

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

**Wicklow & Rathnew**  
**RCN 20016166**

**25th August 2024**

I made all of this  
out of nothing.

Trust me, I can  
take care of you.

God

*Gospel Reflections* **Big Choices** *Donal Neary SJ*

**Big Choices** We remember big and small choices in life. Ones that effected life totally like a job, marriage, retirement, redundancy; having an operation or many more. Or choices about the children that affected their lives – school, moving house, health issues.

Life is made up of many choices, big and small. Human, spiritual and religious choices. Peter had this sort of choice today. Would he go after Jesus or leave like others did. He stayed and he would have many more attempts at that choice. Why did he stay? Our choices come from something within us. We need Christ within us if we are to follow him.

Peter had enough of love for Jesus inside him to make this choice, it might not always be easy and he would give in later but come back. His choice eventually would be to answer Jesus' question – do you love me? The choice for Jesus is the choice for love. In all sorts of ways. For those near at hand. If you choose Jesus then the hunger of the world as well as the tears of a baby affects you. What we do in love for others comes from the deepest part of life. We need to fill our lives with Christ to be able to share this love in big and small ways.

We need the company of other choosers. The community of faith and of the church. Peter says – to whom shall we go? We follow Christ together.

*Let those words, 'to whom shall I go, Lord', echo in your prayer and talk to the Lord about how you feel.*



*Sincere sympathies to the family of*

*Sean Kennedy*

# Mass Intention List



## *This Weekend ~ 24th & 25th August 2024*

**6.00pm**

Charles & Catherine Cullen, Charles, Sr. Paschal  
& Sr. Dymphna Cullen

Ken McLean (A.), Clodagh McElligott (A.),

Rita Byrne (A.), Margaret Healy (A.)

Billy Johnston (A)

**9.00am**

**Ken McIlheney (RD)**

**10.30am**

Christina Doran (A.), Georgina O'Donovan (A.),

Raymond Howes

**12.00pm**

Marie Crossan (MM), Connie Sallinger (RD), Marcial  
Vermudo (A.), Elaine Vermudo (Birthday Wishes)

John Byrne, Mary & Noel Gallagher (A.)

Peter & Annie Vickers—Birthday Remembrance

*Please note that Masses in green are in St. Joseph's, Rathnew.*

## *26th - 30th August 2024*

**Monday**

Michael Byrne (RD)

**7.00pm**

**Peter Doherty (RD)**

**Tuesday**

Michael Kinsella (RD)

**7.00pm**

**The Reilly Family**

**Wednesday**

Mark Reilly (RD)

**Thursday**

Special Intention

**Friday**

Pádraic Ó Luanaigh (RD)

## *Next Weekend ~ 31st August & 1st September 2024*

**6.00pm**

Marie Mates (MM), James Banahan (1st A),  
May Kavanagh (1st A), Margaret Hodgkinson (A), Rodney  
Hodgkinson (A.), Patrick & Lily Cullen, Noel White (A.),  
Monica Cullen Armstrong, Stephen Devlin (A)  
Conal Kavanagh (A.), May Bury (A),

**9.00am**

**NO MASS**

**10.30am**

George & Pat Henry (A)

**12.00pm**

John O'Brien (RD), Elizabeth Cox, Eugene Tighe (A),

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

**18th August 2024**

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €2120  
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1250  
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 905

*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 : Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8**

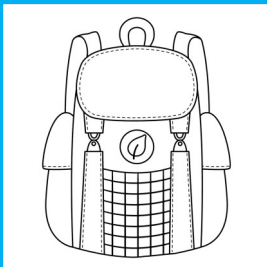
**Psalms : 14:2-5**

**Second Reading : James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27**

**Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**



The Family Mass will resume on Sunday,  
1st September at 10:30am  
with the Children's Choir.  
New members are always welcome.



**Bring your Schoolbag to Mass Day!**

The Blessing of the Schoolbags will  
take place at the 10:30 Mass on  
Sunday, 15th September.

### Upcoming Funeral Team Training

**Funeral Team training** for existing funeral teams and those parishes within our partnership who wish to establish a Funeral Team will take place on **9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**. (all three sessions to be attended)

For those who have completed the funeral team training, there will be a further **Funeral Team Leader Training** (assisting and/or conducting a funeral service) on **6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2024**. (all three sessions to be attended). The venue and time will be decided once numbers of people registered has been confirmed.

Please contact the parish office to express your interest in attending the training.





**Bishop Donal Roche  
will celebrate the 12 noon Mass  
in St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow  
on Sunday 8th September.**

**A church door collection will take place after all Masses in  
Wicklow and Rathnew this weekend,  
24th/25th August to present him with a gift to commemorate his  
Episcopal Ordination.**

**Refreshments will be served  
after Bishop Donal's Mass in the  
de la Salle Pastoral Centre.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
will now take place on Fridays  
directly after Mass.**

*Please note : The next meeting  
will be on Thursday,  
12 September.*



**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.**



**Would you like to join our  
Wicklow Baptism Team?  
Baptisms take place  
on the First Saturday and  
Third Sunday of each month.  
For further information please  
contact the Parish Office.**

# **PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGES IN MASS TIMES** **FOR NEXT WEEKEND (31 August/1 September)**

**BARNDARRIG - NO VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST**  
**RATHNEW - NO 9.00AM MASS ON SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER**  
**GLENEALY - NO 10.30 AM MASS ON SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER**

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**Mass will be available in the following Churches at the following times:**

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)

**Baptisms in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area  
take place each month:**

**in Wicklow - First Saturday at 2pm**  
**- Third Sunday at 1pm**  
**in Rathnew - Fourth Saturday at 2pm**  
  
**in Barndarrig/Brittas Bay/Kilbride**  
**- Second Saturday at 2pm**



**National  
Heritage Week**

A Heritage Council programme 2024



## **CELEBRATING THE TREASURES OF NUN'S CROSS CHURCH,**

**KILLISKEY PARISH, ASHFORD, CO. WICKLOW. A67 WP83**

**This 19th century, Grade II listed Church will be open  
by kind permission of Killiskey Select Vestry on**

**Saturday 17th August • Sunday 18th August**  
**Saturday 24th August • Sunday 25th August**  
**from 2.30pm to 5pm each day**

**Talk to be given each Sunday at 3pm on the above dates  
by author, art historian and lecturer, Patricia Butler entitled:**  
**NUN'S CROSS CHURCH, CO. WICKLOW**  
**AND IT'S TREASURES, 1817 - 2017**

**Venue: Nun's Cross Church, Killiskey, Ashford, Co. Wicklow. A67 WP83.**  
**Admission Free - No booking required.**

**Built Heritage • Suitable for Families • Free Car Parking available • Fully Wheelchair accessible**

## **Three Mile Water Cemetery**

**Wicklow County Council will be carry-  
ing out the  
following works in Three Mile ;Water  
Cemetery over the coming months:-**

- ♦ **Refurbishment of the Cross**
- ♦ **Refurbishment of the gate**

**The Cross and the gates will be removed  
from the cemetery for a time.**



**Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin**  
**Wicklow County Council**

**Don't forget that Masses in  
Wicklow can be viewed live  
on the pastoral area website,  
[www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie)**

# **VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISH**

**Would you like to become more involved in your Parish?  
If so please fill in the form below and return to the Parish Office.**

**I am interested in volunteering in my parish.**

**I am interested in \_\_\_\_\_**

**NAME : \_\_\_\_\_**

**CONTACT NUMBER : \_\_\_\_\_**

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINERS**

**BAPTISM TEAM**

**BETHANY BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

**CHILDREN OF MARY**

**CHILDRENS CHOIR**

**PARISH CHOIR**

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

**CHURCH SHOP**

**DE LA SALLE DEVELOPMENT COM-  
MITTEE**

**FAMILY MASS TEAM**

**FLOWER ARRANGERS**

**FOLK GROUP**

**FUNDRAISING**

**GARDENERS/FLOWER BEDS**

**GATE KEEPERS**

**HOSPITALITY GROUP**

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

**MONEY COLLECTORS**

**MONEY COUNTERS**

**ORGANIST**

**PIONEER ASSOCIATION**

**PRAYER GROUPS**

**READERS**

**SACRISTANS**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

**STEWARDING**

## Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.

Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00am

Choir will resume in September

Autumn Holiday to Sligo—9th-13th September

**\*\* We will be closed for the month of August and resume our Tuesday morning meeting on 3rd September.**

Follow us on our facebook page: **Wicklow Active Retirement**

**If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring Pauline on 087 227 6760**

### **ABBEY BRIDGE CLUB**

Summer is over so are you ready to meet your bridge friends for the new season. The club re-opens on Monday 9 September at 7.20 in Wicklow Golf Club. New members are welcome.

### **NEPTUNE BRIDGE CLUB**

The Neptune Bridge Club reopens on Thursday 12 September at 7.20 in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre. The Club welcomes new members, experienced or beginners for a friendly game of bridge in a very comfortable venue.



**Bethany**  
Bereavement Support

*We offer you a safe, free, supportive place  
to journey through your grief*

**If you are struggling with your grief and would like to speak with a trained listener then why not come along to our meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow. You will be most welcome.**

**Or**

**If you are interested in helping bereaved people yourself, you would be most welcome to join as a volunteer.**

**A training course will be commencing in the autumn.**

**For more information phone 087 946 8971**



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

## WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

***Congratulations  
Pam Monaghan***

**22nd August 2024: €50 raffle winner**

**Weekly winning numbers: 2, 5, 26, 27**

*Please call into the office to collect your prize.*

***Next week's JACKPOT is €3,750***

*Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!  
Join by texting the word WICKLOW to 51444*

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.....

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**TRUST  
IN THE  
LORD  
WITH ALL YOUR  
HEART**

- PROVERBS 3:5