

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

24th August 2025



### Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ World of love

In a family so much love is lavished on the new-born first child, and you hear them saying that's the end of freedom now for a good few years. Or the grandchildren come and there's the babysitting. Life deepens love and narrows our freedom. Jesus says elsewhere that love is the door to eternal life. In laying down life for a friend, the cross was a narrow door.

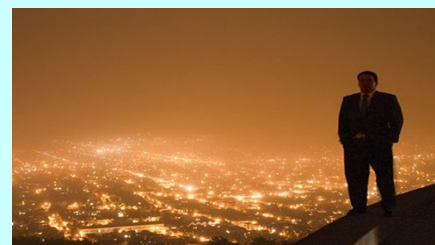
Real love means little things a lot of the time, and with God it means time now and then dedicated to prayer and to worship, as well as loving our neighbour.

Love demands a lot as well as giving a lot. With the people we most love, we are most vulnerable and they can bring the worst and the best out in us.

The sick child, the elderly in the family, those in prison or in a difficult marriage call on our love, as does a husband or wife needing a lot of care in illness or old age. There is a special love shown by volunteers in our country and the developing world. The grandchild who is isolated and lonely calls too on our love. This is the world of love, the only world worth sacrificing anything for.

The condition for entering is not where you come from, whether you are first or last, whether you wear the right clothes or even turn up on time - the condition is that, in the way of the living God, you hear the word of God daily and live by it faithfully.

*Lord, may your will of love  
be done on Earth.*



## 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 ~ 23rd & 24th August 2025*

- 6.00pm** Brian Carthy— Months Mind  
Jane McCoy 1st Anniversary  
Margaret Healy,  
Tina Conroy (A)
- 9.00am** Jackie Clarke R.D
- 10.30am** Raymond Howes (A), Rita Byrne (A),  
Ray Billington (A), Christina Doran (A)
- 12.00pm** Ken McLean (A), Eddie Scallan (A)  
Teresa Dunne & Dunne family

### *25th ~ 29th August 2025*

- Monday** Funeral mass Shirley Byrne
- 7.00pm** Gar Doyle (A)
- Tuesday** John Byrne (A)
- 7.00pm** Joe Grace R.D
- Wednesday** Michael Turner R.D
- Thursday** Special Intention
- Friday** Sherwood Prest R.D

### *Next Weekend ~ 30th & 31st August 2025*

- 6.00pm** Jimmy Kavanagh Months Mind  
May Kavanagh (A), Conal Kavanagh (A),  
Stephen Devlin (A),  
Rodney Hodgkinson (A), Margret Hodgkinson BR,  
George & Pat Henry (A), Aina McGahon nee Henry (A)  
May Bury (A), Noel White
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** James Banahan (A)
- 12.00pm** Eugene Tighe (A), Louis & Mary Carroll (A)

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:  
17th August 2025**

**ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1625**  
**1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€1605**  
**2ND COLLECTION/SHARE** - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€1055**

*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: Ecclesiasticus 3,17-20,28-29**

**PSALM: 67:4-7,10-11**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24**

**GOSPEL: 14:1,7-14**

**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.

**JUST TO CLARIFY .....**

The TAP & GO Machine on the table at the main double doors at the back of the Church, has now been replaced and up and running again. Any donations to this machine goes towards the running costs of the parish and these

**DONATIONS REMAIN IN THE PARISH.**

The TAP & GO Machines on the stands at Our Lady's Side Door and the Main Door are for Diocesan collections. The donations received on these machines are for both the **DIOCESAN COMMON FUND** (which goes towards Priests salaries) & also the **DIOCESAN SHARE FUND** (which helps fund the workings of the diocese and poorer parishes). There is an automatic 60:40 split on these donations.

**THIS MONEY DOES NOT STAY IN THE PARISH.**



# DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE



## SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Going on holidays? Fruit and Vegetables left over? Excess garden vegetables? The new Cooler in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre is able to take Vegetables (potatoes, carrots, turnips, etc) and Fruits (apples, oranges, rhubarb, grapes) for someone else to take. It's a cooler, not a fridge or a freezer so no meat or fish. Also in the centre is an area for people to leave clean clothes and toys suitable for young children. Just out of the picture is a stand for books that have been donated. The books are for all ages.

## PARISH FUNERAL TEAMS

The diocesan wide Building Hope co-responsibility with priests and mission of the church.

Programme emphasizes laity working together to serve the

Every parish in the diocese is required to have a fully trained funeral team.

Our Funeral team provides a Ministry of Consultation, Care & Compassion.

They are fully trained volunteers, who give of their time and resources freely. They represent our parish to provide a seamless, discrete, practical support at this most difficult time.

Our Funeral Team provides assistance to the priest as they accompany the grieving family through the journey that is the funeral rite

This assistance includes; providing help with the preparation of the liturgy, prayers in the home or funeral home, in the church on the day of the funeral and in the graveyard praying the prayers of committal.



## 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 September, 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.



## 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.

**ENROLMENT DATES FOR THESE CLASSES WILL BE  
FROM MONDAY 8TH TO FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER  
DURING OFFICE HOURS**

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes is happening next week - thirty – five of the parish community are heading off to Lourdes on Tuesday morning for a seven day fully inclusive pilgrimage.

We wish them all a safe journey, a very happy and spiritual pilgrimage and a wonderful few days away together. May they keep all of us parishioners in their prayers and may we keep them in our prayers.





**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**

**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**



## **JubileeCamino**

**Men's Hike - Carlingford to Newry**

**Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>**



**Mass. Adoration. Fraternity.**

**Cost: €70** (Lunch, Dinner, Bus)

Strictly an over 18yrs, Catholic male event.

Contact [op.evangelisation@gmail.com](mailto:op.evangelisation@gmail.com) for further details

Organised by Dominicans and Friends [www.dominicans.ie](http://www.dominicans.ie)



**LOST possibly in or around the Church environs - a diamond  
earring with much sentimental value, if found please contact  
the Parish Office, where we will re-unite it with its owner.**





**Bingo!**

**ON MONDAYS in the  
DE LA SALLE CENTRE &  
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS in  
ST BRIDGETS HALL - BOTH**

**You're not alone**

*Drink problem? We get it...*



**Alcoholics Anonymous**

- > [www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie)
- > 01 842 0700 (ROI) / 028 90 351 222 (NI)
- > [gso@alcoholicsanonymous.ie](mailto:gso@alcoholicsanonymous.ie)



Scan for more information

All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence

**BUÍON MUIRE  
LOURDES UNIT**

**65TH**

**ANNIVERSARY**

**GUIDING IN  
WICKLOW TOWN**

Mass celebrated by  
**Bishop Donal Roche**

**SATURDAY 20TH OF SEPTEMBER  
AT 2:30PM**

Refreshments after in the  
**De La Salle Parish Centre**

Send any photos from your time at Girl  
Guides to our facebook page

**Once a guide, always a guide**



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 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.....

