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WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations RUTH MACKAY

16th May, 2024: €50 raffle winner Weekly winning numbers: 4, 10, 19, 30

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

Next weeks JACKPOT is €3,675

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

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Sometimes
the best thing you can do
is not think, not wonder, not
imagine, not obsess.
Just breathe,
and have faith that
everything will work out
for the best.

Best Inspirational Quotes
On Life, Change and Success

PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th May 2024

Feast of Pentecost -Year B

Wicklow & Rathnew RCN 20016166



Gospel Reflections

Spirit of Unity

Donal Neary SJ

The effect of the Holy Spirit at the first Pentecost was to create unity – the incident of people understanding different languages should not be taken literally, but that some deep divisions among people can be overcome by the Spirit of God. Many of the gifts of the Spirit in the second reading are about a deep unity among us – trust, love, patience. These and other gifts of the Spirit bring unity at a deep level in families, friendships, all kinds of relationships and communities.

The effects of disunity can lead in the end to murders, violence and wars. No wonder Jesus prayed so often for unity, and his Spirit would unite us. Disagreements may happen in the best of relationships, and lead often to peace in the end. Dividedness never leads to peace and is never from God.

Another unity of Pentecost was the reconciliation between Jesus' natural family and the new family of the apostles. Another gospel account says that in the upper room were people like James, his family 'brother', and Mary his mother, who was the uniting love of all Jesus' followers.

On the inbreath, breathe in the Spirit of God, the wind that blows where it wills.
Come Holy Spirit; Fill our hearts
Bring your peace and unity to our world.
May your kingdom come and your will be done. Amen.





Sincere sympathies to the families of

Michael Kinsella late of Glebemount

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 18th & 19th May

6.00pm Ritchie Quinn - 1st Anniversary, Donald, Grainne & Gina McCormack, Coley Murley & his parents, Jim & Angela. William, Anne, Patrick, Ellen, James & Monica Carr. Pat, Mai, Gerald & Joan Barry, Christina Roche, Bill Phillips, Willie Earls, Adrian Doyle, May Judd Byrne, John Murphy

9.00am Art Dickenson

10.30am Maeve, Peter & Vivien Moloney, Patrick Davis & deceased members of the Fitzpatrick & Davis families, Marcella O'Reilly & deceased members of the O'Reilly family, John Murphy 12noon NO MASS

20th April ~ 21st May

Monday Larry, Mary & George Kelly, Helen McGrath (A)

7.00pm Tom O'Rourke RD

Tuesday May Doyle RD
7.00pm Shay McDermott

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Wednesday Statia Hagan RD

Thursday Matthew Turner (A)s

Friday Fr Sean Buckley, Margaret & Denis Buckley (A)

Next Weekend ~ 22nd & 23rd May

6.00pm Patrick & Agnes Byrne, Matt, Billy, Maura & Clare Byrne, Margaret Burke, Phyllis Milmow, John Hogan Eamonn Deehan, Kathleen Michaels, Tommy O'Sullivan

9.00am

10.30am Charlie Howes, Michael & Rita Doyle & their son

Michael

12noon Yvette Davis, Elizabeth & Joe Yeats

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

12th May 2024

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish 1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese 2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 960

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: Deuteronomy4: 32-34, 39-40

Psalm: 32

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

New Appointments in St Mantan Pastoral Area

Fr Eamonn Crosson, current Administrator of Ashford-Glenealy Parish will be reaching the retiring from active ministry age for Priests this year. He has very generously agreed to continue in Ashford-Glenealy by taking up an appointment as a curate in the parish from the 6th July next. Fr Aquinas Duffy will be appointed Parish Priest of Ashford-Glenealy in addition to his current appointment as Parish Priest of "Wicklow-Rathnew" and "Kilbride-Barndarrig-Brittas Bay" Parishes.

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 13TH JUNE AT 8PM IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE

Popes intention for May ~ Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024

Now taking bookings for this years pilgrimage which will be 10th September costing €939per person sharing. This Pilgrimage is open to all—not just parishioners, family and friends from other parishes are also very welcome.

Places are now limited and need to be booked as soon as possible!

This is a wonderful pilgrimage to do - with a fantastic mix of both spiritual and social occasions.



The price includes flight + 20k luggage and a very comfortable hotel, close to all the organised events with three meals a day with various choices - something to suit everyone. There is plenty of assistance, and wheelchairs which are readily available for anyone with mobility issues.

There are some very special processions - the Torchlight Procession every evening, the Blessed Sacrament Procession to the underground Basilica, Mass for the Sick, the International Mass, private Mass for the Pilgrim groups in various different churches, and of course, Mass at the Apparition Grotto and the Stations of the Cross done at the Low Stations which is very much accessible to all. The High Stations are also available to anyone who likes a challenge.

Along with the processions and Masses there is a visit to the City of Bartres - where Bernadette lived in her early years, followed by a trip to the stunning Lourdes Lake for refreshments. A visit to the City of the Poor is a must and a cable car trip up the mountains (Pic de Jur) or a trip to Gavargny - another mountain trip - (small charge on those trips) are also available and a great way to view Lourdes. All of these are optional.

There are plenty of gift shops - which are all easily accessible, beautiful coffee shops for during the day and plenty of bars to socialise and get to know the group in the evenings. This is a very casual pilgrimage whereby you can join in with the organised events or do your own thing with no pressure on anyone.

The organisers are so committed and helpful to everyone, and the friendliness and welcomeness within the group is second to none.

More information from Nancy on 086 1099 112 or Carol on 086 0601 956 or the Parish Office on 61699.



The Rosary continues every evening at 7.30pm at the Rathnew Grotto for the month of May. Everybody is very welcome to come along and participate in this nightly event. In the event of rain - it will move to the church.



An Tairseach Organic Farm & Ecology Centre

will host "Going Wild – Bee friendly in An Tairseach" with Angie Kinsella to celebrate Laudato Si' week and observe National Biodiversity week. Angie will be inviting us to take a wandering walk through the stunning biodiverse land at 'An Tairseach', Co. Wicklow. This nature sanctuary in the heart of Wicklow town displays biodiversity at its best and will surely sow 'seeds of hope' (theme for this year's Laudato Si week) in all who participate.

*For those who have bee-sensitivity, exposure to bees will be minimal during the day's programme.

When: Saturday 25th May: 10:45am - 1:30pm

Venue: Gather at car park of Farm shop, before walking up to farm

Cost: free of charge

For more information see the website events page: https://antairseach.ie/events/

Summer School "The Third Day of Creation" with Dr John Feehan

An Tairseach in collaboration with the Columban Ecological Institute is hosting the annual weeklong summer school in May.

In the Book of Genesis, God's plan for the Greening of the Earth only gets two paragraphs: and they only refer to flowering plants. However, with our ever-growing human ability to understand the language in which God's own Old Diaries are written, the story of the Greening of Earth has expanded into one of the most wonderous in the whole of Creation. Join us for five days of talks, expeditions, and indoor encounter sessions, during all of which we will keep a prayerful eye on what it means for our understanding of God's plan for creation and how we live our own lives.

When: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024

Venue: An Tairseach Organic Farm & Ecology Centre.

For more information contact Sr Colette Kane OP email <u>director@antairseach.ie</u> also see the website events: https://antairseach.ie/events/

Teachers' Summer School

An Tairseach presents the annual Summer School "Education for Sustainable Development, Knowing our Place: From Stardust to Sand." This course is approved by the Dept. of Education

When: Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July 2024; 10:00 am – 2:30pm (includes lunch, teas/coffee)

Venue: An Tairseach Organic Farm & Ecology Centre, Wicklow Town Cost: €100 - Sponsored by the Cabra Dominican Sisters.

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website events: https://antairseach.ie/events/

BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES 2024



Barndarrig Cemetery: Tuesday, 2nd July @ 7.30pm

Three Mile Water Cemetery: Monday, July 8th at 7.30pm

Castletimon Cemetery: Monday, July 15th at 7.30pm

Rathnew Cemetery: Wednesday 17th July at7.30pm

Glenealy Cemetery: Saturday 20th July at 3.00pm

Killougher Cemetery: Tuesday 23rd July at 7.30pm



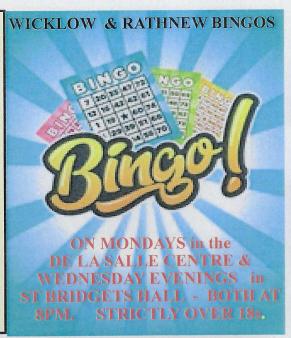
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Wicklow & Rathnew Parish Fundraiser

Every line in our lotto draw on 30th May 2024 has a chance to **WIN** our Jackpot and has a **FREE** chance to win one of three sensational Summer Giveaway Competition prizes. This nationwide competition is open to all people who have a ticket in a lotto run by our service provider 'Our Fundraiser'.

To Win

At 7pm on Thursday 30th May 2024 a participant will be chosen at random by 'Our Fundraiser' for each prize. They must answer the phone within 5 rings and correctly answer the quiz question below to win a prize. This competition is subject to our terms and conditions which can be found at: https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/terms-and-conditions

Taylor Swift is playing her June 2024 concerts in Ireland's capital city. Which city is it?

(a) Dublin (b) Galway (c) Waterford

WICKLOW LIBRARY EVENTS

Come along to the Wicklow Library Wednesday 22nd May from 12:30 - 3:00 pm for our Cafe Bealtaine event. Afternoon tea will be served and the Wicklow Community Choir will be singing, along with a few other entertainment surprises!

To book in please call 0404-67025 or email: Wicklib@wicklowcoco.ie



Wicklow Historical Society will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday next, May 21st commencing at 8:00 p.m. in the De la Salle Parish Centre.

All are welcome to attend.

Our new annual historical journal should be available to the general public in early June with preview copies for our ever loyal and generous patrons in late May.

No 12 Noon Mass in St Patrick's Church this Sunday 19th May

Please note that there will be No 12 Noon Mass on Sunday 19th May in St Patrick's Church Wicklow. That day Archbishop Dermot Farrell will be the celebrant of the 10.30 AM Mass during which he will also celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the boys and girls who are part of the De La Salle Parish Preparation group. There will be a 12 Noon Mass in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Brittas Bay.

PARISH CONTACTS

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Office opening times Monday - Friday: 10am - 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings

VOLUNTEERS WANTED....



To arrange flowers for the Main Altar in St Patrick's Wicklow and also for the Altar area in St Joseph's

Church Rathnew.

The requirements would be to get the flowers, and to arrange and maintain them for a month.

The Parish will re-imburse the cost of flowers on receipt.

If you think you would like to try this out please leave your name and number in the parish office.

FR DONAL'S ORDINATION AS AUXILIARY BISHOP

The parish will be organising buses to St. Andrew's Church Westland Row, Dublin, on Sunday 26th May to Westland Row for the Mass installing Fr Donal as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin.

The bus will cost €15 per person payable before travelling.

You need to book your seat through the parish office only.

Time & place of departure will be announced closer to date

PLEASE NOTE THAT LAST BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN ON TUESDAY 22nd MAY