

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

26th July 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

The good, the bad, and the treasure

Jesus takes the ordinary for his story asking what you would really want never to lose/ asking what your treasure is. Is it money, reputation, locality? I gave up a better job but had time for the family and for love'; words of a young father. We know that parents give up a lot for their children; as do grandparents/ godparents and others. As people we look for what's most important in life: the love of God; deep and enduring friendships/ success after hard work in school/ commitment to the poor - what can-not be lost and what is worth sacrificing other good things for.

Life is a mixture of the good and the bad. There is an old Dublin saying: *'There's good in the worst of us and bad in the best of us.* We work for God with the strengths and weaknesses of all we work with. God sows the seed of the gospel in good and bad soil; it bears fruit in its own way wherever it is sown.

The treasure is in our people. So much hidden generosity comes out at bad times - floods, power cuts, illness and death. We need always to find the hidden treasures in our own people and even in our history.

The kingdom of God is close, near and is within us.

*Think of what you really value in life. Take time.
Give thanks to God for what brings deep joy in life.
Thy Kingdom Come, Lord Jesus.*



Sincere sympathies to the families of

*Peg Heffernan (née Jordan) Darragh Park, Wicklow
Town, Wicklow*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 25th & 26th July

6.00pm *Lylie Henry (A)*

Margaret Corkish (A)

Ena Doyle B.R

9.00am

10.30am *Eileen & John Nolan in remb.*

12.00pm *Connie Sallinger (A)*

Carr, Barry & Cullen Families

Joan Delahunt

27th July ~ 31st July

Monday Prayer Service - No Mass

7:00pm No Mass

Tuesday *Special Intention in Thanksgiving*

7.00pm *Oliver Seerey in remb.*

Wednesday *Irene Purcell*

Thursday *Special Intention*

Friday *Michael Murphy (A), Henry John Hubbard (A)*

Nicholas Byrne (A)

Next Weekend ~ 1st & 2nd August

6.00pm *P.J O'Brien (A)*

Mary Fitzgerald (A)

*Michael Fitzgerald, Mary Merrigan Fitzgerald,
Jackie Sillery & deceased members of Kennedy &
Thompson Families, Marie Mates (A)*

9.00am *Margaret Doyle & Andrew Doyle (A) also their daughter
Ellie Corrigan*

10.30am

12.00pm *Mass for deceased members of Wicklow Male Voice
Choir who will sing at the mass & offer up a prayer of
the faithful for named members*

*Joan Fox (A), Marie Crossan (A), Veronica, Matthew,
Patricia, Kevin & Pauline Carroll (A), Anne Neiland*

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-3

PSALM: Ps. 144

SECOND READING: Romans 8:35. 37 - 39

GOSPEL: Matthew 14: 13 - 21

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



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.

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
	Third Saturday	12 noon
Glenealy		
KBB	Second Saturday	2.00pm

*Please note : **No Wicklow Baptism**
Meeting in July and No meeting in
Ashford in July.*

*Next BBK meeting
Wednesday 5th August at 7:30pm
In Barndarrig Church*

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

19th July 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
The Envelope/Standing Orders are what funds the Parish. This money stays locally and is vital to sustain our Parish. The money from these envelopes and Standing Orders maintain the Churches, Parish Centre, Houses, general maintenance and administration expenses. The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account	The Common Fund account is funded by all the loose notes & coins in the First Collection It is used to provide suitable and equitable remuneration and support for all priests serving in the diocese, including active, sick, and retired clergy. This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account	The Share account is funded by all loose notes & coins in the Second collection. It is primarily used to finance central support services for all parishes, and to provide financial assistance to low-income parishes. This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account
€1900 (114 envelopes received)	€1650	€1295

Wicklow Male Voice Choir

Wicklow Male Voice Choir will be singing at the 12:00pm mass Sunday 2nd August.

Parish envelopes

If anyone is missing a box of envelopes, please notify the parish office on 0404 61699 or email us on parishofficewicklow@gmail.com. We will be happy to sort out the issue immediately

Please remember to turn off the mobile phone

Mass Schedule B and C.

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule B: 27/28th June 2026, 11/12 July, 25/26 July

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)

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Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule C: 4/5 July, 18/19 July, 1/2 August

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| Wicklow Vigil Mass    | 6.00pm  | (Saturday) |
| Barndarrig Vigil Mass | 7.30pm  | (Saturday) |
| Rathnew               | 9.00am  | (Sunday)   |
| Wicklow               | 10.30am | (Sunday)   |
| Glenealy              | 10.30am | (Sunday)   |
| Wicklow               | 12.00pm | (Sunday)   |

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

**Fr Gerard Deegan : 0404 67133**

**Parish Office: 0404 61699**

**Email: [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com), Website: [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie)**

**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**

## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**We would love to hear what is happening in the parish so that we can include it in the parish newsletter.**

**If you are organising any event or activity—non-profit—please email us with the details at [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com)  
We look forward to hearing from you.**



**Bingo!**

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

## 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](mailto:info@wicklowcancersupport.ie)

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



## Lifeboats

**Fundraising in aid of the RNLI**

**The RNLI will be having their  
Annual Church Door  
Collection on Saturday 1st and  
Sunday 2nd August.  
Your support as normal would  
be very much appreciated.**



## Wicklow Photography Club

## Exhibition

**WICKLOW LIBRARY**

**THUR 2<sup>ND</sup> - FRI 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY**



[www.wicklowphotographyclub.ie](http://www.wicklowphotographyclub.ie)  
[wicklowphotographyclub@gmail.com](mailto:wicklowphotographyclub@gmail.com)

4 WEEK SABBATICAL

Sunday 4. - Friday 30. October

# INCARNATE

Inspired by Somatic Experiencing  
& Magnifica Humanitas



## AN TAIRSEACH

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

5 DAY RETREAT

Tuesday 25. - Saturday 29. August

# Women of the Well

Wellness Retreat for Christian Women  
with Taylor Marie Daniels & Melanie O'Driscoll



## AN TAIRSEACH

0404 61833 [www.antairsteach.ie](http://www.antairsteach.ie)



# Bethany

Bereavement Support

## Wicklow Group

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a 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.

Meetings are held in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.

### Upcoming meetings:



Tuesday 28th July at 8:00 pm



Tuesday 4th August at 10:45 am

You are welcome to attend,  
or to make contact for a chat.



**Tel: 087 0060 700**

[WWW.YOUTH2000.IE](http://WWW.YOUTH2000.IE)



# SUMMER FESTIVAL

NEWBRIDGE COLLEGE, KILDARE

13TH - 16TH AUGUST 2026

AGES 16-35

DONATION ONLY

FREE BUSES

REGISTER NOW



"I WILL TRUST AND WILL NOT BE  
AFRAID, FOR THE LORD GOD IS MY  
STRENGTH AND MY SONG" - ISAIAH 12:2

COME AND SEE!

YOUTH 2000 NATIONAL OFFICE, DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES, MOYGLARE ROAD, MAYNOOTH, CO. KILDARE,  
EMAIL: [OFFICE@YOUTH2000.IE](mailto:OFFICE@YOUTH2000.IE) | PHONE: 00353 (0) 1 6753690 REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 20049713

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 16/07/2026

# No jackpot won this week



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

## Roisin Nestor

- **Next Week's Jackpot will be:**  
**€2,875**

**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.....

But you, Lord,  
are a shield around me,  
my glory, the One  
who lifts my head high.

-Psalm 3:3

