

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166



34th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

23rd November 2025

Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Feast of Christ the King

Jesus couldn't do much for the man on the cross... his own hands were nailed. He couldn't take him off, but he gave him more than he could ask for. He gave him paradise.

Where is God in our suffering? What sort of hope can we find this week in our country? What with so many horrible atrocities taking place, and the economic mess we have. What has God and the Church to say? God in his love for his people, and the Church with its social teachings - have they any message of hope?

Where is God? God did not cause the recession nor the murders. We may learn a lot through it and good may come later or now. Our suffering at the moment is of human making. Not of our making, but of some of our leaders and bankers, mostly through greed. God is with us suffering like he was with the thief. He didn't cause the suffering of the man on the next cross to him. He wants our happiness and wants justice and prosperity for all.

God is with us, holding our hands, asking us to support each other. The Church will offer a place and space to find the love of God, and its social teaching will ask us to look for the common good in the future. It offers also a place where we can hear the Church's approach to our economic future, reminding us all the time of the needs of the poor and the ordinary in education, medical care, housing and the ways in which the very old and the poor will suffer most in a situation which has been none of their doing. We are the Church and called on to make our voices heard for those who, like the man on the next cross, have little voice except to ask for help.

Lord, may thy kingdom come.



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Leo (Slim) Dover of Crinion Park, Wicklow Town
Patrick (Paddy) O'Brien of Wicklow Town
Matthew Breen late of Hazelbrook, Rathnew
Peggy Mooney late of Wicklow Town
Thomas O'Reilly Jnr Late of Seafield who died in
the UK*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 22nd & 23rd November 2025

- 6.00pm** Jack Mooney (A)
Carmel Lawlor (A)
Sinead & Tom Cahill (A)
- 9.00am** Kevin & May McDonald (A)
- 10.30am** Ann Marah - 1st Anniversary, Margaret Marah,
John Mitchell (A)
- 12.00pm** Mick Lambert M.M,
Pauline Garvey (A)
Paddy Duffy
Margaret Mcgrath (A)

24th November ~ 28th November 2025

- Monday** Funeral Mass of Peggy Mooney RIP
- 7.00pm** NO MASS
- Tuesday** Carmel Geoghegan (A)
- 7.00pm** Will Ryan (A)
- Wednesday** Michael and Christina Kinsella & their son Michael
- Thursday** Nell Driver R.D
- Friday** Funeral mass: Liam Vickers

Next Weekend ~ 29th & 30th November 2025

- 6.00pm** Marie Kenny (A)
A.I Zachariah (A)
Rosaleen Earls
Sean Flood (A)
Rory Attley (A)
John O'Brien (A)
Anna-May Phillips (A)
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am**
- 12.00pm** Michael & Betty Mooney (A)

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

16th November 2025

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1865**
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€1265**
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€980**

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: Isaiah 2: 1 - 5

PSALM: Ps 121: 1-2,4-9

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11 - 14

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37 - 44

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Aquinas Duffy : 0404 67196 // Fr Gerard Deegan : 0404 671

Parish Office: 0404 61699

Email: parishofficewicklow@gmail.com, Website: www.stmantan.ie

Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

PARISH NOVENA CHRISTMAS CARDS

Are now available at the Parish Office. These cards are suitable for both the living and the dead, and they cost €5.

There are various designs of the Wicklow & Rathnew Parish. They are a perfect way to remember and pray for family and friends over the Christmas season, and also a lovely way to remember the our deceased family & friends. There will be nine Masses offered within the Parish during the holiday period.

Can you spare a couple of hours to help on Wicklow Hospice stalls in Bridgewater Shopping Centre or Kilquade Arboretum on dates from 21st November through December?

Volunteers Needed!

Contact
Allison on
087 4146363



Arklow & Kilquade



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 **8th January** 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.



THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER BAPTISM MEETING

RATHNEW SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Rathnew Senior Citizens Christmas party taking place on Saturday the 6th of December in the Rathnew Community Centre at 2:30pm – 6pm. If you like to attend you must contact Elaine Doyle 086 078 3024 or Doreen McGettigan 087 781 4472 to Confirm a place.



Christmas Food Appeal



Now till 2nd December
*to help those who need some extra
help this year.*

*In conjunction with the
Wicklow Guide, Brigini & Cygnet group
& the local Lions club.*

*All donations of non-perishable goods
and toiletries welcome.*

*Donations can be left in the
Parish Office or Sacristy*



400th Anniversary of Saint Oliver Plunkett



To mark the 400th anniversary of the birth of Saint Oliver Plunkett, and the 50th anniversary of his canonisation, RTÉ Television and BBC NI Television will each broadcast a programme on Sunday 23 November 2025

10.55 am RTÉ 1 Mass

Canon Eugene Sweeney celebrates Mass in Saint Peter's Church, Drogheda, with the global premiere of a specially composed Mass of the Bells by Irish composer, Michael Holohan.

11.30 am BBC 1 Prayer and Reflection

We join the faithful gathered at Saint Patrick's Catholic Cathedral, Armagh, for a special evening prayer service to mark the 50th anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Oliver Plunkett. The service is led by Archbishop Eamon Martin.



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

*Wicklow Historical Society
presents*

Wicklow's Railway Curiosities
by
Ben Fagan
in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre
on
Tuesday, 25 November
at 8pm

We look forward to seeing you there

**AN TAIRSEACH
ECOLOGY
CENTRE**



**FREE
10-WEEK
ADVENT
PROGRAMME**

Book Club & Contemplative Prayer
November 20th - January 29th
Thursdays 11am - 12.30pm

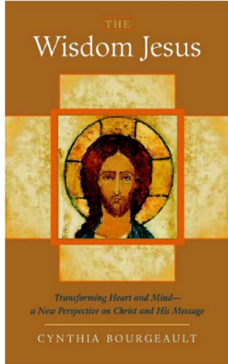
Lectio Divina
November 26th - December 17th
Wednesdays 7.30pm - 8.30pm

www.antairseach.ie

ADVENT PROGRAMME

Book Club
Reading weekly chapters of
'The Wisdom Jesus' by Cynthia
Bourgeault. Facilitated to
encourage the art of robust
dialogue

Contemplative Prayer
Space to cultivate your
contemplative prayer practice.
Try new techniques to deepen
your prayer life.



November 19th - January 29th
Thursdays 11am - 12.30pm

Lectio Divina
Sacred reading of the
Sunday Gospel

**November 26th -
December 17th**
Wednesdays
7.30pm - 8.40pm



**Just arrive at the Ecology Centre or
call us on 0404 61833 with questions**

WMDS
WICKLOW MUSICAL
& DRAMATIC SOCIETY

SNOW WHITE

Into The Dark Woods

DATES – DECEMBER 5TH-7TH
EVENING SHOWS 5TH & 6TH 7-9PM
MATINEES 6TH 2-4PM & 7TH 3-5PM
VENUE FATIMA HALL,
DOMINICAN COLLEGE

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
WWW.GR8TEVENTS.IE



WICKLOW COMMUNITY CRAFTERS
CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

FREE ADMISSION

RESIN CRAFTS, CANDLES, CROCHET,
SENSORY TOYS, WOODWORK,
UP CYCLED CREATIONS, KNITWEAR,
NOVELTY GLASSWARE,
JEWELLERY, GIFTS
AND MUCH MUCH MORE

10 am to 2pm
Sunday 30th of November

THE PASTORAL CENTRE
DE LA SALLE WICKLOW
(OPP ST PATRICKS CHURCH)

LIONS CLUB WICKLOW

QUIZ NIGHT

This Thursday Nov 20 at 8pm
The High Court (Ernies)

supporting
RNLI and Educate Together

Everyone welcome !






Advent Reflection

Reflecting on the beautiful
Advent Gospels

Where? An Taireseach (Dominican Ecology Centre)
When? 1. Wednesday November 26th
2. Wednesday December 3rd
3. Wednesday December 10th
4. Wednesday December 17th

What Time? 7:30pm - 8:40pm

Optional 'cuppa' after it with delicious homeade
biscuits



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 20/11/2025

No jackpot won this week

7

14

18

24

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

John Smith

Next Week's Jackpot will be: €525

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.

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.....

**Delight
yourself
in the Lord,
and he will
give you the
desires of
your heart.**

- Psalm 37:4

PsalmsQuotes.com