

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

(World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly)

27th July 2025



Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Trust in prayer

Often I pray to St Anthony and I find what I was looking for. I can't understand why but it brings up the question of praying for what we want and need. People pray hard for an intention; some pray for ages and are answered, some are not.

We often pray for what may be outside God's control: that someone may give up drink, when the person may not want to; that children will be kept safe on the roads, but they are killed or injured with the careless and dangerous driving of someone else, maybe under addictive influence.

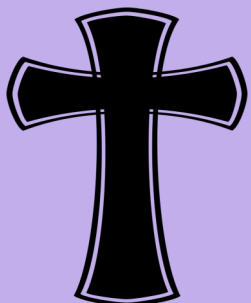
We are encouraged always to pray with hope and persistence, believing that we always get something. In the asking is the receiving, and we never leave prayer worse off than when we began.

For any time we give to prayer, we get something. We are transformed. St Ignatius of Loyola speaks of the effect of prayer - *an increase in faith, hope and love*. We may not get the specific intention but we always get the Holy Spirit. I have never left prayer the poorer than when I began. In the knocking at the door itself something is opened. In asking and seeking we get something. The first gift of prayer is the love of God. Other gifts follow.

Prayer increases our trust in God, that he wants our good and is with us in love.

So we pray for what we need and then leave the prayer with God, to be answered as he can. This is one of the greatest faiths of all.

*Our Father,
holy be your name,
your kingdom come and
will be done within me and
in earth and in heaven.*



Sincere sympathies to the families of
Jack Fitzpatrick, late of The Mall, Wicklow
Brian Carthy, late of Darragh Park, Wicklow

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 26th & 27th July 2025

- 6.00pm* Henry Hubbard, Michael & Mary Kavanagh
Margaret Corkish (A)
- 9.00am* **NO MASS**
- 10.30am* Stevie Hayes, William Howlett, Kay Lynn (A)
Eileen Nolan (A), Sean O'Grady (A), John Nolan - (BR)
- 12.00pm* Marie Crossan - 1st Anniversary, Joan Fox,
Connie Salinger, Pat Madden, Nicholas Byrne
Joan Delahunt (A)

28th July ~ 1st August 2025

- Monday* **NO MASS**
- 7.00pm* Tom Crean (A)
- Tuesday* Michael & Christina Byrne
- 7.00pm* Parishioners Intentions - Mass Card List
- Wednesday* Seamus O'Brien (A)
- Thursday* Special Intention
- Friday* Altar List of the Dead

Next Weekend ~ 2nd & 3rd August 2025

- 6.00pm* Marie Mates - 1st Anniversary, Steven O'Connor,
Sally Scully, Paul Jameson, Paddy Swan, Mary Fitzgerald, (A)
remembering Michael Fitzgerald, Mary Merrigan-Fitzgerald,
Jackie Sillery & deceased members of the Thompson & Kennedy
families.
- 9.00am* Margaret & Andrew Doyle & their daughter
Ellie Corrigan.
- 10.30am* Veronica & Matthew Carroll, their son Kevin,
& daughters Pauline Doyle & Patricia.
- 12.00pm* Anne Neiland (A)

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 20th July 2025

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €2960
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1145
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration €2000

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: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

PSALM: 94:1-2, 6-9

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

Mass Schedule B and C.

Mass Schedule B in the event of one priest not being available.

Weekend 5/6 July // Weekend 26/27 July // Weekend 30/31 August 2025

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)

Mass Schedule C in the event of one priest not being available

Weekend 19/20 July // Weekend 16/17 August 2025

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)

PLEASE

Do not park in the 'Disabled Parking Bays' unless you have a badge permitting this.

We do have Parishioners who need these spaces and unfortunately it makes it difficult for them to attend the Mass/Service when these spaces are not available.

Unfortunately, these parking spaces are regularly used by inconsiderate people with no badges, which is very unfair to those who genuinely need them.



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.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

In recent years the Sunday closest to the Feast of Ss Joachim and Anne has been designated

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This year that Sunday falls on **July 27**.

Prayer for the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

*How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!
Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time,
animated by the hope that comes from You!
Help us in this divisive world, to bring the hope of communion.
Help us in this world, wounded by wars,
to bring the hope of peace.
Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing,
to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.
Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones and
for everyone we meet, the memory of your tenderness.
Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You,
the Hope of a new life that only You can give!
For in You, Lord, nothing is lost
For in You, Lord, everything begins again!
Amen*

We welcome in Baptism.....

*Finlí Healy, Ezra Rivera Alessandrini,
Romí Armstrong, Zachary Heffernan,
Ruadhán McGreevy, Sophia Luongo,
Grace Toomey, Emma Guerra,
Lina & Adam Boukhedimi, Thomas Scanlon,
Bobby Forsyth, Maya Menton,
Michael O'Brien, Luke Sexton, Ruairí Reid,
Libby Stapleton, Emelia Rose Flynn,
Finan Owens, Ellie Hanmore, Lucie Humphries
Grace Murray, Daniel Howlin,
Matthew McElwaine, Mia Vickers, Leo Malone,
Bowen Cowell, Cara Carpenter, Joanne O'Brien,
Bridget O'Connor, Ollie Murphy, Paige Byrne,
Jack Madigan, Kayden Dickenson Farrell.*



**A warm welcome to all those
who are home for the Regatta
and to all visitors to our parish
this weekend.**

**We hope you have an enjoyable
weekend.
Stay safe.**

GOOD LUCK !

**Wishing the very hard
working team of the
Regatta Committee
2025, the very best of
luck with this years
festival events.**

**Like all these things -
they don't just happen,
it takes months of
preparation and
organising and
commitment to pull it
all together.**

Well done to one and all!



**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.

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**

**You're not
alone**

Drink problem? We get it...



AA Open Meeting

Last Friday of Every Month
20:30-21:30
Kilcoole Community Centre
A63 X862
All Welcome!
www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie
01 842 0700

Alcoholics Anonymous

> www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie

> 01 842 0700 (ROI) / 028 90 351 222 (NI)

> gso@alcoholicsanonymous.ie



All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence

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.

**Please note that there will not be
a mass in St Patrick's on Monday
morning 28th July.**

**Hopefully, there will be a Prayer
Service instead on that day.**



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 August, 2025,
at 8pm in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre*



Lifeboats

Fundraising in aid of the RNL

**The RNL will be having their
Annual Church Door
Collection on Saturday 2nd and
Sunday 3rd August.
Your support as normal would
be very much appreciated.**

Wicklow & Rathnew Parish Fundraiser

Over the past few years, our Parish Fundraiser Lotto has been of great benefit to the parish, averaging between €16,000 and €18,000 to the Parish annually, depending on weekly ticket sales.

If the Jackpots not won there is a guaranteed weekly raffle prize, so every week someone will win €50. We have had five Jackpot winners since it began, along with some special prizes at Summer and Christmas.

All of you who have bought a line or more, have helped in a real and practical way, and the Parish is very grateful for all your support.

We would love to continue to grow the Lotto, so if you don't already have a ticket, maybe you might consider purchasing one, and also please pass the word on and invite friends and family to take part.

Draw every Thursday at 8:00pm, Pick 4 numbers out of 30

Same numbers played for you every week unless you change them.

€2.00 per line per week or 3 lines for €5.00

Your subscription payment will be automatically processed for you every 4 weeks

For less than the price of a coffee per week you will make a big difference !

Match 4 numbers to win jackpot

Weekly prize of €50 ~ Winner randomly picked Best of luck!

Log on to Wicklow & Rathnew Parish Website for more information and to join up.

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 24/ 07 / 2025

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK

3

5

9

15

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Anne Dover

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,675

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

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.....

Dear Lord, fill my heart with
hope and my mind with peace.

In the face of uncertainty,
help me to trust in Your plan and
to remain steadfast in my faith.
Guide me through the darkness
and into the light of Your love.

