

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

21st September 2025



### Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ On the side of the poor

Isn't it still the same as the first reading has it? The poor get the worst of things, and are diddled; it's quite contemporary. It is about greed and fooling the poor; raising the shekel - like raising the exchange rate so that the poorer countries get less dollars for their kwacha and rupees; golden handshakes for people whose greed is palpable and whose attitudes have left so many people hard up; money well protected and taxes avoided if not evaded. Our waste of food could feed so many. People are poor not through their own fault but because they are neglected.

How many of the poorer schools are becoming less well off, with resources such as special needs assistants taken away. Hospital care is getting worse, as people wait for prolonged periods for treatment. Mostly the poor will first suffer from economic mishap. **G**od hates this - he hates mistreatment of his people. **J**esus raged against the exploitation of the poor.

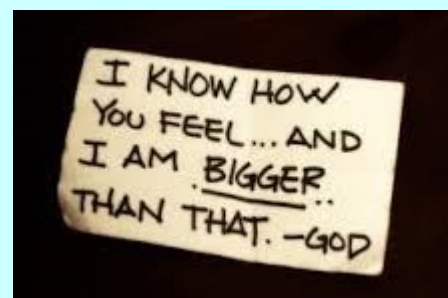
**W**e pay tribute to the people who work for the poor and needy - in the parish; in diocesan and other social agencies, and our volunteers at home and abroad. Can we vote for public representatives who care for the poor?

The call to the **C**hurch is to care as **J**esus cared; we need the harsh words of the first reading sometimes to waken us up, and the story of **J**esus to make sure we don't sleep again.

*Pope Francis said:*

*'if investments in banks drop a little: It's a tragedy!  
But if people are starving, if they have nothing to eat,  
if they are not healthy, **They die!***

*This is our crisis today,*



## PARISH CONTACTS

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**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**

## *Mass Intention List*

*This Weekend ~ 20th & 21st September 2025*

- 6.00pm** Stephen Keeley 1st Anniversary  
Ann Cullen & Joseph (Joe) Cullen both B.R,  
Ann-marie Cullen (A), Roey Bouchier & William Sinnott
- 9.00am** *Christina Doherty & her husband Peter & their son in law Bevan Gilmore who died in Australia*
- 10.30am** Colm Ffrench 1st Anniversary,  
Paula Tarrant (A),  
Laurence Dunne (A)
- 12.00pm** Shirley Byrne M.M,  
Olive Synnott & Eddie Michaels ~ both 1st Anni.  
John O'Connor, Anne Moran (A)  
Ken McLean~80th B.R,

*22nd~ 26th September 2025*

- Monday** Michael O'Reilly Senior & Junior (A)
- 7.00pm** *Michael Carroll R.D*
- Tuesday** Lauren Quinn (A)
- 7.00pm** *Michael Jameson (A)*
- Wednesday** Laurence Walker R.D who died in Kent
- Thursday** Cara O'Mahony R.D
- Friday** Alice Fox R.D

*Next Weekend ~ 27th & 28th September 2025*

- 6.00pm** Pauline O'Neill M.M,  
Bill Dickenson 1st Anni.
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Jack & Mannix Murphy & deceased members of Grogan & Murphy families
- 12.00pm** Angela O'Rourke (A), Noel Furlong (A)

## **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:**

**14th September 2025**

<b>ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	<b>€3075</b>
<b>1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	<b>€1175</b>
<b>2ND COLLECTION/SHARE</b>	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	<b>€1035</b>

*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: Amos 6:1, 4-7**

**PSALM: Ps 145: 6-10**

**SECOND READING: Timothy 6,11-16**

**GOSPEL: Luke 16:19 – 31**

## **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.

**ENROLMENTS TAKING PLACE FOR THESE CLASSES  
DURING PARISH OFFICE HOURS 10AM –12.30PM  
MONDAY –FRIDAY**

## **ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN WISHING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION IN 2026**

Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2026 for children attending Catholic schools in the Pastoral Area is now open on the Pastoral Area website, [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie) – under General Information and then Sacraments you will see a section for First Holy Communion and one for Confirmation. When you open one of these there is a link to the Registration Forms.

Once you have completed and submitted the form you will be redirected to Payzone in order to pay the registration fee of €10 which goes towards administration costs. Please register at your earliest convenience as this will ensure you receive emails about upcoming meetings and ceremonies.



## 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 9th October, 2025,*  
*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.



## Jubilee Tour

Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 05<sup>th</sup> October 2025. €799.00pps. Price includes return train/bus, 4 nights in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

We would love to hear what is happening in the parish so that we can include it in the parish newsletter.

If you are organising any event or activity—non-profit—please email us with the details at [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you.





Rathnew Women's Social Enterprise

# CRAFT FAIR

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH



11AM TO 3 PM

ST. BRIGID'S HALL RATHNEW

A67 X583



HAND CRAFTED GOODS, CROCHET,  
KNITWEAR, GIFTS, SENSORY TOYS,  
UP-CYCLED CREATIONS, COZY 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."



The Family Mass is back at 10:30am with the Children's Choir.

We are looking for new members if you think your child is interested talk to Naomi after 10:30 mass or contact the Parish office.

## Wicklow Town ICA

The Wicklow Town ICA Guild Meet in St. Patricks room on 2nd Monday of each month at 7.30 from January to June and Sept to December 2025.

New members always welcome, contact Mary Finlay on 086 3087937 or drop in to monthly meeting.

## St. Vincent de Paul Collection :

The Church door quarterly collection for the local conferences will be held on the weekend of the 27th & 28th of September, in Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford & Glenealy. Your generous support, as normal, of this collection would be very much appreciated.

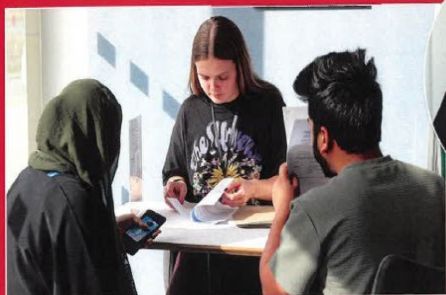
## Wicklow Active Retirement Association

On Tuesday morning next 23rd September we will be hosting a special fund raising coffee morning for the national annual Hospice Day.

Please join us between 11 and 12 am for a cuppa and a chat and support our local hospice.



# Annual Appeal 2025



Please support our work with those most in need.



scan qr code or  
visit [www.crosscare.org](http://www.crosscare.org) or  
phone 01-8360011 to  
donate



Registered Charity CHY: 6262

## DRAW & GROW

MINDFUL ART WITH PLANTS

FREE WORKSHOP

Tuesday

23rd September

10am - 12pm

Wicklow Town Library



## Cross Care Annual Appeal 2025

The Cross Care Annual Appeal collection is taking place this weekend 20th & 21st of September. It will replace the SHARE Collection.

Your support as normal would be appreciated

### PARISH SHOP

The Parish shop is situated in the lobby of the parish office.

It has been restocked with new candles, cards and some new general stock, grave candles & ornaments. Drop in and have a browse, baptism candles small baby gifts, angel gifts, rosary beads, car medals, visor medals, cards and much more.

There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards and ordinary cards available.

Shop open same time as office from 10am till 12.30pm.





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

**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.



Are you stressed, depressed or just in need of some real self-care?





Join **Rozel** for gentle Yoga and Meditation sessions in:

**De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow.  
Fridays at 10.00am.**

With an emphasis on breath work and deep relaxation, these sessions will help you to relax, renew and cope with life in the present moment. The sessions are subsidised by Social Prescribing in County Wicklow Partnership

**Tel: 087 2485905 for more information**


**Unwanted Gift Sale**  
in aid of  
**St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow  
and  
Wicklow Cancer Support**

**16th Nov**

**Date:** 16th November, 2025  
**Time:** 10am to 2pm, with Coffee & Raffle  
**Place:** De la Salle Pastoral Centre  
Wicklow Town

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




**Special Christmas Room**



*Full of Decorations*

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 18/09/2025**

**No jackpot won this week**

**3**

**18**

**20**

**22**

**The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:**

**Colette Verdes**

**Next Week's Jackpot will be: €525**

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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.....

May every sunrise  
bring you *hope.*  
may every sunset  
bring you *peace.*