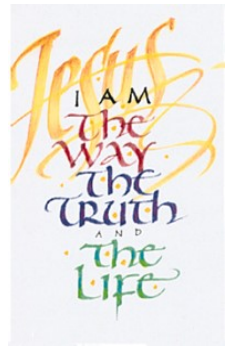


PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

Easter Sunday - Year C
20th April 2025



Gospel Reflection ~ Death is not final ~ Donal Neary SJ

The first Easter parade was just a crowd of women going down the street where once they had sang Hosanna. Another time they had gone with him to death. Now it's just themselves - two Marys, Joanna and other women. The parade was dull, without the one they followed - but they wanted to care for the body with spices, using only the best.

And then it was all different. They saw no body, which frightened them more than any death could have. Then there were angels with strange messages, but their hearts believed quickly and they remembered what he had said. Often, he had talked of death and resurrection. He was the sort of man for whom evil and death could not be final. They were then to go to the apostles, and they were to find out that caring for Christ's body now would be a different thing. The women announced this divine news to the men. This would have been contrary to the culture at the time, but Jesus went against a lot of beliefs and prejudices.

Caring for the body of Christ now means *caring for each other*. They would spend the rest of their lives caring for the new body of Christ, and we're the same in caring and being cared for. The risen Christ is in all of us.

We are his body. Not a word of God can be spoken without human words. God reaches us through each other. The Easter parade now is made up of all of us following our risen Lord, following life that never dies, and the truth of the gospel that can keep us going. This is the love of the risen Lord, which is the life-blood of the Church.

*Jesus Christ you are risen,
you are risen indeed,
Alleluia, Alleluia.*



Sincere sympathies to the family of

*Seamus Keogh, late of St. Laurence's Rd.
who died in Roscommon.*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 19th & 20th April 2025

8.00pm

9.00am

Michael John Duffy, May Duffy & deceased members of the Duffy family, Leo Devlin

10.30am

Thomas & Bridget Cregg & deceased members of the Cregg & Hurley families. Thomas & Anastasia Duffy & deceased members of the Duffy & Corrigan families, Thomas Breen

12.00pm

*Marie Sweeney (1st A),
Margaret & Tommy Hogan (A)*

21st ~ 25th April, 2025

Monday

*Ginny O'Reilly (A), Maria Coughlan,
Chelsea Kennedy*

7.00pm

NO MASS

Tuesday

NO MASS - Eucharistic Service

7.00pm

Ned Jameson (A)

Wednesday

Special Intention

Thursday

Special Intention

Friday

Special Intention

Next Weekend ~ 26th & 27th April 2025

6.00pm

*Tom & Mary Malone (A), Maura Nichols (A),
Bill Bury (A), Dan Breen (A)*

9.00am

10.30am

*Kit & Ron Hagan, Joan Lynch (A),
Gráinne & Pat Bolger, Mac Hanlon (A)*

12.00pm

Michael Lavín (A)

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

13th April 2025

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	€1815
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	€1350
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€1065

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: Acts 5:12-16

PSALM: 117:2-4,22-27

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

Baptisms in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow	First Saturday	2pm
	Third Sunday	1pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2pm
Ashford	First Sunday	12 noon
Glenealy	Third Saturday	12 noon
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm



Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday, 8th May 2025, at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre

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Office opening time Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings

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: Tuesdays at 9am



**LIFE &
SPIRIT
SEMINAR**
in
**RDA HALL
RATHDRUM
Co. WICKLOW
A67 X668**

<p>COMMENCING TUESDAY 15th APRIL to TUESDAY 27th MAY (seven consecutive Tuesday Nights)</p> <p>Time 7.30pm</p> <p>Guest Speaker each night</p> <p>For further info: Jack 086 - 2464181</p>	<p>TESTIMONIALS TO THE HEALING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kate healed from Crohns disease after 26 years.• Robert paralyzed and on a life support machine for 3 months, totally healed• Abby young girl with anorexia, totally healed• Aishling with depression and alcoholism, totally healed• Eugene 10 years of chronic pain, the Holy Spirit asked me to forgive, totally healed
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Knock Pilgrimage



Pilgrimage to knock on the 21st September 2025.
Leaving the Memorial park Rathdrum at 7.30am sharp via Grand Hotel
Wicklow at 8am.
€80 per person this includes Bus, Breakfast, Dinner.
Names and payment before 1st June 2025
Contact Susan at 0876273032.

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 082
And see Grow.ie to listen to stories of Hope and Recovery.

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.



You are invited to join this guided trail, which will commence outside the Tourist Office in Fitzwilliam Square on Easter Saturday at 11am. (Trail will take approximately 2 hours to complete).

Guided trails will take place each Saturday from Easter Saturday April 19th until 27th September.

For more information on
Wicklow Town Heritage Trail visit: www.wicklowtown.ie

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Tap & Go

We have a new Tap & Go machine in Wicklow Church. When you 'Tap' you now get the opportunity to put in your name, telephone number or email address. This in turn allows the parish to accumulate all donations from the tap device, and from family offering/Share/Common Fund or dues collections. Your information is only required once. Therefore, for all combined donations over €250 the parish can claim the tax back.

Please choose a quiet day when the church is not busy to insert your contact details.

Thank You to all our Volunteers!

Many thanks to all the volunteers in all the churches, who lent a hand and worked so hard during Holy Week and at the Easter Services.

If you helped with the cleaning or preparation of the Church, or helped in anyway with planning the Services, or were involved in any of the Church Ministries from Altar Serving to singing in the choir-

**THANK YOU FOR BUILDING HOPE
IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY.**

**Many thanks to
Willie Doyle of
Flannery's Funeral
Home and Funeral
Services for
sponsoring the
lovely flowers in
St. Patrick's Church
this Easter.**



The death of a loved one can be an overwhelming and isolating experience but you don't have to face it alone

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement Support offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence. We have a drop-in service on the last Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm in the De La Salle Centre Wicklow, or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call us on 086 835 9148 to arrange.

Easter Holidays

**The Parish Office closes after
office hours on Wednesday 16th April and
re-opens on Thursday 24th April at 10am.**

LOURDES



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Wicklow Rathnew

26 August 2025

7 Nights

€1,095 per person sharing

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » 20kg bags included
- » Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- » 7 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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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**

**The Rathnew Women's Shed are back hosting
their craft fair in St. Brigids hall Rathnew
Sunday the 27th of April from 11am to 3pm.
There will be stalls full of hand crafts goods
such as knit wares, crochet, handmade quilts,
hand poured candles, upcycled creations,
handmade sensory toys, many gifts and
freshly baked goods and refreshments.**

Many thanks to the sponsor of our newsletter
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Parish Lotto Results for 17/ 04 / 2025

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK

3

8

16

25

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Gail O'Sullivan

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,650

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish.
If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

