

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

26th October 2025



Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ *The Pharisee's boast*

This is one of these stories of people who didn't like each other, and brought the worst out of each other. The **Pharisee** was strict on religion, and the **tax man** was a greedy sinner. Each made the other feel awful about themselves, especially before **God**.

The **Pharisee** started boasting about his religious fervent observance. The tax man just swallowed his prejudice and admitted to God that he was a sinner. The **Pharisee** would look good in any religious line-up, and the tax man would be in the corner of the line-up, almost cowering in the back of the prayer- place, hoping nobody would see him.

But he knew who he was before God; he admitted his weakness. The Pharisee pretended religious fervour and looked down on the tax man, one of **God's** favourites. **Jesus** comments on the story that everyone would recognise, and we recognise ourselves in both people: the proud and arrogant person at times, and at other times, the one who feels a total failure.

He just says - in admitting who you are, you are high in the sight of **God** and high at **God's** table. Just to be oneself before **God** can be difficult. Many gospel stories are about this reality. We need to give those few silent moments each day to an awareness of being loved by God. In that we are humbled, that one as good as **God** could love us so totally, and so we are exalted.

We are gifted by **God's** grace and if we can enjoy our identity as a child of **God** we will find happiness in life.

*Lord teach me to know you more,
to love you more and
serve you faithfully in my life.*



Sincere sympathies to the family of

*Jacinta Dunne (née Roche) of St Manntan's
Court and formerly Strand Street Wicklow Town
Baby Croia Power Keogh*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 25th & 26th October 2025

- 6.00pm** Anthony Doyle (A), Bid Hollingsworth,
Sean Kitson (A), Hyacinth, Michael & Gerard Ronan (A)
Mary & Michael Healy & their parents,
Rita & Sean Bouchier & Thomas & Elizabeth Bouchier
Joe & Vera Kavanagh, Jim & Molly McCall,
Jack & Mary O'Reilly, Elenor Vize (A)
Elizabeth Giffney (A) & her husband Aiden
- 9.00am** *Yvonne Snell R.D*
- 10.30am** Peter, Julia & Tommy Fitzsimons & all deceased
members of the Lynch & Fitzsimons Families
Nina Mooney (A), William O'Brien, Matthew O'Brien
& Darren O'Brien (A)
- 12.00pm** Michael White B R, Denis McWatt 1st Anní.

27th October~ 31st October 2025

- Monday** Ann Mitchell, Josie Murphy, Kathleen Fitzpatrick (A)
- 7.00pm** **NO MASS BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tuesday** Special Intention
- 7.00pm** *Marjorie Franey (A)*
- Wednesday** Thomas Tormey (A)
- Thursday** Denis O'Toole R.D
- Friday** Padraic Shannon R.D
- 6:00pm** **Vigil Mass for feast of all Saints** Special Intention

Next Weekend ~ 1st & 2nd November 2025

- 10:00am** **All Saints day** Special Intention
- 6.00pm** Catherine O'Toole M.M,
Charlie & Maura Byrne,
C.C. Thomas, Peter & Betty Kenny, Michael Quinn (A)
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am**
- 12.00pm** Peggy O'Sullivan 1st Anní., Phillip O'Sullivan (A)
Tom Synnott (A) & his daughter Ann (A)

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
19th October 2025**

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	€1305
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	€860
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- Mission Sunday	€2180

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 25:6-9

PSALM: Ps 26:1,4,7-9,13-14

SECOND READING: Romans 5:5-11

GOSPEL: Luke 7:11-17



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

St. Joseph's, Rathnew on Friday, 7th November
2025 at 7.00 PM

and

St. Patrick's, Wicklow on Friday, 21st November
2025 at 7:30PM

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 strong association with
the parish, who died in the last twelve months
please contact the Parish Office in Wicklow 0404-
61699 or email parishofficewicklow@gmail.com
as soon as possible.

All are welcome to attend.



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 13th November, at
8pm in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre*

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 3 months before the date of the proposed wedding.



THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER BAPTISM MEETING

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

An Tobar Nua

We provide confidential counselling nationwide via telephone and Zoom. Our service is donation-based, because we do not want finances to prevent anyone from receiving support.

If any parishioners, are struggling with grief, anxiety, depression, or other life challenges, please know that we are here to help.

☎ Phone: 091 562 175

✉ Email: counselling@antobarnua.com

Pockets of Hope

*A project of hope based on
the message of Pope Francis for The
Year of Jubilee 2025*

Hopelessness can often be a characteristic of many lives today. This is not difficult to believe as with increasing secularism, war, violence, lack of social cohesion, the lack of care for our planet and general brokenness, it can be a real challenge to be a person of hope. In response to our plight Pockets of Hope is a project created by Fr. Alan Hilliard and designed by Mary-Aoife Ong which is based on the writings of Pope Francis in the document *Spes Non Confundit* (Hope Does Not Disappoint) which is the theme for The Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. Pockets of Hope draws on the imagery of the Burren Landscape on the western shore of Ireland. The display aims to highlight how hope can be discovered even amidst the most bleak of landscapes.

Our selection of Pockets of Hope reflection posters will be on display in St. Patricks Church, Wickow until the 10th of November

You are invited to complete your own mini pilgrim journey as you contemplate each message of hope and let God speak to you through the reflections. This is a selection from the complete set of forty-two posters which are on display in the Dublin Churches. It allows the pilgrim journey through the document, contemplating its rich and life-giving narrative for today's world. It is the desire that many people in Ireland can be filled with the gift of Hope through this project!

Abide in His Love Women's Conference

A few tickets remaining! Abide in His Love Women's Conference Nov 21-23. The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal. A beautiful event for women exploring the beauty & gift of their feminine identity in Christ.

Guest Speakers include Sr. Mary Madeline Todd OP (USA), Megan Madden from 'A Mother's Lace' (USA/UK), Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton (UK), Fr. Francesco Mary Gavazzi, CFR, the Nashville Dominican sisters, & Mass with Archbishop Eamon Martin. Check Eventbrite for tickets & more information.



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

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.



The death of a loved one can be an overwhelming and isolating experience but you don't have to face it alone

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement Support offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence. We have a drop-in service on the last Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm in the De La Salle Centre Wicklow, or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call us on 086 835 9148 to arrange.

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.

We look forward to hearing from you.

*Wicklow Historical Society
presents*

**The British Army in Wicklow
during the
War of Independence
by
John Goodman**

**in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre
on
Tuesday, 28 October
at 8pm**

We look forward to seeing you there



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**AGED OVER 55??
DISCOVER SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
FOR YOU IN COUNTY WICKLOW!**



**THURSDAY,
30TH OCTOBER
2025**

🕒 11am - 4pm

Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow

Meet representatives from:

- Alone
- Wicklow Library service
- LGBT Ireland
- Active Retirement Ireland
- Wicklow Traveller Group
- and many more!

**FREE ENTRY - ALL WELCOME!
(lunch & refreshments provided)
BOOK YOUR SPACE NOW!**



**Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin
Wicklow County Council**

**Are you stressed, depressed or
just in need of some real self-
care?**



**Join Rozel for gentle Yoga and Meditation
sessions in:**

**De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow.
Fridays at 10.00am.**

With an emphasis on breath work and deep relaxation, these sessions will help you to relax, renew and cope with life in the present moment. The sessions are subsidised by Social Prescribing in County Wicklow Partnership

Tel: 087 2485905 for more information



**Unit 2, First Floor,
Rear of Boots Pharmacy,
Abbey Street, Wicklow**

***Have you, or a family member, been di-
agnosed 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 23/10/2025

No jackpot won this week

7

10

16

24

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Susan Gallagher

Next Week's Jackpot will be: €525

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, grave candles & ornaments. 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.

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.....



Psalms 32:8

**The Lord says, "I will
guide you along the best
pathway for your life. I
will advise you and
watch over you.**