

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

20th July 2025

### Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Jesus and hospitality: God's footprints

The half door on the old Irish houses had many functions. It kept the animals out while allowing the family to look out. It also made for openness and hospitality for all who passed by. The traveller was welcomed and the one walking by could rest for a while. We were open to the world and the world to us, and we felt safe.

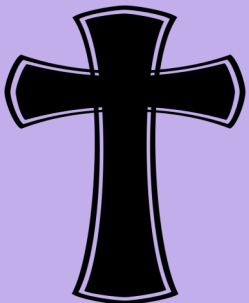
Hospitality was important in Jesus' time. He made many a visit to the house of Martha and Mary, staying there when he wanted to go to Jerusalem. They enjoyed having him - Mary just sat there listening to him - the stranger, now a friend, who told stories of how life could best be lived. I can imagine him telling the parables in their house.

The people then had a belief in the travelling and pilgrim God, the one who came our way often. The first reading is about strangers being entertained and the people didn't know that the Lord was visiting them. When we open our heart and home to the stranger and to the neighbour we are receiving God into our lives.

The Indian poet Tagore writes - '*and when you left I saw God's footprints on the floor.*'

Our fear of break-ins and of robbery today is destroying an easy accessibility in our neighbourhoods. Casual hospitality is more difficult than in the days of the half-door. Maybe Facebook and Twitter and other social media fulfil some of this function, impersonal though it may be. We cannot live in isolation. '*Self knows that self is not enough*' writes the poet, Brendan Kennelly.

*For friendship and love,  
Especially when I find it in unexpected places and people,  
I thank you, Lord.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of*

*Jack Fitzpatrick, late of The Mall, Wicklow*

# Mass Intention List

## This Weekend ~ 19th & 20th July 2025

- 6.00pm** Patrick (Pat) Fortune - 1st Anniversary  
Betty & Paddy Ryan (A), Terry Fox (A) & deceased  
members of the Fox & Keddy families, Frank & Mary Newsome
- 9.00am** Tony Johnston RD
- 10.30am** Willie Murphy (A), Patrick & Kathleen Cannon (A)  
John Rose & Matthew Ryan & Sr Mary Dominic (A)  
Michael & Esther Doyle & their son Robert  
Grainne & Pat Bolger - BR
- 12.00pm** Damien Coakley - Months Mind

## 21st July ~ 25th July 2025

- Monday** NO MASS
- 7.00pm** Special Intention
- Tuesday** Michael Lambert Jnr., Marie Dempsey (A)
- 7.00pm** Charlie Mulligan RD
- Wednesday** Michael & Christina Byrne (A)  
Willie & Marjorie Murphy (A) special intention  
for a lady having an operation
- Thursday** Special Intention
- Friday** John Murphy - 1st Anniversary, Kay Quill (A)

## Next Weekend ~ 26th & 27th July 2025

- 6.00pm** Henry Hubbard, Michael & Mary Kavanagh
- 9.00am** NO MASS
- 10.30am** Stevie Hayes, William Howlett, Kay Lynn (A)
- 12.00pm** Marie Crossan - 1st Anniversary, Joan Fox,  
Connie Salinger, Pat Madden, Nicholas Byrne (A)

## **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 13th July 2025**

**ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1540**  
**1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€1320**  
**2ND COLLECTION/SHARE** - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€1070**

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## **NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

**FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32**

**PSALM: 137: 1-3, 6-8**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 2: 12-14**

**GOSPEL: Luke: 1-13**

### **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE 19th & 20th JULY 2025**

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)

Archdiocese of Dublin

### **Summer Dues**

Thank you for  
supporting your priests

**SUMMER  
DUES  
APPEAL  
2025**



### **PLEASE .....**

Do not park in the 'Disabled Parking Bays' unless you have a badge permitting this.

We do have Parishioners who need these spaces and unfortunately it makes it difficult for them to attend the Mass/Service when these spaces are not available.

Unfortunately, these parking spaces are regularly used by inconsiderate people with no badges, which is very unfair to those who genuinely need them.



# Mass & Blessings of the Graves - 2025

Barndarrig Cemetery: Tuesday, 1st July @ 7.30pm

Three Mile Water Cemetery: Monday, July 7th at 7.30pm

Castletimon Cemetery: Monday, July 14th at 7.30pm

Rathnew Cemetery: Wednesday 16th July at 7.30pm

Glenealy Cemetery: Saturday 19th July at 3.00pm

Killoughter Cemetery: Tuesday 22nd July at 7.30pm

## 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



## Mass Schedule B and C.

Mass Schedule B in the event of one priest not being available.

Weekend 5/6 July // Weekend 26/27 July // Weekend 30/31 August 2025

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)

Mass Schedule C in the event of one priest not being available

Weekend 19/20 July // Weekend 16/17 August 2025

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)

# WHAT ARE THE MASS COLLECTIONS FOR?

## **THE FIRST COLLECTION/COMMUN FUND**

The First Collection is also known as the Common Fund. This was set up years ago in order that all priests got a fair share of the collection regardless of the size or wealth of the parish that they are working in. It also supports the priests of the Diocese, who are sick and retired. Christmas/ Easter & Summer Dues are lodged directly into this fund. This fund has been declining over the past few years which means that priests incomes have also been declining.

## **THE SECOND COLLECTION/ SHARE**

The Share Collection is for the Diocesan building fund which helps to subsidise projects in some very poor parishes. It gives financial assistance to parishes who wouldn't have the necessary income to maintain their buildings. It also funds the central services of the diocese which looks after 199 parishes. The money for this collection is also lodged directly to the Diocese.

## **THE WEEKLY ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDER / PLANNED GIVING COLLECTION**

This collection funds the parish. It pays for the day to day expenses of running the Parish as well as maintaining the Churches, our Parish Centre and the Priests houses. You may contribute to the Parish by weekly envelope, Direct Debit/Standing order or annual donation. If you have thought about contributing to the Parish regularly - please arrange for a box of envelopes or a Direct Debit form to be sent to you by ringing the parish office on 61699.

## **TAX RELIEF SCHEME**

The Tax Relief Scheme for donations to Eligible Charities is of immense benefit to the Parish. It is a very simple but effective way of increasing revenue, whereby the parish can claim back the tax paid on any recorded contributions of €250 or more per annum. Many people have already signed up for this and it has made a big difference to parish income. If you have not already done so, perhaps you would consider signing up for it now. Full details are available on the parish website or from the office.

As the church is registered as a charity, any contribution of €250 or more (which is €5 a week), allows the parish to claim back up to 40% of that, which is approx. €100, where applicable. However, we do have to be able to link the donations to a donor which is where the envelopes/ Direct Debit/Standing Orders becomes important. The only information that is required from the contributor is - name, address, PPS number and a signature. Please be assured that any information received will be treated with the of confidence and that there is NO involvement at all from any tax officials. If you pay income tax and if you have contributed €250 or more to the Dues and Family Offering, the Parish can claim back the tax on your donation at no cost whatsoever to the contributor. Please be assured that the parish staff do not have any access to any personal details of any parishioner signing up to this scheme. It is totally confidential.

**Please note that cash placed in the collection baskets does not qualify for  
Tax Relief as it cannot be traced back to a donor and is therefore  
added to the Diocesan 1st & 2nd collections.**

*A sincere and genuine thanks to all parishioners who continuously support the parish through their contributions and to those who have signed up to the CHY3 scheme and we look forward to your continued support in the future.*



Unit 2, First Floor,  
Rear of Boots Pharmacy  
Abbey Street, Wicklow

*Have you, or a family member,  
been diagnosed with Cancer?*

*We're here to help -  
All our services are free of charge*

**0404 32696 or 086 821 6694**

Email [info@wicklowcancersupport.ie](mailto:info@wicklowcancersupport.ie)

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.

Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.

## **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  
Denis Teevan on 086 8174 703**

## **St. Mantan Pastoral Area**

### **Baptism Details**

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

*Please note :*

*The next meeting will be on  
**Thursday 14th August, 2025,**  
**at 8pm in the**  
**De La Salle Pastoral Centre***

**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.

**Please note that there will not be  
a mass in St Patrick's on Monday  
morning 21st July.**

**Hopefully, there will be a Prayer  
Service instead on that day.**

## **THANK YOU .....**

**To everybody who worked so  
hard to ensure the Blessings  
of the Graves went off so well  
in the Rathnew Cemetery.  
From the set up to the clear  
up - several people were  
involved and a sincere  
"THANK YOU" to each and  
everyone of you.**

**A special mention to Anne  
Morris & Liam Kinsella who  
provided the music for the  
Mass on Wednesday evening.**

**These occasions don't just  
happen - planning starts  
weeks before the occasion  
and couldn't be completed  
without the help of our  
fantastic volunteers.**





Wicklow & District Club



# ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

*a great day for charity not to be missed!*

BOOK TEAMS EARLY

support  
Local Charities

**JULY 24th**  
**BLAINROE**  
Golf Club



**MONSTER  
RAFFLE**  
Prizes

contact ethna  
086-0603612

[gardenofireland@gmail.com](mailto:gardenofireland@gmail.com) or [wicklowlions.com](http://wicklowlions.com)



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



**Fri July 25**  
**7pm sharp**

**Opp. Brass Fox**

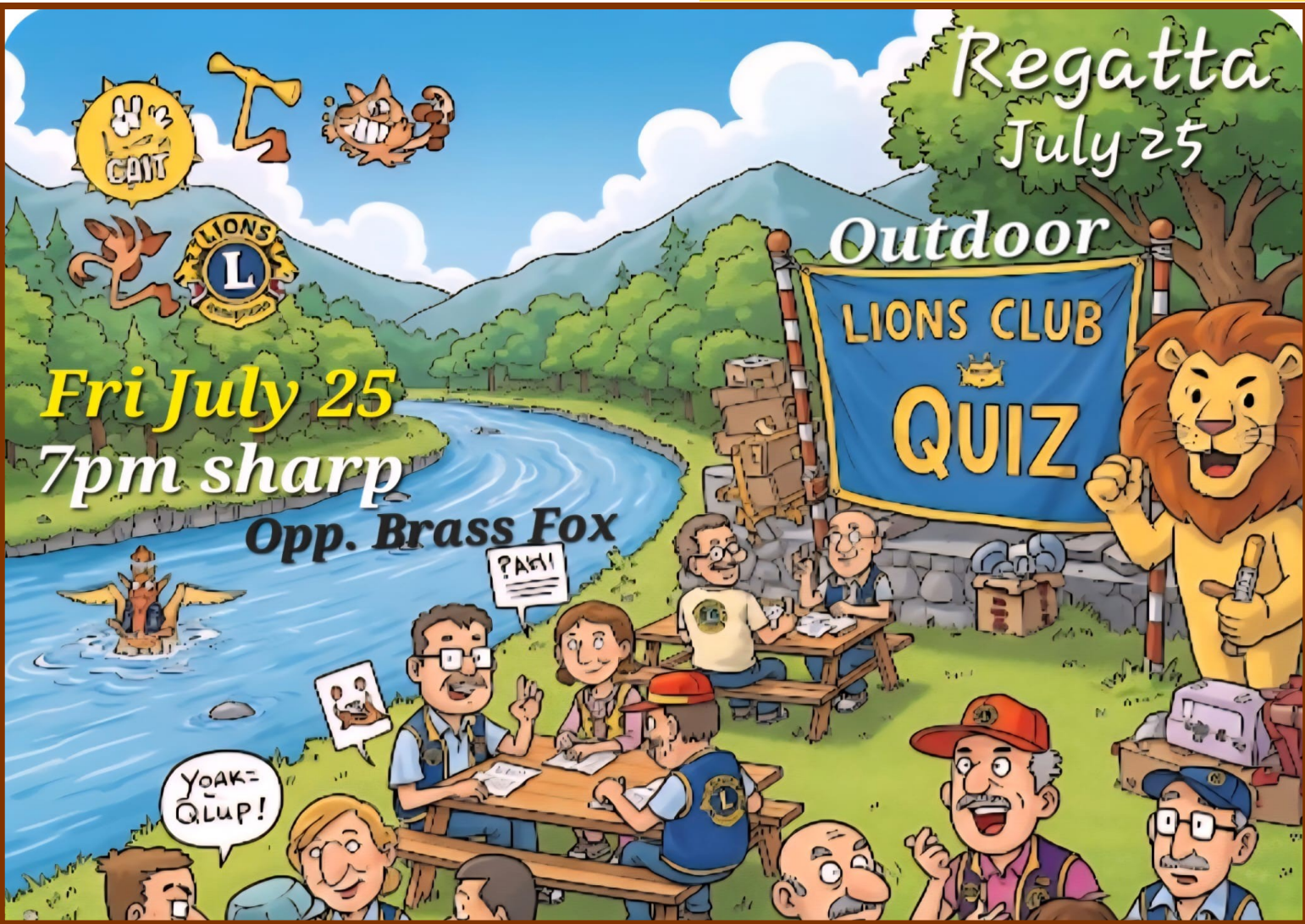
**Regatta**  
**July 25**

**Outdoor**  
**LIONS CLUB**  
**QUIZ**



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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/ 07 / 2025**

**NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK**

**7**

**10**

**14**

**18**

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

**Una McDonald**

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,650

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

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

**Parish Office: 0404 61699**

**Email: [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com), Website: [www.stmantan.ie](http://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.....

*"Do not forget to show hospitality  
to strangers, for by so doing some  
people have shown hospitality to  
angels without knowing it."*

-Hebrews 13:2 NV

