

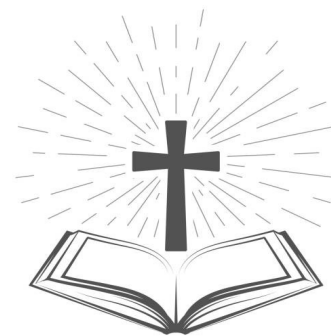
PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

23rd August 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Nothing but Jesus

We all need some statements like Peter's that give a rock and a meaning to life, It gives us a clue of where we belong at deeper levels. We all need statements that express our faith in God. For Peter it was his faith in Jesus, the son of God. This would keep him going all of his life, even at times of unfaithfulness and danger. He could never forget that he had said, 'you are the Christ, the son of the living God'.

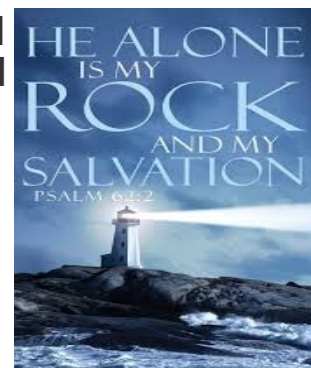
We might wonder who or what is a living God for us? Where we might put our basic trust? What is it that, if taken away, we would be lost without? We can give our lives to family, country, a political party, money. Some of these are worth our trust and some not so much.

We need the rock that Peter found in Jesus and Jesus in Peter. He was called rock only because of his relationship with Jesus Christ, the one who calls forth our faith and love and gives our lives a huge meaning.

If not that we have nothing but Jesus - if that we can integrate all that is important in life within our trust in him. It is God who reveals Jesus to us.

We want to give this to our younger people ~ a rock they can stand on in life, which nothing can demolish. This is Jesus, and in him all is created.

*Recall strong convictions in your life.
Ask that they may be strengthened.
Lord, be my rock, my strong hold, my safety.*



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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 22nd & 23rd August

6.00pm *Shirley Byrne 1st Anniv.*

Tina Conroy (A), Margaret Healy (A)

Jane McCoy

9.00am *NO MASS*

10.30am *Raymond Howes, Kathleen & Patrick Cannon*

Rose, John & Matthew Ryan, Sister Mary Dominic (A)

Rita Byrne (A)

Ray Billington (A)

12.00pm *Tom Vickers 1st Anniv.*

Sean Griffin & deceased relatives,

Joan Delahunt (A) & relatives,

May Mason, Eddie Scallan (A)

Teresa Dunne (A)

24th August ~ 28th August

Monday *Ken McLean*

7:00pm *Parishioner's Intentions*

Tuesday *John Byrne*

Christina Doran

7.00pm *No 7pm Mass*

Wednesday *Special Intention*

Thursday *Special Intention*

Friday *Special Intention*

Next Weekend ~ 29th & 30th August

6.00pm *Conal Kavanagh (A)*

Rodney & Marget Hodgkinson A & BR

May Bury 40th anniv.

9.00am

10.30am

12.00pm *The O'Rourke & Kilcoyne Families*

Michael Ronan

Louis & Mary Carroll

Eugene Tighe (A), James Banahan (A)

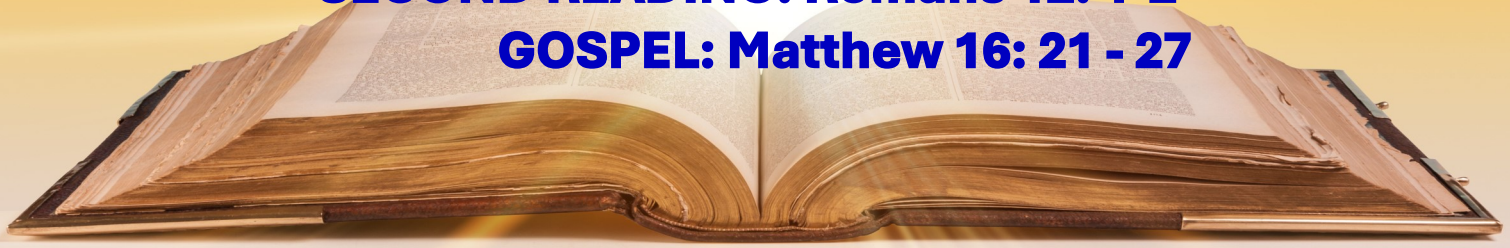
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20: 7 - 9

PSALM: (Ps 62)

SECOND READING: Romans 12: 1-2

GOSPEL: Matthew 16: 21 - 27



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



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 4 months before the date of the proposed wedding.

BAPTISM

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 10th September at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on Thursday 27th August at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office. Next KBB meeting Wednesday 2nd September at 7:30pm In Barndarrig Church

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

16th August 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
€1665 (123 envelopes received)	€1605	€1185

Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2026 takes place Thursday, Oct 1st, 2026 – Saturday, Oct 31st, 2026. For more information, please visit breastcancersearch.ie or www.breastcancerireland.com.

International Coffee Day 2026 takes place on Thursday, October 1st, 2026. Please see www.internationalcoffeeday.org for further details.

Meals on Wheels will resume deliveries on Tuesday 1st September at the usual times. Please ensure you are home to receive the meal or if not please phone the kitchen on 087 4945199 to let them know you are away. We look forward to seeing you all again. The MOW Committee.

The MOW Committee thank most sincerely all those who contributed to the collection held last weekend at the Church door. We are very happy to inform you that a sum of €3122.08 was raised. Rest assured this will help greatly with our work. Once again, many thanks for your support.

Mass Schedule B and C.

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule B: 8th /9th August 2026 & 22nd/23rd August

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)

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Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

**Schedule C: 15/16 August & 29th/30th August**

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|-----------------------|---------|------------|
| 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)   |



EVENING TALK

Thursday 1. October, 7-9pm

**Nourish Your Vegan /  
Vegetarian Teenager**

with Kelli O'Donnell

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Saturday 10. October, 10-4.30pm

**Preserve the Seasons**

with Moira Byrne &  
Paula Johnston



COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Saturday 17. October, 9.30-4.30pm

**Ayurvedic  
Cooking & Nutrition**

with Dr Rajvinder Kaur



EVENING TALK

Thursday 19. November, 7-9pm

**Reduce Your Risk of  
Cancer**

with Kelli O'Donnell



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**A huge THANK YOU ....**  
**to the local Ranger Guide group &**  
**their leaders Emma & Fiona who**  
**have worked so hard clearing and**  
**prepping a large flower bed in the**  
**De La Salle Parish Centre.**  
**The Rangers are currently working**  
**on their Gaisce award and this is**  
**part of their environmental**  
**challenge. They have spent hours**  
**clearing and tidying up the area**  
**and finally got to plant it during the**  
**week with pollinator friendly plants**  
**and shrubs.**  
**They are a fantastic example of**  
**Guiding and a credit to our**  
**organisation and their families.**  
**Well done girls!!**

DANCE CLASS

Thursday 27. August  
7:30pm to 9pm



## Circle Dance

Learn Dances from around the World  
with Wendy Nairn

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BOOKING ESSENTIAL

5 DAY RETREAT

Tuesday 25. - Saturday 29. August

## Women of the Well

Wellness Retreat for Christian Women  
with Taylor Marie Daniels & Melanie O'Driscoll



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# Bethany

## Bereavement Support

### Wicklow Group

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a 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.

Meetings are held in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.



### Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 25th August at 8:00 pm

Tuesday 1st September at 10:45 am

You are welcome to attend,  
or to make contact for a chat.

 **Tel: 087 0060 700**



Last Friday  
of each  
month  
2pm-4pm  
Except for July  
and December

## Wicklow Town Memory Cafe

This is a free monthly cafe event bringing together people living with dementia or memory challenges, their carers, family, friends, and healthcare professionals to connect, enjoy time together, and find information and support.

### Upcoming Dates

26<sup>th</sup> June      28<sup>th</sup> August

25<sup>th</sup> September      30<sup>th</sup> October

The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town,  
A67 FX65



Wicklow Town Memory Cafe



memorycafewicklowtown@gmail.  
com



# BRIDGE LESSONS



**DOMINICAN COLLEGE**  
WICKLOW



**TOTAL BEGINNERS**  
**EVERY MONDAY**  
**EVENING 7.30-9.30PM**

**IMPROVERS**  
**EVERY TUESDAY**  
**MORNING 10-12AM**

From Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> and  
Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of  
September 2026

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4 WEEK SABBATICAL

Sunday 4. - Friday 30. October

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## Parish Lotto Results for 13/08/2026

**No jackpot won this week**



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

**Anne Cummiskey**

- **Next Week's Jackpot will be:**  
**€3,125**

### Time Running Out this Season to Experience Wicklow Town Heritage Trail

There are just 7 Saturdays left this year to discover 1,500 Years of History and experience the highly acclaimed Wicklow Town Heritage Trail This Season!

Both international travellers, domestic holidaymakers and locals are invited to step back in time and uncover the hidden secrets of Wicklow Town's Heritage and history before the seasonal Saturday tours conclude at the end of September.

Whether you are a history buff, a photography enthusiast, or a family looking for a memorable weekend excursion, this trail brings Wicklow Town's vibrant coastal past to life in a way you won't forget. The trail starts every Saturday morning at 11am sharp from outside the Fáilte Ireland Tourist Office in the heart of Wicklow Town.

Established in 2021, this captivating, less than 2 hour guided walking tour has rapidly grown from strength to strength, earning rave reviews on TripAdvisor from visitors worldwide. Led by passionate volunteer guides, the tour offers an immersive journey through time—chronicling everything from the dramatic arrival of St. Patrick in 432 AD and fierce Viking invasions to the maritime exploits of Captain Robert Halpin and the birth of the Irish Free State in 1922.

An unmissable addition for 2026, this season, tourists can experience the trail's newest highlight: the beautifully restored Abbey Grounds Park. This stunning oasis weaves historical ruins with lush green spaces, quickly becoming a favourite stop for visitors to capture spectacular photos and enjoy a relaxing post-tour coffee.

*"With only seven Saturdays remaining until the curtain falls on our 2026 season, there is no better time to experience the magic of Wicklow Town," says Pascal Burke, Heritage Trail Co-ordinator.*

Don't let the season slip away! Gather your fellow travellers and secure your Saturday morning plans to experience one of County Wicklow's top-rated cultural attractions. For more information, maps, and travel inspiration, visit [www.wicklowntown.ie](http://www.wicklowntown.ie) or

[www.visit.wicklow.ie](http://www.visit.wicklow.ie)