

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

26th April 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Follow in Love

The first big moment of vocation is baptism. The anointing of chrism at baptism might be called the anointing for vocation.

The baptismal vocation is for witness, love and service. This is expressed in ways in which people live out their baptism in married life, single life - and within the single life, maybe religious life or priesthood.

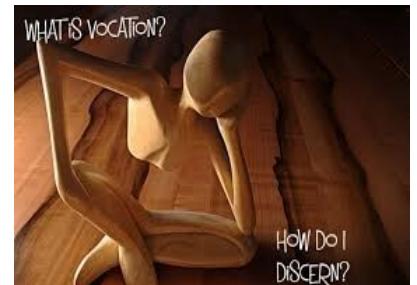
Our active witness is to the life and the values of Jesus in our lives. Teaching is not itself a vocation, for example, but the way we teach is a way of living out our vocation. It is the same with many of the helping professions and employments. Being a good neighbour can be a living out of our vocation.

We witness to love in marriage, in family, extended family, and in friendship. Any love is a sharing in the love of God. In the moments of unselfish love in any relationship we are living out our vocation. When we love, we are doing God's will!

We witness to service in the wider world in our care for the poor and in welcoming the stranger: the widow, the orphan, the immigrant- in fact anybody needy .

*In a place of silence, let the words 'Come, follow me'
echo in your mind and heart.*

*Lord, be with me as I offer myself in partnership with you
to work in your world
and in whatever capacity you think best for me .*



Sincere sympathies to the families of

*Cathal B. Stockdale Dunbur, Wicklow Town and formerly
of Ashford, Co. Wicklow & Cobh, Co. Cork.*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 25th & 26th April

6.00pm Frankie Fitzpatrick M.M,
Leonard, Ann, Elizabeth (Lillie) & Timothy Kelly
Bill Bury, Dan Breen,
Brenda Earls r.d in England (daughter in Law of Aidan)
Maura Nichols (A)

9.00am *Special Intention*

10.30am Phil Burke M.M
Gráinne and Pat Bolger (A), Kevin Nugent R.D
Mac Hanlon

12.00pm Andy Doyle M.M
Siobhan O'Connor 1st Anni.
Veronica Carroll 1st Anni.
Tom & Mary Malone (A)
Margaret & Tommy Hogan (A)
Sarah (Cissie) O'Rourke,
Paul Keelaghan

27th April~ 1st May

Monday Easter Novena 5.

7:00pm *Easter Novena 4.*

Tuesday *Special Intention*

7.00pm *Kathleen O'Connor (A)*

Wednesday Joan Lynch (A)

Thursday John O'Driscoll R.D

Friday Altar List of The Dead

Next Weekend ~ 2nd & 3rd May

6.00pm John Cullen M.M
Jim & Pauline Murphy (A)

9.00am *Jordan Quinn*

10.30am

12.00pm Richard Davis 1st Anni.
Yvette Davis (A)
Michael Lavin (A)
Jack Meehan (A)

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

FIRST READING: Acts 6: 1 - 7

PSALM: Ps. (Psalm 32)

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:4 - 9

GOSPEL: John 14:1-12



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
BBK	Second Saturday	2.00pm

Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday 14th May at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on Thursday 28th May at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office.

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 4 months before the date of the proposed wedding.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

19th April 2026

Here is where your donations go to.

Many thanks for your continued support.

PARISH ENVELOPE & STANDING ORDER / DONATIONS	1ST COLLECTION COMMON FUND & DUES ENVELOPES	2ND COLLECTION SHARE
<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 & 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 & 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>
<p>The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account</p>
<p>€1505 (101 envelopes received)</p>	<p>€1465</p>	<p>€1120</p>

We welcome in Baptism.....

Wicklow

*Isabelle Cummins, Oliver Cummins, Sol Sheehy,
Conor Jameson, Mac O'Meara, Freyja Tonnie's
Luca O'Reilly Lyons, Emilia Vacchiani, Julia Byrne,
Daniel Jnr. Bolger, James O'Brien*

Rathnew

*Rhea Connolly, Jessie Harrington, Maise Duddell
Cody Duddell*

WICKLOW TOWN

Heritage Trail



Take a walk through
Wicklow Town's past!

Why not join our **FREE Guided Trail** on Saturday morning at 11am which starts outside the Tourist Office in Fitzwilliam Square and takes 90 minutes to complete.

This Free Guided Trail takes place every Saturday morning at 11am from Easter Saturday 4th April - 26th September, 2026

Locals, visitors and overseas tourists are all welcome to join a very informative and entertaining trail telling the rich history of Wicklow Town, from the landing of St. Patrick in 432 to the end of the Civil War in 1923.

For information on the
Wicklow Town Heritage Trail visit:

www.wicklowtown.ie
or www.visitwicklow.ie

The Heritage Trail is an initiative of Wicklow Town Team and Wicklow Municipal District and was funded by Wicklow County Partnership



Wicklow Town Heritage Trail – A key attraction for locals and visitors in Wicklow Town

The weekly guided walk of the now well- established Wicklow Town Heritage Trail returned this year on Easter Saturday, and all summer long will become a key attraction for tourists visiting the town and will provide a great insight into the rich heritage of the town.

Locals, Visitors and Tourists are all welcome to take part in what is a very informative & entertaining guided Free Trail detailing the rich history of Wicklow Town from the landing of St Patrick in 432 until the end of the Irish Civil War in 1923.

There are seven Storyboards located throughout the Town illustrating key moments in the rich history of Wicklow Town. On each storyboard, there is a QR code which enables participants to watch a video on their phone, telling them the story of each key location. The actors featured on the videos are members of the local dramatic society.

For further information on the Wicklow Town Heritage Trail, visit www.wicklowtown.ie or www.visit.wicklow.ie

You can join the Free weekly guided Trail each Saturday morning at 11am sharp which commence outside the Tourist Office in Fitzwilliam Square every Saturday morning until the end of September.



Parish Pilgrimage Lourdes Trip

From the 17th August for 4 nights in the hotel La Solitude. €945.00 per person sharing. A single room supplement €49.00 per night. Travel insurance €55 per person up to 79 years. €75 per person from 80 years up. Deposit of €350.00 per person, with the balance due 12 weeks before departure.

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Aquinas Duffy : 0404 67196//Fr Gerard Deegan : 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

Email: parishofficewicklow@gmail.com, Website: www.stmantan.ie

Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

Lourdes Collection:

The students of Coláiste Chill Mhantáin will hold a church door collection in St. Patricks Church this weekend on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th after mass to collect for their forthcoming trip to Lourdes as helpers. Support For this collection would be greatly appreciated.

Lay Ministry Appeal

Lay Ministry Sunday, and the Associated Lay Ministry Appeal, takes place on the weekend of May 2/3 and will replace the Share collection. Your support in promoting this important appeal is deeply appreciated.



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

RATHNEW WOMEN'S SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Craft fair

11 AM - 3PM

SUNDAY 17TH OF MAY

HAND CRAFTED GIFTS, COSY QUILTS, KNITWEAR, CROCHET, SENSORY TOYS, UP CYCLED CREATIONS, BAKED GOODS & REFRESHMENTS

ST. BRIGID'S HALL
RATHNEW
A67 X583

The Heart of Rathnew
Craft Fair 2022

Wicklow County Council
Rathnew Women's Social Enterprise
LCDC
The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co-funded by the Irish Government, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training (EIST) Programme 2021-2027.

Bingo!

ON MONDAYS in the
DE LA SALLE CENTRE &
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS in
ST BRIDGETS HALL - BOTH
AT 8PM. STRICTLY OVER 18s.

 **Bethany**
Bereavement Support

HAVE YOU BEEN BEREAVED?

You are not alone.

The death of a loved one can be overwhelming and isolating — but you do not have to face it alone.

If you are grieving the loss of someone special, or any kind of loss, and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement Support offers free and **confidential support** to adults in a safe, welcoming and understanding environment.

We hold our meetings in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.

Our next meetings are:

Tuesday 28th April at 8.00pm

Tuesday 5th May at 10.45am

You are very welcome to come along, or simply contact us for a chat.

086 835 9148

WICKLOW CANCER 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

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.
Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.

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 16/04/2026

No jackpot won this week

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The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

- **Mary Flynn**
- **Next Week's Jackpot will be:**
€2,075

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.

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.....

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

