

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

27th September 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

The Grumpy Brother and the Honest One

Two brothers: the second was grumpy, honest and generous; the first was kindly, confused and selfish. We know often people who do what they say, who do something in the end, or who don't do what they say. The first man knew his mind and then did what was right. Is it the message of this humorous and honest story that sincerity and integrity are important? A certain spirituality ignores ourselves - it's all about doing. Grit your teeth and get down to it. Roll up your sleeves and work... *'but nobody asked us how we were'*. But we find God both in the discernment and in the doing. In the end we must know how we feel about something and then put that in the hands of God and in prayer and do what seems right. The Lord wants the follow through! We need to take time to decide well - the first son did not do that. Then we need to follow and do what is right.

We need sound heads, compassionate hearts and willing hands. The vineyard is where we live all the time. The call is to live in truth, love and justice. We need to believe in the possibilities of a better world, and to become people who can decide on what is right in the sight of God and do it. We will often resist. We want to do what is right and do the opposite. He understands our mixed motivation. In all of that we need the Christian vision and a desire to do the world a world of good.

Recall a time you felt resentful about doing what you ought to do.

How did you feel after doing it?

Lord, may everything I do begin with you



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Essie Fogarty (née Doyle) Rathdrum,
Wicklow / Rathnew, Wicklow
Darren Franey Laragh East, Co. Wicklow and
formerly Mount Carmel Avenue, Wicklow Town.*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 26th & 27th September

6.00pm Bill Dickenson (A),
Colm Ffrench (A)
Samuel Corkish (A)
Frances Conway (A)

9.00am Kit Quinn (A)
Michael Jameson (A)
Norma Stanley

10.30am Jack & Mannix Murphy & deceased members of
Murphy & Grogan Families
Marion Phillips in remb.

12.00pm Dick Kavanagh (A)
Angela O'Rourke (A)
Margaret & Denis Buckley
Fr. Sean Buckley

28th September to 2nd October

Monday Connor & Rosa O'Riordan
Ameila Harris

7.00pm Peter Byrne in remb.

Tuesday Catherine Carey in Remb.
Jim Quinn B.R

7.00pm Shay Coffey
Martin O'Connor (A)

Wednesday Catherine O'Toole 1st Anniv.

Thursday Special Intention

Friday Altar List of the Dead

Next Weekend ~ 3rd October & 4th October

6.00pm Catherine O'Toole 1st Anniv.

9.00am

10.30am Anna May Gill (A)

12.00pm John Wolohan M.M
Brendan Phelan R.D

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5: 1 - 7

PSALM: Ps. 79:9,12-16,19-20

SECOND READING: Philippians 4: 6 - 9

GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 33 - 43

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



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
KBB	Second Saturday	2.00pm

*The next meeting will be on
Thursday **8th October** at 8pm in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on
Thursday **22nd October** at 7.30pm in
The Parochial House in Ashford-
which needs to be confirmed with the
Parish Office. Next KBB meeting
Wednesday 7th October at 7:30pm
In Barndarrig Church*

Children's Choir



New recruits are welcome to our Children's Choir

Place: Saint Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town

Time: 9.45am Sunday morning for 10.30am Family Mass

Senior Infants to 6th year welcome

Instrumentalists especially welcome ☺

Contact: 086 084 2942 or just come along!

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

20th September 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 Crosscare collection
€1395 (104 envelopes received)	€590	€1090

Sacramental Meeting First Holy Communion : There will be a meeting for parents of first Holy communion Children on Tuesday 29th September at 7:30pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Confirmation: There will be a meeting for parents of Confirmation class children on Thursday 1st October at 8:00pm in St. Patrick's Church.



Society of St Vincent de Paul

QUARTERLY COLLECTION.

The quarterly Church Door collection will take place on the weekend of 3rd/4th October, Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford & Glenealy church Your support of this collection would be very much appreciated.

SUNDAY 27TH OF SEPTEMBER

Sunday Social

Cuppa & chats

After the 10.30am Mass

Activities for the kids

Everyone is warmly welcome



On Sunday 27th at the 10:30am mass Fr. Liam will be doing a blessing of the rosary beads. Please feel free to bring your own rosary beads for blessing.

Parish Religious Education Classes

The parish offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children who are attending non-Catholic Schools. Parents who wish to present their child for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation are invited to enrol them for a two-year programme of preparation.

Online Registration is now available on www.stmantan.ie

Go to General Information click into Sacraments then click Parish Religious Education Programme and enrolment. You can now enrol your child by clicking on the relevant link and filling in the form. Payment can be made at the end of the form.

Sacramental Registration 2026 ~ 2027

Parents wishing to have their child receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation may now register online on www.stmantan.ie. Go to general information then sacraments, choose your sacrament & fill in the form.

Any problems or for more information, please contact the parish office on 0404 61699 between 10am & 12.30pm





Unwanted Gift Sale

in aid of
St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow
and
Wicklow Cancer Support



Date: Sunday 8th November 2026
Time: 10am to 3.30 pm, with Coffee & Raffle
Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town
(across from St Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town)

Pick up a Great Christmas Present and support
Wicklow Parish Church and Wicklow Cancer Support Services



**Special Christmas
Room**



Full of Decorations



Can't believe its only 6 weeks to
"The sale of the Century"

"THE UNWANTED GIFT SALE"

I would like to say a very big thank you for all your generous support towards this sale. It couldn't go ahead without the help of the fantastic team of helpers, the people who donate, the amazing parish office who support us so much and the fabulous hospitality team. We are starting to accept unwanted gifts of all kinds which can be left in the parish office. Again, many thanks for your support and hope to see you there.
Maureen & her fantastic team.



WICKLOW & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB
QUIZ NIGHTS
RETURNING IN NOVEMBER 2026



**CONTACT ANY LIONS MEMBER
BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER**

if any club, school, or charity group is interested in taking part.

Laudato Si'

Care for Our Common Home

"The Earth is our home, and we all share it together."

POPE FRANCIS



Protect biodiversity

Every living thing has a place and a purpose.



Conserve natural resources

Water, soil, air and energy are not limitless.



Reduce, reuse, recycle

Less waste today, cleaner tomorrows.



Tackle climate change

Care for creation means caring for future generations.



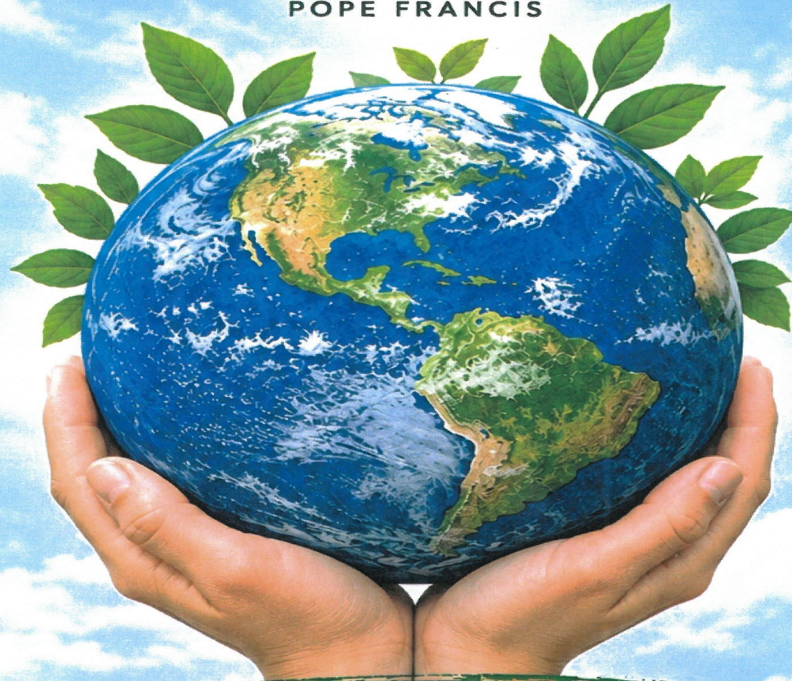
Choose sustainable living

Small actions make a big difference.



Live in harmony

A healthy planet builds healthier people and stronger communities.



A healthier planet is a brighter future

In 2015, Pope Francis calls all of us to urgent action to combat the destruction that is being inflicted on earth, our common home and reminds Christians of our duty to be good stewards of creation.

More information can be found online and at

www.trocaire.org



Here are some practical ideas for what can be done in a home to help answer this call.

- Use washable - not disposable- napkins, mugs, cutlery etc.
- Install energy-saving light bulbs
- Switch off lights when leaving a room
- Don't leave electrical appliances on stand-by
- Stop using disposable plastic water bottles
- Avoid take out cups
- Enjoy more time in nature
- Wash laundry at 30 when possible
- Dry washing outside
- Avoid clingfilm - use a tub with a lid, cover bowls with a plate or a tea towel

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 17/09/2026

No jackpot won this week

10

19

23

30

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Annette Hodgkinson

Next Week's Jackpot will be:

€3,450

RATHNEW WOMEN'S SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Craft fair

11 AM - 3 PM

SUNDAY 11TH OF OCTOBER

**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
Co. Wick, New

RATHNEW CRAFT FAIR MARKET

Raidon na Míreann
Government of Ireland

Co-fundadoir ag an
Aontas Eorpach
Co-funded by the
European Union

pobal
government supporting communities

LCDC
County Wick Partnership

"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."



Bethany
Bereavement Support

WICKLOW GROUP

Whenever you feel ready, Bethany Bereavement Support is here to listen.

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a free, 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.



NEXT MEETING DATES

Tuesday 29th September at 8:00pm
Tuesday 6th October at 10:45



VENUE

The De La Salle Centre
Wicklow
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