

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Wicklów & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

Pentecost Sunday Year A

24th May 2026

### *Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew Spirit Alive*

Someone dies and we say he kept his spirit alive to the end; or we say that 'his spirit lives on'. A word we talk of easily. It's something elusive, you can't pin it down. It comes from somewhere. Maybe from parents, a spirit of endurance or being able to make it through tough time; or from our prayer and faith. We talk of good team spirit, or of a person who kept joyful and courageous to the end. Today is the feast of the Spirit of God, alive, active and joyful. The flame of the Spirit of love is the flame of God. The tongues of fire over the apostles and the followers of Jesus were flames of love, the Spirit of God that would burn on the inside forever. Pentecost is the flame of God's own love, given to his followers to mark the birth of the community, the body of Jesus, the church.

It is the spirit of forgiveness always, a gift of the first Pentecost. Did this blow in Ireland during the Royal visit of the British queen Elizabeth a few years ago, or when the Good Friday Agreement and other peace agreements were signed, when the call came for a new reconciliation among people hurt badly in the times of the troubles? Compassion, mercy, forgiveness and a hope for justice for all are gifts we ask from the Spirit who blows among us strongly today.

*On each inbreath, pray  
'Come, Holy Spirit',  
live in me and in all of us  
as you lived in Mary and the apostles.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of*

*Francis (Franny) Roche of Lakeview Grove and formerly  
Strand Street Wicklow*

*Betty Doyle (née O'Connor) of Glendassan Drive, Wicklow  
and formerly Taghmon, Co. Wexford*

*Elizabeth (Lily) Vickers née Canavan, St. Laurence's Rd.*



# Mass Intention List

## This Weekend ~ 23rd & 24th May

**6.00pm** Tommy O'Sullivan (A) John Hogan (A), Tom O'Neill (A)  
Margaret Burke (A), Phyllis Milmore (A),  
Mark Reilly (A), Donal, Gráinne & Gina McCormack  
Tom Redmond R.D, Michael & Rita Doyle also their  
sons Michael and Pat.

**9.00am** Art Dickenson (A), Peter Doherty & his wife Christina &  
son-in-law Bevan Gilmore late of Perth

**10.30am** Breda Delaney M.M., Charlie Howes (A),  
Gerard Byrne (A), Ger, Maggie, Josie & Joe Vickers

**12.00pm** Ronan Griffey M.M, Paul (Purple ) Flynn (1st A.)  
Fr. Sean Buckley, Margaret & Denis Buckley,  
Kathleen Michaels

## 25th May ~ 29th May

**Monday** David Connolly (RD)

**7:00pm** James Doyle (A.)

**Tuesday** Sr. Angela Hender (RD)

**7.00pm** Sarah Faith (RD)

**Wednesday** Rita Deignan (1st A.)

**Thursday** Tony Purcell (RD)

**Friday** Ann Murphy (RD)

## Next Weekend ~ 30th & 31st May

**6.00pm** Derek Hollingsworth

**9.00am**

**10.30am**

**12.00pm**

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

**FIRST READING: Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9**

**PSALM: Ps. Daniel 3: 52 - 56**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13**

**GOSPEL: John 3: 16-18**



### 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



**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
BBK	Second Saturday	2.00pm

*Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday **11th June** at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on **Thursday 28th** May at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office.*

### 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.

# WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

17th May 2026

Here is where your donations go to.

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

<b>PARISH ENVELOPE &amp; STANDING ORDER / DONATIONS</b>	<b>1ST COLLECTION COMMON FUND &amp; DUES ENVELOPES</b>	<b>2ND COLLECTION SHARE</b>
<p>The Envelope/Standing Orders are what funds the Parish. This money stays locally and is vital to sustain our Parish.</p>	<p>The Common Fund account is funded by all the loose notes &amp; coins in the First Collection</p>	<p>The Share account is funded by all loose notes &amp; coins in the Second collection.</p>
<p>The money from these envelopes and Standing Orders maintain the Churches, Parish Centre, Houses, general maintenance and administration expenses.</p>	<p>It is used to provide suitable and equitable remuneration and support for all priests serving in the diocese, including active, sick, and retired clergy.</p>	<p>It is primarily used to finance central support services for all parishes, and to provide financial assistance to low-income parishes.</p>
<p>The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account</p>
<p>€ ( envelopes received)</p>	<p>€</p>	<p>€</p>

**Many Congratulations  
to our former Parish Priest,**

**Fr. Tim Hannon,**

**who celebrates the  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of his ordination this weekend.**

**We remember him fondly and wish him well.**





## **Parish Pilgrimage Lourdes Trip**

From the 17<sup>th</sup> August for 4 nights in the hotel La Solitude. €945.00 per person sharing. A single room supplement €49.00 per night. Travel insurance €55 per person up to 79 years. €75 per person from 80 years up. Deposit of €350.00 per person, with the balance due 12 weeks before departure.

## **THE PARISH GARDENING TEAM**

A huge THANK YOU to the parish gardening team who look after the parish flower beds around St Patrick's Church. The flower beds are looking fantastic at the moment!

But like most things, this doesn't just happen, it takes time, patience, planning and commitment. This team is a very practical and valuable group working continuously to enhance the look of the Church grounds for both our parish and people visiting the town.

If you think that this is a ministry that you might like to help out with, please get in touch with the Parish Office – 0404 61699, and we would be happy to put you in contact with this team.

### **Trocaire boxes**

**Please return Trocaire boxes to the parish office as soon as possible.**

**Next Sunday's 10.30am Mass will include First Holy Communion for The De La Salle group & Wicklow Montessori School. Several rows of seats will be reserved for these families.**

RETREAT



Friday 12. June

# The Wisdom of Flowers: Summer Day Retreat

with Brid Kennedy

AN TAIRSEACH

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

KILMANTIN HILL, WICKLOW TOWN

0404 61833 [www.antairsteach.ie](http://www.antairsteach.ie)



# 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 26th May at 8:00 pm



Tuesday 2nd June at 10:45 am

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



Tel: 086 835 9148

RATHNEW WOMEN'S SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

**Craft fair**

11 AM - 3 PM

SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE

HAND CRAFTED GIFTS, COSY QUILTS, KNITWEAR, CROCHET, SENSORY TOYS, UP CYCLED CREATIONS, BAKED GOODS & REFRESHMENTS

ST. BRIGID'S HALL RATHNEW A67 X583

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## Wicklow Group

We warmly congratulate **Carmel Meade**, **Mary O'Riordan** and **Roisin Vickers**, who were commissioned recently at Mass for their ministry with the Bethany Wicklow Group.

We thank them for their generosity and commitment to supporting bereaved people through Bethany's listening ministry.

Please keep them, and all involved in bereavement support, in your prayers.





Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June

# PILGRIM WALK

Following the tradition of pilgrimage, a series of walks has been organised to mark St Kevin's Day on Saturday June 6th 2026. Participants will walk towards Glendalough following a choice of 7 different routes which will merge along the way with other walkers from the same area.

Pick one of the routes and then contact the group leader who will confirm the details on the route's length, starting time, location or by joining en route for shorter options. Each person will walk all or part of their chosen route finishing with a 'gathering' of walkers sharing refreshments at the Brockagh Resource Centre, Laragh around 2pm.

Area	Route	Place	Leaders	Contact No	Walking	Start Place
A	Route 1	Glenmalure	Carmel O'Toole Jimmy Devitt	087 4165298 087 7832870	5 hrs	Ballinacor
	Route 2	Ballinabarney, Greenan	Sean Dunne	086 8937650	4 hrs	Ballinabarney
B	Route 3	Annamoe	Robbie Carter	085 8118198	2 hrs	Annamoe Village
	Route 4	Glenmacnass	Ann Nolan	086 0851665	1 hr	Glenmacnass
C	Route 5	Trooperstown	Andrew Doyle	086 8370088	2 hrs	Bottom of School Lane
	Route 6	Clara Vale	Ann O'Brien	085 1102220	2 hrs	Clara Vale
D	Route 7	Rathdrum	Anne Savage	087 7936818	4 hrs	Rathdrum Parish Church Car Park Glendalough
	Route 8	Wicklow Gap	Sr Breda Ahearn	087 2446601	4 hrs	Sanctuary Car Park



For more information on the Glendalough Hermitage Centre visit [www.glendaloughhermitage.ie/](http://www.glendaloughhermitage.ie/)

SCAN ME




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

## WICKLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday next 26th May Ashford ICA will be hosting our coffee morning.

This is a fundraising event for their Charity of the Year which this year is the charity ALONE..

Part of the entertainment will include performances of two sketches, one quite serious and one comedy to finish.

You are welcome to join us and support Alone.

Any donation will be much appreciated.

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 14/05/2026**

**No jackpot won this week**

**11**

**27**

**28**

**29**

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

**Jackie Olohan**

**Next Week's Jackpot will be:**

**€2,350**

**Please encourage friends and family to support this Parish Fundraiser from as little as €2 per line or €5 for three lines. (The price of a coffee) Its quick and easy to sign up.**

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.....

As we keep discovering our world science blends with spirituality and accepts we must believe in order to see.

