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## WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

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## ANNE O'HANLON

21st March, 2024: €50 raffle winner

Weekly winning numbers: 3, 6, 12, 30

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

Next weeks **JACKPOT** is €3,625

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or go to the website : [www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow](http://www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow)

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return to Parish Office or Sacristy

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GOD'S TRUTHS  
 are not bricks to  
 throw at people.  
 They are bread to  
 feed people.

RANDY ALCORN



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th March 2024

Sixth Sunday of Lent  
**Wicklow & Rathnew**  
 RCN 20016166



## Just LENT 6

### Our Prayer

Loving God,  
 in this season of Lent  
 you call us to act justly,  
 love tenderly  
 and walk humbly with each other  
 so that we can build  
 your Kingdom of justice and peace,  
 your Kingdom of love and truth,  
 your Kingdom of holiness and grace  
 in our world today. AMEN

### Sunday Scripture Link

Palm Sunday  
 Mark 11: 1-10  
 Isaiah 50: 4-7  
 Philippians 2: 6-11  
 Mark 15: 1-39

Theme:  
**Peace**



- The Palm Sunday liturgy always begins with a joyful celebration acclaiming Jesus with Hosannas. In every parish we recall this as we wave our branches high.
- These branches, from the tree of the Olive, signified peace and Jesus came into the gates of Jerusalem as a messenger of peace.
- We know that the same crowds who shouted 'Hosanna' were quick to change and, in the Gospel, are shouting 'Crucify him!'
- This year we too are called to listen like Jesus to the voices in our world where violence is alive and bring to this the only remedy for war; the peace of Christ.

“ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem  
 May those who love you prosper  
 May there be peace inside your walls  
 and safety in your homes.  
 For the sake of my relatives and friends  
 I say to Jerusalem, 'Peace be with you.' ”

Psalm 122: 6-7,8

**SEE** What effects of war are you noticing in our world?  
**DISCERN** How can you work for peace at home, in our country and in our world?  
**ACT** What can you do to become a builder of peace?

# Mass Intention List



## This Weekend ~ 23rd & 24th March

- 6.00pm** John Whelan- 1st ann, Ellen Whelan, Joseph & Rodney Whelan, John Timmons, Deirdre O'Reilly BR, Veronica Kelly, Sis & Sid Dunne, Brendan, Katie & Thomas Jacol & Baby Florence Jameson, Sarah Quinn, John Bunn, Thomasina Brennan, Mary Finlay, Patrick Shanahan
- 9.00am** *Special Intention*
- 10.30am** Sadie Keogh - 1st Ann, Jack Hagan
- 12noon** Kathleen Coogan - Months Mind, Gerry Walsh, Arthur Delahunt

## 25th - 29th March

- Monday** Myrna Reyes Enriquez - 1st anniversary, Jimmy Cleary, Dorothy Sweeney, Thomas, Grace, Lucy & Caoimhe for safe traveling & protection
- 7.00pm** *NO MASS*
- Tuesday** Funeral Mass of Margaret Ring RIP
- 7.00pm** *NO MASS*
- Wednesday** Joe Conroy - Months Mind Mass
- Thursday** *HOLY THURSDAY - NO INTENTIONS*
- Friday** *GOOD FRIDAY - NO INTENTIONS*

## Next Weekend ~ 30th & 31st March

- 8.00pm** *EASTER VIGIL*
- 9.00am** Denis Ronan
- 10.30am** Josephine Carraher— 1st Anniversary  
Margaret Byrne
- 12noon** Joe Conroy - Months Mind Mass  
Gerry Daly - 50th Anniversary

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

17th March 2024

- ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1645  
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1410  
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration €1145

*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 : Isaiah 50: 4-7**

**Psalm : 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24**

**Second Reading: Philippians 2: 8-9**

**Gospel: Mark 14: 1-5: 47**

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to attend an introductory meeting before booking a date for the baptism. At this meeting you will be given all the necessary information about the Sacrament of Baptism and the commitment required of the parents who request it for their child. The next meeting will be on

**THURSDAY – 11TH APRIL**  
**AT 8PM IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE**



*Sincere sympathies to the family of Anastasia (Stasia) Hagan RIP, late of St. Manntan's Road, Wicklow Town, Margaret Ring late of Kilquade, died in Knockrobin*

**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.

These parking spaces are regularly used by inconsiderate people with no badges, which is very unfair to those who genuinely need them.

## WHAT ARE THE MASS COLLECTIONS FOR?

### THE FIRST COLLECTION/COMMUN FUND

The First Collection is also known as the Common Fund. This was set up years ago in order that all priests got a fair share of the collection regardless of the size or wealth of the parish that they are working in. It also supports the priests of the Diocese, who are sick and retired. Christmas/Easter & Summer Dues are lodged directly into this fund. This fund has been declining over the past few years which means that priests incomes have also been declining.

### THE SECOND COLLECTION/ SHARE

The Share Collection is for the Diocesan building fund which helps to subsidise projects in some very poor parishes. It gives financial assistance to parishes who wouldn't have the necessary income to maintain their buildings. It also funds the central services of the diocese which looks after 199 parishes. The money for this collection is also lodged directly to the Diocese.

### THE WEEKLY ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDER / PLANNED GIVING COLLECTION

This collection funds the parish. It pays for the day to day expenses of running the Parish as well as maintaining the Churches, our Parish Centre and the Priests houses. You may contribute to the Parish by weekly envelope, Direct Debit/Standing order or annual donation. If you have thought about contributing to the Parish regularly - please arrange for a box of envelopes or a Direct Debit form to be sent to you by ringing the parish office on 61699.

### TAX RELIEF SCHEME

The Tax Relief Scheme for donations to Eligible Charities is of immense benefit to the Parish. It is a very simple but effective way of increasing revenue, whereby the parish can claim back the tax paid on any **recorded contributions** of €250 or more per annum. Many people have already signed up for this and it has made a big difference to parish income. If you have not already done so, perhaps you would consider signing up for it now. Full details are available on the parish website or from the office.

As the church is registered as a charity, any contribution of €250 or more (which is €5 a week), allows the parish to claim back up to 40% of that, which is approx. €100, where applicable. However, we do have to be able to link the donations to a donor which is where the envelopes/Direct Debit/Standing Orders becomes important. The only information that is required from the contributor is - name, address, PPS number and a signature. Please be assured that any information received will be treated with the of confidence and that there is **NO** involvement at all from any tax officials. If you pay income tax and if you have contributed €250 or more to the **Dues and Family Offering**, the Parish can claim back the tax on your donation at no cost whatsoever to the contributor. Please be assured that the parish staff do not have any access to any personal details of any parishioner signing up to this scheme. It is totally confidential.

**Please note that cash placed in the collection baskets does not qualify for Tax Relief as it cannot be traced back to a donor and is therefore added to the Diocesan 1st & 2nd collections.**

*A sincere thanks to all parishioners who continuously support the parish through their contributions and to those who have signed up to the CHY3 scheme and we look forward to your continued support in the future.*

## LOURDES



### LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Wicklow Rathnew

10 September 2024

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## THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who helped out with the recent Prayer Service for **OUR WORLD— OUR PROBLEM** which was in St Patricks Church last week. A huge Thanks to the Wicklow Parish Choir, our readers from the different churches and Rev Jack along with our own priests of the parishes. A lot of effort went in to the organising of it and we are very grateful to those who organised it.

Another THANK YOU to the Parish Hospitality Team who provided the Coffee morning for us all last Wednesday.

As per usual they did a lovely job but it was even more special when Fr Donal popped in for a quick surprize visit. Parishioners were delighted to see him and be able to congratulate him on his recent promotion to Auxiliary Bishop.

## Scripture Reflection

*Making time to pause & reflect with others on the Sunday Gospels, on Wednesday mornings from 10.45am till 12noon in the Dominican Ecology Centre.*

*Tea & coffee is provided and everyone is very welcome*

## Cúrsa sa Ghaeilge Labhartha do dhaoine fásta

### Course in Spoken Irish for adults

Ionad an Pharóiste, Cill Mhantáin  
Pastoral Centre, Wicklow  
Gach Aoine 12 Aibreán - 17 Bealtaine

Every Friday 12 April - 17 May  
7-8 pm Costas: €10

Chun áit a chur in áirithe:

To book a place:  
geraldinelynch7@icloud.com  
muinteoirciara@gmail.com

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## WICKLOW & RATHNEW BINGOS



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

### 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

## The Parnell Family of Avondale

from Charles Stewart's grandfather to his grandson

lecture by Pat Power

Tuesday, 26 March

de la Salle Pastoral Centre

8pm



donation box to offset costs  
Wicklow Historical Society

### BAPTISM MATTERS

Tuesday 9th April on Zoom

### GROUPSWORK

Tuesday 16th April on Zoom

### CARE OF CREATION

Tuesday 23rd April on Zoom

### PRAYER SKILLS CO-RESPONSIBILITY

Saturday 27th April  
Wicklow Parish Centre

Introduction to  
**SERVANT  
LEADERSHIP**

This course helps to grow understanding and practice of leadership for people on PPCs or in parish ministry

Tuesday Zooms from 7.30pm - 9.00pm  
Saturday In-Person from 10.00am - 2.00pm

To complete the online registration form, please

**CLICK HERE**



### Introduction to Servant Leadership course

The Office of Mission & Ministry is running the Introduction to Servant Leadership course again during the coming year. It is aimed at members of PPCs and those with a parish ministry – but all are welcome. The course requires participants to attend three sessions on Zoom (consecutive Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 9pm) AND ALSO a Saturday session in person (from 10.00am to 2pm). Sessions are a mixture of input, discussion and reflection exploring what Servant Leadership is and how we might grow this ministry. For more information please contact [peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie). To complete the online registration please visit the Adult Faith section of [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie).

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Office opening times

**Monday - Friday:  
10am - 12.30pm**

For all enquires and bookings

Kochani, w sobotę 30 marca o godz. 12.30 w kościele Św Patryka w Wicklow Town odbędzie się tradycyjne święcenie potraw Wielkanocnych. Udostępniajcie!

