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WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations

COLM FINNEGAN

22nd February, 2024: €50 raffle winner

Weekly winning numbers: 1, 15, 17, 24

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

Next weeks **JACKPOT** is **€3,625**

Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!

Join by texting the word **WICKLOW** to 51444

or go to the website : 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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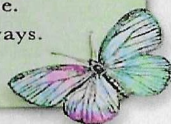
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We all have our days where we feel we can't survive.

Sometimes dreams are shattered, friendships may fall apart. Loved ones may hurt us, finances may worry us. Sickness may overtake us. We may lose people we love. But God will always be there to guide us through even the toughest of times. Never lose faith.

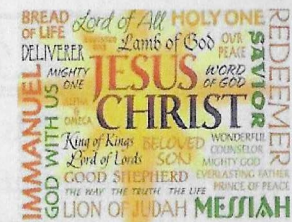
Hold onto hope.
 Trust in God always.
 Kelly's Treehouse



PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th February 2024

Second Sunday of Lent -Year B
Wicklow & Rathnew



Just LENT 2

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

2nd Sunday of Lent
 Genesis 22: 1-2,9-13, 15-18
 Romans 8: 31-34
 Mark 9: 2-10

Theme:
Homelessness



- In the first reading this Sunday we hear about the sacrifice of Abraham.
- When we look at the life of Abraham it is clear he made many sacrifices in his life. He wandered in the desert for many years trying to find a home.
- The Gospel refers to Peter suggesting that three tents are set up.
- Tents are symbolic of God's permanent presence among us, but today our towns and cities have people sheltering in tents because they are homeless.
- We as a Christian community are challenged to help them find a safe, permanent home, where they can truly feel God's permanent protecting presence.

“There is no social or moral justification for homelessness, but we can find solace and meaning in the Incarnation... The Son of God came into this world as a homeless person... The Son of God knew what it was to start life without a roof over his head.”

“We can find no social or moral justification, no justification whatsoever, for lack of housing. There are many unjust situations, but we know that God is suffering with us, experiencing them at our side. He does not abandon us.”

2015 visit to Catholic Charities in Washington D.C.
 Pope Francis

- SEE** What impact is homelessness having on your family?
- DISCERN** How can our households and parishes respond practically to the homelessness crisis?
- ACT** What homelessness projects could you get involved with?

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 24th & 25th February

- 6.00pm** Leonard & Ann Kelly, Timmy & Lilly Kelly, Frank, Mary, George & Kathleen Newsome, Tommy Marah, Joey Doyle, George Byrne, June Kenny, Martin Carr, George Duffy, Michael & Maureen Knowles & deceased members of the Knowles family
- 9.00am** Josie Keane, Elsie Duffy
- 10.30am** Betty Whelan, Dick & Teresa Turner
- 12noon** Myles Kavanagh & Vincent Byrne — both 1st Ann, Sean McGrath, Pat O'Rourke, Gerry Nolan, Rose Flaherty, Nancy Ryan
- Please note that the Masses in green type are in St Joseph's Rathnew*

26th February - 1st March

- Monday** Special Intentions
- 7.00pm** Special Intention
- Tuesday** Joan O'Halloran, Special Intention
- 7.00pm** Special Intention
- Wednesday** Maureen Lonergan RD
- Thursday** Anne Kane RD
- Friday** Altar List of the Dead
- 7.00pm** Altar List of the Dead

Next Weekend ~ 2nd & 3rd March

- 6.00pm** John Wilson, Mary & Edward Canavan
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am** Ann Jordan
- 12noon** Leo Byrne - 1st anniversary, James Cox, Kathleen Doyle

Sincere sympathies to the families of

Thomas Conroy - recently deceased late of
4, St Dominic's Road



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

18th February 2024

- ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1510
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1695
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration €1110

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check
catholicireland.net / sacredspace.ie / universalis.com

First Reading : Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm : Ps 18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2: 13-25

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 – 14TH MARCH
AT 8PM IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE

The Pope's Intention for February

For the terminally ill.

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



TROCAIRE BOXES

Are now available in the Churches and Parish Office, please feel free to take one home with you. They can be returned to the Parish Office or Sacristies after Lent.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIME
ST JOSEPHS CHURCH - RATHNEW

Due to other commitments the Masses scheduled for Tuesday 5th March & Tuesday 12th March in St Josephs will be changed to WEDNESDAY 6th & 13th respectively for those two weeks.

LOURDES - EASTER 2022

The **IRISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST** brings children and young people with special needs on a week-long Pilgrimage Holiday to Lourdes each Easter. 400 young people with additional needs are invited as Guests. This trip is free for our Guests as our volunteers fundraise for it. Volunteers pay for their own trip.

Our 46 groups comprise of 15 volunteer carers and 10 guests. Each group includes a Group Leader, Nurse, and Carers. Our team of volunteer Doctors provide additional medical support.

The Trust will be doing a Church door collection this weekend and your support to this collection would be very much appreciated as normal.

If you would like to Volunteer with The Irish Pilgrimage Trust please complete our Form online <https://form.jotform.com/211793062891056>.

If you would like to apply to travel as a Guest, please complete our Guest Application form online <https://form.jotform.com/212932685135054>.

LOURDES

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Wicklow Rathnew

10 September 2024

5 Nights

€939 per person sharing

- Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- 20kg bags included.
- Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- 5 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

For information please contact:

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Telephone: 086 1099112 086 0601 956 0404 61699
Email: Cncolgan@gmail.com

See Website: www.irlpilgrimage.com | Reservations: 01241 41000

Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The death of a loved one is very devastating. Most of us are not prepared for the long journey of grief. At first we don't really believe it. Often by the time the reality hits us our friends and relatives think that we are or should be okay and they go back to their busy lives.

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary parish based ministry which aims to help the bereaved and grieving. Although grieving is a natural process which can be helped by the sympathy and understanding of friends there are times when one needs support to work through it in a positive way. Feelings need to be expressed rather than repressed. It helps the healing process to talk with a trained listener and confront the very strong feelings associated with grief.

Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group meet on the last Tuesday of the month in the De La Salle Centre at 8pm and if you are struggling with your grief and think you might like to talk with a trained listener, you are very welcome to attend this meeting. More information from 087 946 8971

This group is also looking for people to join the group as listeners - full training will be given and more information from the above number.



Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs?

NO ONE SHOULD CARE ALONE.

Caring for a loved one can be rewarding, but it can also be difficult, frightening and isolating. It shouldn't be.

Family Carers Ireland want carers to know they have the support they need to care safely, to make it less of a battle and to know they are not alone. We are the national charity supporting the 500,000+ family and young carers across the country who are caring for their loved ones with additional care needs. We believe no one should care alone.

MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS!

Alongside our FREE supports and services, FCI offers an annual membership for family carers (and young carers for free), with over 100+ discounts, such as free venue entry, fuel discounts, Three mobile/broadband deals plus much more, for only €20 per year! Apply online or call us on 057 9370 221.



Local Centre Support	Freephone National Careline	Rights & Entitlements Guidance	One-One Advocacy	Learning & Training	Crisis Support Counselling
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Family Carer Support Groups are also organised locally across all of our centres nationwide

www.familycarers.ie

Freephone Careline 1800 24 07 24

Search 'Carers Ireland'

A sincere **THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the **ACCORD** collection last weekend in the parish. A total of **€1695** was collected. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



CRAFT FAIR

RATHNEW WOMENS SHED

Knits, Crochet, Quilts, Candles,
Jewellery, Gifts, Toys & More

Sunday 3rd of March

12-4pm St Brigid's Hall, Rathnew

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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

RNLI AGM

The AGM of RNLI Wicklow Fundraising Branch will take place in Wicklow Lifeboat Station, East Pier, on Tuesday 19th March at 8pm. All welcome to attend.

Wicklow Historical Society

continues its Winter Lecture series with a presentation entitled "St. Patrick, the Man & the Myth". The talk will be given by Brian White, chairperson of Brí Chualann Historical Society and will take place on Tuesday evening next, Feb. 27th, in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, commencing at 8:00 p.m. The presentation should prove thought provoking, interesting and informative and all are welcome!



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Rear of Boots Pharmacy,
Abbey Street,
Wicklow

Have you, or a family member, been diagnosed with Cancer?

We're here to help!

Phone 0404 32696 or
086 821 6694

Our office is open Mon-Fri
from 10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

WICKLOW & RATHNEW BINGOS



ON MONDAYS in the
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

Active Retirement Activities & Trips

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

Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.

Conversational Irish Tuesdays at 10.00 am

Line Dancing Tuesdays 12.00 to 1.00pm

Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00 am

Choir Fridays 3.00pm-4.00pm

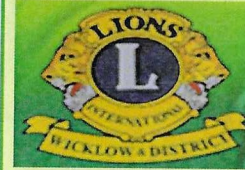
Trip to Sive at the Gaiety Theatre on Wednesday 28th February.

Spring holiday to Killarney from the 14th April to 18th April.

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

You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte



WICKLOW & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

QUIZ NIGHTS 2024

FEB 29 in O'SHEA'S LOUNGE WICKLOW for *WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT LEINSTER FLEADH and HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL*

MARCH 7 WICKLOW GOLF CLUB GRAND FINAL

The Arklow Question - Sectarian disturbances in the 1890s An illustrated lecture by Pat Power.

THE ARKLOW QUESTION
SECTARIAN DISTURBANCES IN THE
1890S
by Pat Power



Wicklow Town Library - Thursday 7th of March @ 7 pm

TO BOOK CALL 0404 67025 OR EMAIL
WICKLOWLOCALSTUDIES@WICKLOWCOCO.IE

In his lecture, historian Pat Power will look at the series of events that convulsed Arklow's religious communities for two decades as evangelical protestants took to street preaching in Southern Ireland during the latter half of the 19th century. Disturbances saw clergymen and towns people jailed, dozens of police and troops deployed to control the peace and commercial life in Arklow disrupted.

The Arklow Question, as it was referred to in the British House of Commons, was eventually to be settled locally after many failed efforts.

Come to Wicklow Town Library branch on Thursday 7th March at 7pm to hear Pat Power recount the fascinating story of the Arklow Question.

Admission is free but booking is required. To book email: Wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie or call: 0404 67025