

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

25th October 2026



### Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

#### *The Energy of True Religion*

**'To love God and love your neighbour** - this is one of the most attractive of the sayings of Jesus. It is an encouragement to live fully with what brings the greatest joy in life - true love of God and the neighbour. It is at the heart of good religion, and what attracts many to Jesus.

**Bad religion** puts law above love. Bad religion fights for the partial truth of religion. We risk being victims of bad religion, just as we can be victims of bad nationalism, bad psychology or any other bad way of living. Jesus' life was to propose good religion and to live by it. The religion of some of the Pharisees was bad, in that it was incomplete in its scope.

**We** admire those who give energy in love and service. We are proud of people we know whose lives make a great and good difference to others. We know that our family and neighbourhood, parish and school, workplace and leisure time have been enriched by the self-sacrificing love of many people, young and old.

**'He gave it his all'** - we say that of a good player at the end of a match. We say of parents that they *"were always there for the children"*. May we give all we have in our lives, giving in love, knowing that all we give is itself a gift from God, the giver of all good gifts.

*Picture Jesus with a sick person; watch him touching the person.*

*This would be against the law! What would you say to him?*

*Lord, let love be the guiding principle of all I say and think.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of  
James (Jimmy) Duffy St. Patrick's Terrace,  
Rathnew, Co. Wicklow.  
Elizabeth (Betty) Boyce (née Jameson) 24  
St. Laurences Park, Wicklow Town, Wicklow*

# Mass Intention List

## *This Weekend ~ 24th October & 25th October*

- 6.00pm** *Bridie Delaney 1st Anniv.  
Mick Lambert 1st Anniv.  
Sean & Rita Bouchier (A),  
Thomas & Elizabeth Bouchier (A)  
Anthony Doyle (A),  
Sean Kitson (A),  
Brid Hollingsworth (A)*
- 9.00am** *John Paul Redmond, Peter Martin & Joseph Redmond (A)*
- 10.30am** *Peter & Julia & Tommy Fitzsimons (A) & deceased  
members of Fitzsimons & Lynch Families  
Joesphine & Matt Murphy,  
Bridget Turner,  
Ann Mitchell  
Frank Lyons R.D*
- 12.00pm** *Liam Vickers 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.  
Patricia Gross,  
Hyacinth Ronan*

## *26th October to 30th October*

- Monday** *Alice Dunne in Remb.*
- 7:00pm** *Special Intention*
- Tuesday** *Luke Kenny in Remb.*
- 7.00pm** *Marjorie Franey (A)*
- Wednesday** *John Darcy & Peter Bond in Remb.*
- Thursday** *Patricia Fitzroy in Remb.*
- Friday** *Peggy Mooney in Remb.*

## *Next Weekend ~ 31st October & 1st November*

- 6.00pm**
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am**
- 12.00pm** *Michael Quinn (A) deceased members of the Quinn &  
O'Neill Families*

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

**FIRST READING: Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14**

**PSALM: Ps. 23: 1-6**

**SECOND READING: 1 John 3: 1-3**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 1-12**

### 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 |
| KBB      | Second Saturday | 2.00pm  |

*The next meeting will be on  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in the  
De La Salle Pastoral Centre. There will  
be no baptism meeting in December.  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in  
The Parochial House in Ashford-  
which needs to be confirmed with the  
Parish Office. Next KBB meeting  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm In  
Barndarrig Church*

## Children's Choir



New recruits are welcome to our Children's Choir

Place: Saint Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town

Time: 9.45am Sunday morning for 10.30am Family Mass

Senior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> year welcome

Instrumentalists especially welcome ☺

Contact: 086 084 2942 or just come along!

# WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

## 18<sup>th</sup> October 2026

**Here is where your donations go to.**

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

| PARISH ENVELOPE &<br>STANDING ORDER /<br>DONATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1ST COLLECTION<br>COMMON FUND &<br>DUES ENVELOPES                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2ND COLLECTION<br>SHARE<br>MISSION SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <p>The Envelope/Standing Orders are what funds the Parish. This money stays locally and is vital to sustain our Parish.</p> <p>The money from these envelopes and Standing Orders maintain the Churches, Parish Centre, Houses, general maintenance and administration expenses.</p> | <p>The Common Fund account is funded by all the loose notes &amp; coins in the First Collection</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>The Share account is funded by all loose notes &amp; coins in the Second collection.</p> <p>It is primarily used to finance central support services for all parishes, and to provide financial assistance to low-income parishes.</p> |
| The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account                                                                                                                                                                                               | This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account                                                                                                                                                                                       | This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>€1415</b><br>(102 envelopes received)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>€1110</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>€1850</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

Dear Parishioners,

St. Mary's National School, Barndarrig – Enrolment Open

St. Mary's N.S., Barndarrig, is delighted to announce that we are now accepting enrolments for the upcoming school year across Junior Infants & all mainstream classes (Senior Infants through 6th Class).

At St. Mary's NS, we offer a welcoming, supportive, & vibrant learning environment where every child is encouraged to reach their full potential. Our dedicated staff provides a rich curriculum filled with hands-on learning, exciting STEM activities, sports, and creative arts.

If you are new to the parish or looking for a school community where your child will thrive, we would love to welcome you!

Application Forms & Information: Available on our school website [www.barndarrigns.com](http://www.barndarrigns.com).

Contact Us: Phone 0404-48322 or email [secretary@barndarrigns.com](mailto:secretary@barndarrigns.com) to request an enrolment form.

We look forward to welcoming new families & pupils to our school community!

Warm regards,

Eimear O'Dwyer

Principal, St. Mary's N.S., Barndarrig



## Unwanted Gift Sale

in aid of  
**St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow**  
and  
**Wicklow Cancer Support**



**Date:** Sunday 8th November 2026  
**Time:** 10am to 3.30 pm, with Coffee & Raffle  
**Place:** De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town  
(across from St Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town)

Pick up a Great Christmas Present and support  
Wicklow Parish Church and Wicklow Cancer Support Services



**Special Christmas  
Room**



*Full of Decorations*



Can't believe it's only 2 weeks to "The sale of the Century"

### "THE UNWANTED GIFT SALE"

I would like to say a very huge "THANK YOU" to everyone who has given unwanted gifts for the upcoming Sale only 2 weeks to go I truly cannot believe it.

Thank you to the amazing staff in The Parish Office for supporting the sale over the last few weeks.

Looking forward to seeing you all on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2026

**Maureen**

EVENING TALK

Thursday 19. November  
7pm - 9pm

## Reduce Your Risk of Cancer

with Kelli O'Donnell



**AN TAIRSEACH**



KILMANTIN HILL, WICKLOW TOWN  
0404 61833 [www.antairseach.ie](http://www.antairseach.ie)  
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

WEEKEND RETREAT

Friday 27. to Sunday 29.  
November



## Contemplative Nature Retreat with the Mystics

with Taylor Marie Daniels  
& Melanie O'Driscoll



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SUNDAY 25TH OF OCTOBER

# Sunday Social

*Cuppa & chats*

After the 10.30am Mass

Activities for the kids

*Everyone is warmly welcome*

# The Feast of All Saints

## November 1<sup>st</sup>

All children welcome to dress as their favourite Saint at  
10:30am Family Mass



**Irish Cancer Society**

## Become a Volunteer Driver

As a volunteer driver you will be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital for their treatment and back home.

- ✓ Can you commit to a minimum of two drives per month. On the day of a drive, you should be available for the full day.
- ✓ Do you have a roadworthy car, a clean driver's license, insurance and NCT.
- ✓ The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training before you start as a driver for us. For this role you will be Garda vetted.

For more information on how to become a volunteer driver, please contact Emily or Monica at [volunteer@irishcancer.ie](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie)



**Bethany**  
Bereavement Support

### WICKLOW GROUP

Whenever you feel ready, Bethany Bereavement Support is here to listen.

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a free, 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.



#### NEXT MEETING DATES

**Tuesday 27 October at 8pm**

**Tuesday 3 November at 10:45am**



#### VENUE

The De La Salle Centre  
Wicklow  
A67 FX65



#### FOR INFORMATION

**087 0060 700**

[bethanywicklow@gmail.com](mailto:bethanywicklow@gmail.com)

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# Annual Masses for the Deceased

PARISH OF WICKLOW AND RATHNEW

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The Annual Masses for the Deceased from the  
Parish of Wicklow and Rathnew will take place  
this year in:

## **St. Joseph's, Rathnew**

Friday, 6th November 2026  
at 7.00 PM

*and*

## **St. Patrick's, Wicklow**

Friday, 13th November 2026  
at 7.30 PM

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All families who have lost a loved one, buried  
from our church in the last year, will receive a  
letter. If anyone would like to include a relative,  
friend, or someone with a strong association  
with the parish, who died in the last twelve months,  
please contact the Parish Office in Wicklow on  
**0404 61699** or email [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com)  
as soon as possible.

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*All are welcome to attend.*



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 15/10/2026**

**No jackpot won this week**

**1**

**18**

**21**

**27**

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

**Claire Johnston**

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

**€625**

**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. More information from the Parish Office or ourfundraiser.ie**

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.....

**Faith is taking the  
first step even  
when you don't  
see the whole  
staircase.**

Martin Luther King, Jr