

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

20th September 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Deserving our rights

We often say that people don't deserve welfare or food if they don't work. We can be stingy in judging what others deserve and need.

Jesus has a new way. We deserve our rights even when we do the least. The denarius was a day's wage, enough to live on. There are certain rights we all have - to have food and a job are two of them. These people wanted to work. We are rewarded by God for who we are, not for what we do.

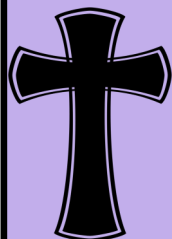
Jesus' vision is that everyone deserves to earn enough to live on.

To believe in a God who is an unconditional Friend, is to have the most liberating experience that one could imagine. On the contrary, to live in the presence of an avenging and threatening God could change us into the most dangerous and self-destructive neurotics. We need to learn not to confuse God with our own narrow and stingy plans. We sometimes wish to distort God's unfathomable goodness. (Jose Pagola).

That's the way the kingdom of God grows. It grows within us in thanks and sharing. That's what we do at every Mass. Success for Jesus is not the amount we do, but that we do things with a full heart.

Recall the picture of a dole queue or a provision centre and pray.

Lord, may all I do this day and week begin with your inspiration and end with your pleasure. Amen.



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Emmanual (Manny) Burke Wicklow Town,
Wicklow*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 19th & 20th September

6.00pm *Andrew Tarrant 1st Anniv.*

Paula Tarrant (A)

Anne Moran (A)

Gráinne Byrne (A)

Roey Bouchier (A)

William Sinnott (A)

Joseph & Anne Cullen B.R

9.00am *Christina Doherty also her husband Peter & their son in law Bevan Gilmore*

10.30am *Liam O'Brien M.M (Late of Glenview)*

Olive Sinnott (A)

John & Eileen Nolan (A)

12.00pm *Tom Shields M.M*

Eddie Michaels (A)

21st September to 25th September

Monday *Victoria Leonard in remb, Breda Heraty in remb.*

7.00pm *Parishioners Intentions - Mass cards*

Tuesday *Gene O'Neill in remb, John McAuley in remb.*

7.00pm *Special intention*

Wednesday *Ignatus & Joe Mangan, Kevin & John Martin
Tommy Redmond*

Thursday *Denise Byrne in remb, Willie Clarke in remb.*

Friday *Pat Rutledge in remb, Stan O'Reilly in remb.*

Next Weekend ~ 26th & 27th September

6.00pm *Bill Dickenson (A),*

Colm Ffrench (A)

9.00am

10.30am *Jack & Mannix Murphy & deceased members of
Murphy & Grogan Families*

12.00pm *Dick Kavanagh (A)*

Angela O'Rourke (A)

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

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18: 25 - 28

PSALM: Ps.24: 4 - 9

SECOND READING: Philippians 2: 1-11

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28 - 32

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



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
KBB	Second Saturday	2.00pm

*The next meeting will be on
Thursday **8th October** at 8pm in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on
Thursday **24th September** at 7.30pm in
The Parochial House in Ashford-
which needs to be confirmed with the
Parish Office. Next KBB meeting
Wednesday 7th October at 7:30pm
In Barndarrig Church*

BAPTISM

A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

ADULT BAPTISM

Your Journey of Faith

*Are you thinking about taking the
step to join the Catholic Church?*

OUR ADULT FAITH JOURNEY COURSE
commences on Friday 11th September at 7pm in the
DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE

For further information
contact the Parish Office on 0404 61699
or email us on parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

13th September 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
€2375 (114 envelopes received)	€1225	€1160



Cross Care Annual Appeal 2026

The Cross Care Annual Appeal collection is taking place this weekend 19th & 20th of September. It will replace the SHARE Collection. Your support as normal would be appreciated.

Sacramental Meeting First Holy Communion : There will be a meeting for parents of first Holy communion Children on Tuesday 29th September at 7:30pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Confirmation: There will be a meeting for parents of Confirmation class children on Thursday 1st October at 8:00pm in St. Patrick's Church.



Society of St Vincent de Paul

QUARTERLY COLLECTION.

The quarterly Church Door collection will take place on the weekend of 3rd/4th October, Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford & Glenealy church Your support to this collection would be very much appreciated.

SUNDAY 27TH OF SEPTEMBER

Sunday Social

Cuppa & chats

After the 10.30am Mass

Activities for the kids

Everyone is warmly welcome



On Sunday 27th at the 10:30am mass Fr. Liam will be doing a blessing of the rosary beads. Please feel free to bring your own rosary beads for blessing.

Parish Religious Education Classes

The parish offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children who are attending non-Catholic Schools. Parents who wish to present their child for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation are invited to enrol them for a two-year programme of preparation.

Online Registration is now available on www.stmantan.ie

Go to General Information click into Sacraments then click Parish Religious Education Programme and enrolment. You can now enrol your child by clicking on the relevant link and filling in the form. Payment can be made at the end of the form.

Sacramental Registration 2026 ~ 2027

Parents wishing to have their child receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation may now register online on www.stmantan.ie. Go to general information then sacraments, choose your sacrament & fill in the form.

Any problems or for more information, please contact the parish office on 0404 61699 between 10am & 12.30pm





Unwanted Gift Sale

in aid of
St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow
and
Wicklow Cancer Support



Date: Sunday 8th November 2026
Time: 10am to 3.30 pm, with Coffee & Raffle
Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town
(across from St Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town)

Pick up a Great Christmas Present and support
Wicklow Parish Church and Wicklow Cancer Support Services



**Special Christmas
Room**



Full of Decorations



Can't believe its only 7 weeks to
"The sale of the Century"

"THE UNWANTED GIFT SALE"

I would like to say a very big thank you for all your generous support towards this sale. It couldn't go ahead without the help of the fantastic team of helpers, the people who donate, the amazing parish office who support us so much and the fabulous hospitality team. We are starting to accept unwanted gifts of all kinds which can be left in the parish office. Again, many thanks for your support and hope to see you there.
Maureen & her fantastic team.

Wicklow Male Voice Choir

Singing together is one of the most powerful things a group of men can do. If you feel like singing this could be for you!

Wicklow Male Voice Choir is inviting singers to join our ranks – no audition or experience required. Why not come along to our open day, taking place at the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Church grounds, Wicklow Town (A67 FX65) on Saturday 26th Sept.

Morning session: 09:45-12:15
Complimentary lunch: 12:15-13:15
Afternoon session: 13:15-15:00

The Wicklow Parish would most sincerely like to thank:

Wicklow Tidy Towns Team, Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) & Wicklow County Council along with Andrew Lawless and Sylvester Burke for all their help, advice and exceptional hard work in securing the finance and completing the incredible Energy Retrofit on the De La Salle Pastoral Centre. These teams were an absolute pleasure to deal and work with, and the parish will be forever indebted to them.

A sincere "THANK YOU" to each and every one of you who helped with this project.

What have we done?

A new heating system, based on Air to Heat technology, is being installed in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre. It is now operational; and has completed a total Energy Retrofit of the Centre. Work started in late 2024 but design and the search for funding commenced in 2021.

The total cost of the Retrofit has been €200,000 and has been totally funded with grants from two Government Departments – **Climate, Energy and The Environment and Rural and Community Development**.

The works have consisted of:

- 300mm insulation added to the ceilings of the building
- Foam insulation pumped into all the external walls
- Subdivision of the heating system into zones for greater control
- 36 solar panels erected on the roof of the De La Salle Hall
- All remaining single glazed windows (Hall and upstairs) replaced with triple glazed equivalents
- Replacement of the old Oil boiler with a state of the art, Air to Heat system

The work:

- Secures the efficient operation of the building for years to come at a lower cost (€4,000 less in 2025/2026)
- Will result in serious reductions in emissions from fossil fuels as requested by the late Pope Francis in his encyclical 'Laudato Si' published in 2015.
- 6,000kWh (enough to power a kettle non-stop for 3,000 days) of renewable energy have been exported from the Centre to the National Grid in a year.
- An example of how different community organisations can come together for the benefit of the town as a whole

Many people were involved in this work (all volunteers):

- **Bishop Donal, Fr, Aquinas and ALL the staff** in the Parish Office who had to put up with disruption. Also, the Parish Finance Committee and the Archdiocese.
- **Wicklow Tidy Towns Sustainable Energy Community (SEC)** who designed, sought tenders and supervised all the work.
- **Wicklow Town Team** who provided bridging finance for the work. Staff in **Wicklow County Council** who guided the SEC and processed all the grants on behalf of the Government.
- **Further information can be had by contacting the SEC on 085 8803 111**

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 10/09/2026

No jackpot won this week



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Eddie O Sullivan

Next Week's Jackpot will be:

€3,375



JESUS YOUTH
A MISSIONARY
MOVEMENT
AT THE SERVICE
OF THE CHURCH

Teens Night



An Evening of Faith, Fun and Fellowship in

St. Patrick's Room, De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow



Every 3rd Friday at 7pm



For more details contact Reji: 0872381537 or Jesvin: 0894797690



Bethany
Bereavement Support

WICKLOW GROUP

Whenever you feel ready, Bethany Bereavement Support is here to listen.

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a free, 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.



NEXT MEETING DATES

Tuesday 29th September at 8:00pm
Tuesday 6th October at 10:45



VENUE

The De La Salle Centre
Wicklow
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