED CREATIONS, COSY QUILTS,
BAKED GOODS & REFRESHMENTS



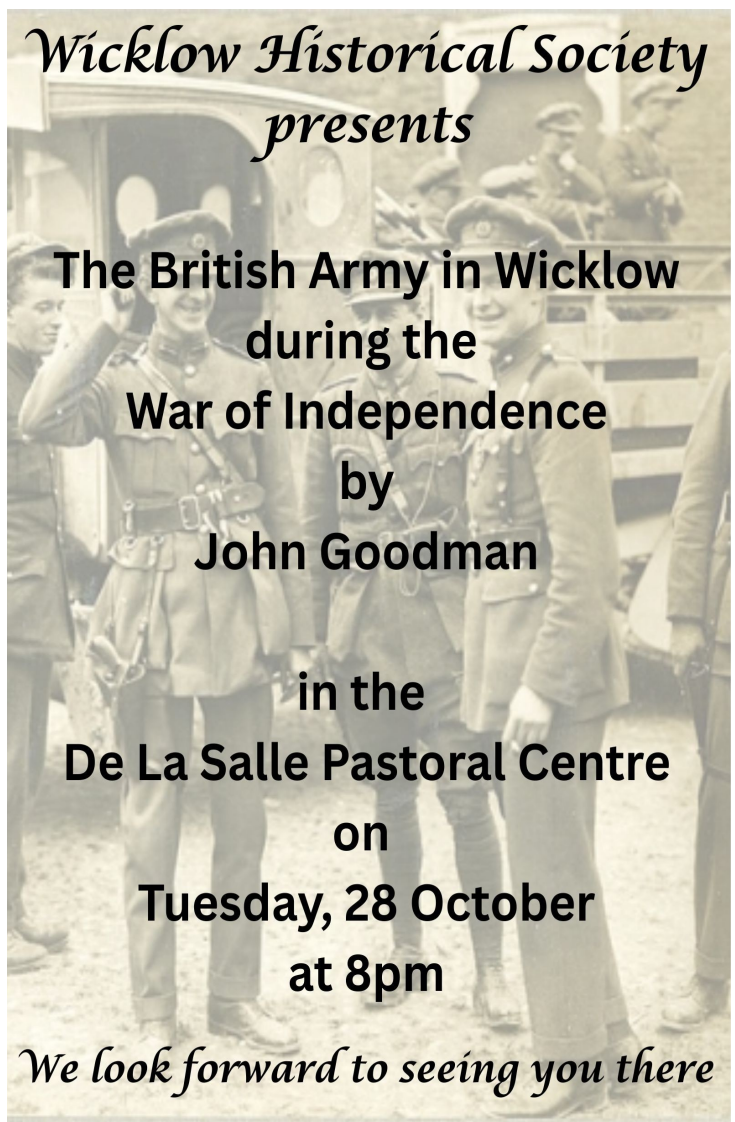








"The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co-funded by the Irish Government, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training (EIST) Programme 2021-2027."



Wicklow Historical Society
presents

**The British Army in Wicklow
during the
War of Independence**
by
John Goodman

**in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre
on
Tuesday, 28 October
at 8pm**

We look forward to seeing you there



THE Alzheimer
SOCIETY OF IRELAND

Join Our Rathdrum

**Young Onset Dementia
Activity Club**

Our activity club offers a welcoming space for connection, creativity, and fun.

It's a wonderful opportunity to build friendships and explore new hobbies in a supportive and uplifting environment.




**Every Tuesday morning
10am to 12 noon**

**The Heather Room, St Coleman's
Hospital, Rathdrum, A67 AK06**

For more information contact
michelle.bardon@alzheimer.ie
087-3182956





'Very like proselytism'

Delgany Children's Home (1890-1905) and the
Fanny Christian affair

Explores the 1891 controversy sparked by allegations of proselytism that cast an unwelcome spotlight on the newly established children's home in Delgany. The story journeys from the quiet lanes of Delgany to the heart of Dublin's Monto district.

Historian Rosemary Raughter
Thursday, 23rd October
7.00pm Wicklow Town Library

To Book: 0404 67025 Wicklib@wicklowcoco.ie



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Wicklow County Council

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 16/10/2025

No jackpot won this week

3

4

18

19

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Hugh Leonard

Next Week's Jackpot will be: €525

PARISH CONTACTS

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

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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
supporter to the Parish, please fill in this slip
and return to the Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

