

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year C

25th May 2025



### *Gospel Reflection ~ God's Home ~Donal Neary SJ*

**M**aking a home is a big opportunity of love for a husband, a wife and a family. They try to make it their own: pictures and memorabilia here and there make a home out of a house. It doesn't have to be perfect. They want others to be able to feel at home in their home also.

It is the same with **J**esus. In our hearts and the depths of our personality he makes a home for himself and the **F**ather. He asks for a loving and welcoming heart, not a place that is perfect, tidy and clean. To make a home is a work of love. **J**esus' making of a home in us comes through our growth in development and love. The loving marriage and family, the loving friendship, the heart that cares for others, these are what make **J**esus feel at home.

Is this a strange way of looking on **G**od? We think of **G**od in the power of nature and almost the maker of history. **G**od seems to reject all this all powerful view of himself and makes himself accessible in the home of our hearts.

**H**ome is a place of help. We look out for each other and the contented home is where each cares for the other. **S**t Ignatius used to say each day, 'Who can I help today?' Maybe we can make that part of the music of our homes. This is **G**od helping through you, and it is **G**od finding us and each other in love.

*Lord, open my heart to prayer and care this day.  
Open my eyes to the beauty and problems of others.  
Open my heart to your love for me, and to share it with others*



## 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 ~ 24th & 25th May 2025*

**6.00pm** Donal, Gráinne & Gína McCormack, Cora Crennan (A)  
Eamon Deehan (A), Tommy O'Sullivan, Tom O'Neill (A)

**9.00am** *Art Dickenson*

**10.30am** Grace Mary (Gráinne) & Christy Cooney & their  
daughter Róisín Cooney, Charlie Howes,  
Rita & Michael Doyle & son Michael (A)

**12.00pm** Yvette Davis (A), Kathleen Michaels,  
John Hogan (A), May Gormley, Cyril Nevín

## *26th ~ 30th May*

**Monday** Mark Reilly (1st A.)

**7.00pm** *Mary Lambert (1st A), James Doyle (A)*

**Tuesday** Philomena Kavanagh (RD)

**7.00pm** *David McSparran (RD)*

**Wednesday** Kathleen Flynn (RD)

**Thursday** Special Intention

**Friday** Jim & Veronica Russell (Birthday Remembrance)

## *Next Weekend ~ 31st May ~ 1st June 2025*

**6.00pm** Derek Hollingsworth, Evelyn Goodman

**9.00am**

**10.30am** Veronica Carroll (MM), Peggy & Peter Finnegan,  
Denis O'Brien & his wife Marie O'Brien

**12.00pm** Monica O'Rourke, Tony & Peggy Gillespie,  
Jim Rowan (A), Una Neiland (A),  
James Benjamin O'Sullivan (A)

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:**  
**18th May 2025**

<b>ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	<b>€1320</b>
<b>1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	<b>€1255</b>
<b>2ND COLLECTION/</b>	Lay Ministry collection	<b>€1695</b>

*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: Acts 1:1-11**

**PSALM: 66: 46**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1: 17-2**

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:46 - 53**

## Baptisms in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow	First Saturday	2pm
	Third Sunday	1pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2pm
Ashford	First Sunday	12 noon
Glenealy	Third Saturday	12 noon
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm



*Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday 12th June, 2025, at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre*

**Congratulations to the girls & boys from St. Patrick's N.S. who received the Sacrament of Communion on Saturday in St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow.**

**Hoping that all the families had a very special day. Many thanks to all who helped them to their First Holy Communion Day - their teachers, parents and Parish Co-Ordinators who all worked very hard in preparing them.**





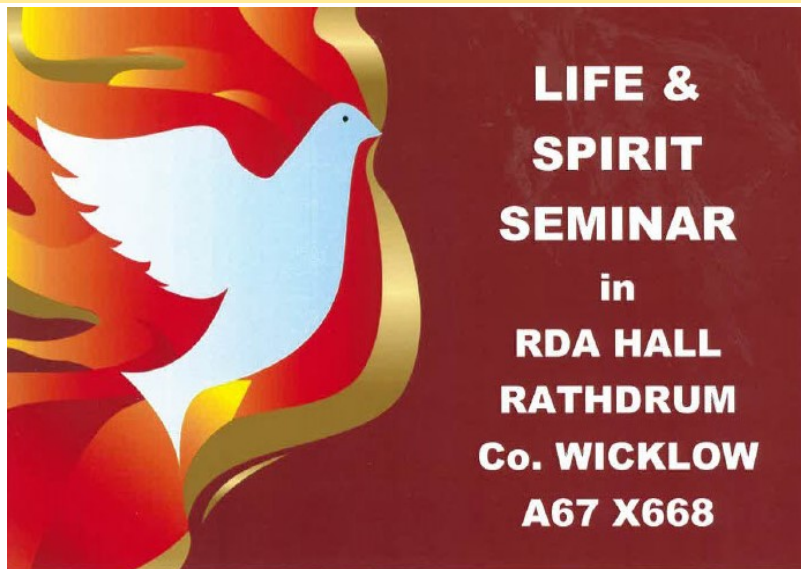
# Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Ashford: 1st Friday after Mass

Wicklow: Mondays and Thursdays after Mass

Kilbride: 1st Thursday at 7pm (Divine Mercy)

Brittas Bay: Tuesdays at 9am



**COMMENCING**  
TUESDAY 15th  
APRIL  
to  
TUESDAY 27th MAY  
(seven consecutive  
Tuesday Nights)

**Time 7.30pm**

**Guest Speaker  
each night**

**For further info:  
Jack 086 - 2464181**

## TESTIMONIALS TO THE HEALING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Kate healed from Crohns disease after 26 years.
- Robert paralyzed and on a life support machine for 3 months, totally healed
- Abby young girl with anorexia, totally healed
- Aishling with depression and alcoholism, totally healed
- Eugene 10 years of chronic pain, the Holy Spirit asked me to forgive, totally healed



## Learning to live the Sunday Gospels

**Where?** 'An Tairseach',  
Dominican Ecology Centre

**What time?** 10.45 - 12 noon  
(including a cuppa)

**When?** Wednesday mornings

- Wednesday - May 7th
- Wednesday - May 14th
- Wednesday - May 21st
- Wednesday - May 28th



**The Rosary will be  
said each  
evening at the  
Grotto in Rathnew  
for the month of May  
at 7.30pm - weather  
permitting.  
We look forward to  
seeing you there.**

## **PLANNED GIVING COLLECTION**

The new packs of envelopes for the next year are now available for distribution. We would be very grateful if the distributors could collect their boxes during the week. If you don't receive your box of envelopes, please inform the parish office. We would most sincerely like to express our thanks to the team of volunteers who very kindly give up their time to distribute these boxes every year.

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### **THE WEEKLY ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDER**

This collection funds the parish. It pays for the day to day expenses of running the Parish such as electricity, heating, insurance as well as maintaining the Churches, the Parish Centre and houses.

The Parish depends very much depends on the Weekly Envelope and Standing Order contributions, in order to continue to maintain and improve the parish. We would not be able to maintain our parish without these contributions.

We are appealing to parishioners who don't use the box of envelopes or the standing order option to consider these options for donating to the parish because unless your donation is in an envelope or paid through the bank, it does not stay within the parish. All loose monies go into the other collections for Share and the Common Fund.

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 is treated with the strictest 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 any 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, so, it does not stay in the parish**

*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.*



## **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.**



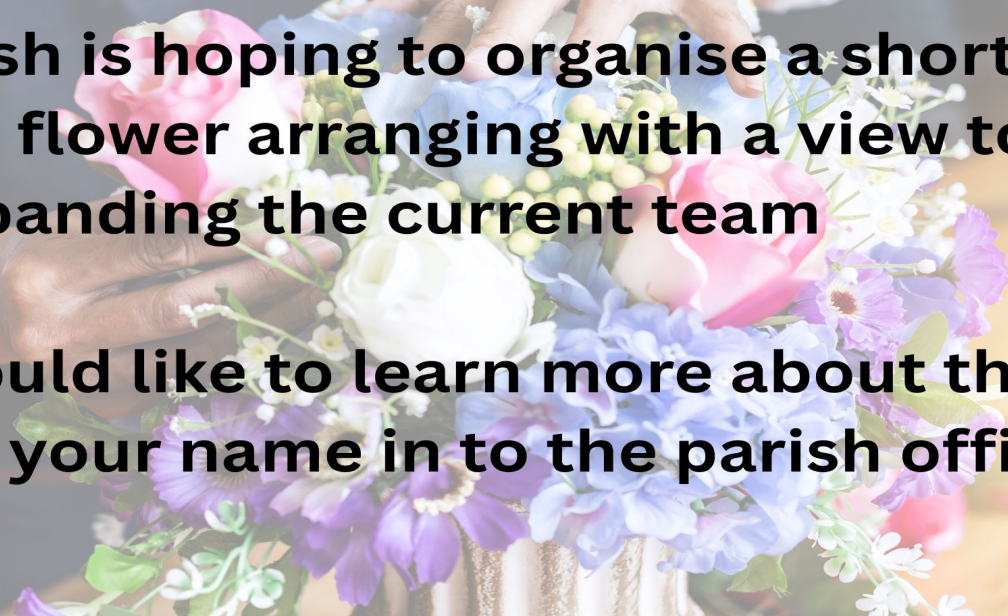
The death of a loved one can be an overwhelming and isolating experience but you don't have to face it alone

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement Support offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence. We have a drop-in service on the last Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm in the De La Salle Centre Wicklow, or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call us on 086 835 9148 to arrange.

**Interested in arranging flowers for the altar but not feeling confident enough to do it?**

**The parish is hoping to organise a short course in flower arranging with a view to expanding the current team**

**- if you would like to learn more about this please give your name in to the parish office.**



# Wicklow Tennis Club is supporting Trócaire 'Gifts of Change Sustainability Project'

Tennis Tournament was on  
Friday 2nd May

Fundraising for  
**Water Systems**  
in the Developing World  
You too can support this great  
cause by accessing the  
**QR Code** below.  
**Thank you** in advance for your  
support.



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**

**RATHNEW WOMENS SHED  
CRAFT FAIR**

SUNDAY, 25th MAY

ST. BRIGID'S HALL, RATHNEW  
A67 X583

HAND CRAFTED KNITWARE, QUILTS,  
CROCHET, UPCYCLED CREATIONS,  
GIFTS, SENSORY TOYS,  
BAKED GOODS & REFRESHMENTS

Wicklow na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland

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Department of  
Rural and Community Development,  
and the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training (EIST)  
Programme 2021-2027.

**GROW** run peer support groups in  
Wicklow on a Wednesday afternoon at  
2.30 to 4.30 in De La Salle Parish Centre.

They are self referral and no charge for  
anyone struggling with depression,  
anxiety, low mood or just the stresses  
of life. They offer a tried and tested  
method of self help and personal growth.  
Experience new hope and meaning  
through working on issues together in a  
peer support setting

**MEETINGS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.**  
Ring Trish for further info on 086 0129 082  
And see Grow.ie to listen to stories of Hope  
and Recovery.

**PLEASE .....  
MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE  
PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF  
WHILE IN THE CHURCH.**



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 23/ 05 / 2025**

**NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK**

**3**

**8**

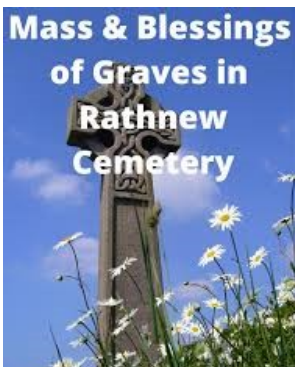
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**The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:**

**Frank Scanlan**

**Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,650**



**The Blessing of the Graves in Rathnew  
cemetery will take place on  
Wednesday, 16th July  
at 7.30pm.**

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 Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

