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WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations

Ellen Cullen

23rd November, 2023: €50 raffle winner

Weekly winning numbers: 1, 4, 14, 28

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

JACKPOT €3,525

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

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

Forgive them, even when they are not sorry. Let them be right, if that's what they need. Send them love and send them off. Don't tie yourself to small mindedness, it will steal your well-being.



Any notices for the newsletter need to be with the Parish Office by 12 noon on Wednesdays.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th November 2023

**Christ the King
Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166**



Fr Donal Neary, S.J ~Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew

The 'I' word!

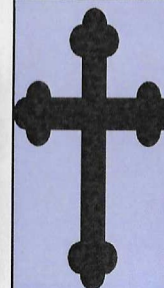
We know this story well. The most important word in it is 'I'. Jesus identifies himself with the people he is talking about. He doesn't say people were in prison and you visited them, or sick or naked. He says I who am in prison, sick or naked. It's even more than being a brother or sister of Jesus. He identifies with each of us especially in need. Created as we are in the image of God, Jesus sees right through us to see God. God is the divine life of God in each person.

That makes the difference. We don't help the needy person only because he or she is needy, but because each is in the image of God and Jesus sees him or her and says 'that's me.'

This can be a programme for life. For the young – can you make a decision for your life that includes deep care from your love of those in need? For those in their busy lives already and who have chosen their way – how can you show deep care for those in need. For the elderly – can you pray for those in need each day and encourage those more active to care for them?

*Did you feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty,
welcome the stranger,
care for the sick and
visit the prisoner?*

*Lord Jesus, may your kingdom come –
The reign of equality, justice, peace and love.*



Sincere sympathy to the families of

*Josephine (Jo) Clarke (nee O'Rourke) late of Weston Close
Sean Cleary late of Friars Hill
Jack Mooney late of Blainroe Cottages
Peter Kavanagh late of Dunbur Glen*

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 25th & 26th November

6.00pm Siobhan Doyle - 1st Anniversary, William Dunne Jnr, Rosaleen Earls, Sean Flood, John O'Brien, Ben & Maura Mahon, Marie Kenny, Beata Mickiewicz

9.00am Tom Crean - Birthday Remembrance

10.30am Nuala Staunton - In Remembrance

12.00noon Philip O'Sullivan - 1st Anniversary, Ellen Theresa Murphy - nee Tilly Cashman

27th November - 1st December

Monday Lily Duirnin In Remembrance

7.00pm John & Cathy Roche

Tuesday A I Zachariah

7.00pm Martha Doyle

Wednesday Jim Hollingsworth In Remembrance

Thursday Jimmy Nally In Remembrance

Friday Altar List of the Dead

7.00pm Altar List of the Dead

Next Weekend ~ 2nd & 3rd December

6.00pm Michael Quinn - Months Mind Mass

Helen Russell - 1st Anniversary,
Rory Attley, Patrick & Elizabeth O'Brien, Mary & Gerard Reynolds & dec members of the Reynolds & Gaughan families

9.00am

10.30am Liz Farrell, Helen, Jack, Jean & Thomas Murphy, Tom & Molly Cummins, Henry & Mai Smith, Bridie & Tommy Cleary, Kitty & Johnny Condley, deceased members of the McWalter Family

12.00noon Betty Mooney - 1st Anniversary, Merci Ryan
Deceased members of the Goucher & Corkish families

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Aquinas Duffy PP : 0404 67196

Fr Gerard Deegan CC: 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

BBK Website: work in progress

Office opening times

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

For all enquires and bookings

The Pope's Intention for November

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father, as he fulfils his mission.

May he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



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

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 DECEMBER
AT 8PM IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE

Advent Scripture

Christmas is coming!

It can be a very busy time. So, you are invited to come to a 'mini' Advent Retreat on Wednesday evenings to prepare for this wonderful feast of the birth of Jesus. There will be time to reflect on the beautiful Advent Gospels quietly & mindfully.

When: During the four Wednesdays of Advent, Nov 29th, Dec 6th, 13th & 20th

Where: Meditation Room, Dominican Ecology Centre

Time: from 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Finishing with a chat & cuppa for those who wish - all are very welcome.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

19th November 2023

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1945
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1100
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 845

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 : Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

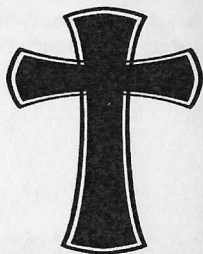
Psalm : 79

Second :Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel : Mark13: 33-37

ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD - ENVELOPES

Envelopes and lists are now available in all Churches. Please feel free to take home the list and envelope and include all your deceased family and friends on it. Mass will be offered for all those named on these lists on the First Friday of each month. Lists can be returned to Churches or Parish Office.



PASTORAL AREA WEBSITE

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new and updated website. It has become the new Pastoral Area Website, which is covering Wicklow/Rathnew, Ashford/Glenealy & Kilbride, Bardarrig & Brittas Bay. Each parish will have its own platform within the website, and another section that will be common to all parishes.

Work started on this a few months ago, and we are very happy with the end product. Many thanks to Michelle in Tribec, who has been very patient and obliging with us, over the past couple of months. There are still some little tweaks to be sorted but it is 90% there now.

Another THANK YOU to William Doyle Undertakers for agreeing to cover all the updates expenses and agreeing to continuing to sponsor the new Pastoral Area Website. We are very grateful for your support.

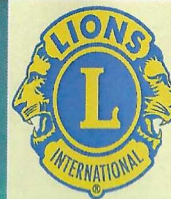
The Wicklow Gold Rush

An illustrated talk by
Peter O'Connor



de la Salle Pastoral Centre,
Wicklow

Tuesday, 28 November @ 8pm
Wicklow Historical Society



WICKLOW & DISTRICT
LIONS CLUB
QUIZ NIGHTS

THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER AT
8.30PM IN FITZPATRICK'S
WICKLOW SUPPORTING
BLUE DOLPHINS &
ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL, WICKLOW

RATHNEW SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

ON SATURDAY 2ND
DECEMBER FROM
2.30PM TILL 6PM IN
ST BRIGID'S HALL.



CONTACT DOREEN ON
087 781 4472 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please note that the PARISH TAP & GO BOX for Parish donations is not working at the moment. We are in the process of getting a new one installed in the Church. The other two boxes at the side doors are working and accepting donations for the Dublin diocese. Donations to these boxes are split 60:40 to pay the First & Second collections. The money from these boxes does not stay in the parish.



A huge 'THANK YOU' to Maureen Dunne and her team for the donation of €3000 to the Wicklow Parish from the recent 'Unwanted Gift Sale' which was held in the Parish Centre. It was a huge success with hundreds of people dropping in for a bargain or two. The Parish Hospitality group also received a donation of €300 for all their help and support. Wicklow Cancer Support benefited to the sum of €3000 from this sale too. Both communities were delighted with their donations. Fr Gerard Deegan & Mary Heaslip accepted the donations on behalf of the Parish and Wicklow Cancer Support. Maureen has already started work on next years sale!

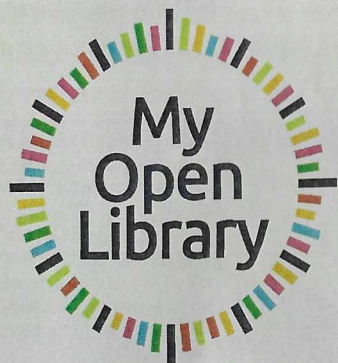
CITIZENS INFORMATION SERVICES AND WICKLOW LIBRARY COME TOGETHER TO PROVIDE TRUSTED INFORMATION AND ADVICE SERVICES
The Citizens Information Board (CIB) has announced an innovative new pilot scheme in Wicklow town.

From 9 November, members of the public can access free, confidential and trusted information and advice online from an Information Officer from South Leinster Citizens Information Service (CIS) in a dedicated private space in Wicklow Library. Members of the public can book an appointment with an expert Information Officer and have a one-on-one online session in a private space in Wicklow Library. The Information Officer will offer expertise and guidance on a range of topics including social welfare, taxation and education.

This new service will be available on Thursday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm by appointment.

This service is open to any member of the public and an appointment can be made by contacting the CIC in Bray on 0818 07 6780 or email bray@citinfo.ie. The public can also drop into Wicklow Library to enquire about the service.

CIB is a State agency under the remit of the Department of Social Protection and funds the Citizens Information Services. CIB was awarded funding to run this pilot project in Wicklow and two other libraries through the Public Service Innovation Fund. This project is supported and funded by the Department of Public Expenditure NDP Delivery and Reform.



My Open Library is a service that allows you to access the Wicklow or Arklow Libraries after hours.

Just bring in your library card and we'll sign you up!

Must be 16 years old and 16-17 year olds must be accompanied by a parent to sign up.

If you don't have a library card it's easy to join.

Just bring in photo ID and proof of address.

Christmas Food Drive
Now till 5th December

to help those who need some extra help this year.

In conjunction with the Wicklow Guide, Brigini & Cygnet group & the local Lions club.

All donations of non-perishable goods and toiletries welcome.

Donations can be left in the Parish Office or Sacristy



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!

Phone 0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

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

GROW mental wellbeing programs

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.

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 the National Concert Hall on Saturday 11th November to see the musical Oliver.

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

PARISH SHOP

The Parish shop is situated in the lobby of the parish office. It has been restocked with new candles, cards and some new general stock. Drop in and have a browse, baptism candles small baby gifts, angel gifts, rosary beads, car medals, visor medals, cards and much more. There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards and ordinary cards available. Shop open same time as office from 10am till 12.30pm. Christmas Novena Cards are now available.

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