

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

28th June 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

A Simple Cup of Water

The examples are stark in the gospel today: about not preferring mother and father to Jesus; about how, in our care for others, we care for Jesus, and how, in our neglect of others, we neglect him. We need to go beyond the practical example to finding out what is central in our lives and how we see God as central. When God is central, our love can be in the smallest of services to people, like *'the cup of cold water'*.

Jesus is not central outside our humanity, and our human relationships. In the real needs of ordinary people we meet his needs. We give the *'cup of cold water'* to the person who needs it, not just to Jesus. It's like many stories in the gospel of Jesus helping those in real need. This is the central point of faith.

We help in simple ways. This is what Pope Francis refers to in his encouragement of simple love, *like the warm supper we look forward to at night, the early lunch awaiting someone who gets up early to go to work. Homely gestures. Like a blessing before we go to bed, or a hug after we return from a hard day's work. Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love'* (September 2015).

Recall a time when someone helped you in a small way. Be grateful.

Offer yourself to do the same when you can.

Make me, O Lord, a channel of your peace and love when I see the needs of others.



Sincere sympathies to the families of



Moya Boyce née Byrne of St Manntan's Park and formerly St Laurence's Road, Wicklow Town

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 27th & 28th June

6.00pm Jim Quinn M.M,
Betty Doyle M.M & her daughter Mari Anní.
Peter Byrne,
Marie Byrne (A)

9.00am **NO MASS**

10.30am James Byrne M.M
Charlie (Cha) & Carmel Byrne (A)
Tom Murphy Snr (A)

12.00pm John Cogill M.M
Kevin Matthews (A)
Shelia Grogan (A)
Norma McCarthy (A)

29th June ~ 3rd July

Monday Prayer Service- No Mass

7:00pm Aidan Clear in rem.

Tuesday Carmel Flannagan O'Shea in rem.

7.00pm Brian Hughes In rem.

Wednesday Special Intention x2

Thursday Willie Joe Cunningham in rem.

Friday Raymond Doyle in rem.

Next Weekend ~ 4th & 5th July

6.00pm

9.00am

10.30am Michael White (A)

Jimmy Howes & Peg Howes

Bridget & Patrick Mahon (A) & their Daughter Breda
Vickers

12.00pm Julia Kenny M.M

Padrig, Jim & Noreen Carney (A)

Eamonn Deehan (A)

Ann Byrne (A)

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

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-10

PSALM: Ps. 144

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 9, 11-13

GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 25-30



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



Please note: No Wicklow baptism meeting in July.

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
KBB	Second Saturday	2.00pm

*Please note : **No Wicklow Baptism Meeting in July** and on **Thursday 25th June** at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office.
Wednesday 1st July at 7:30pm
In St. Mary's Barndarrig*

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

20th June 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>€1305 (108 envelopes received)</p>	<p>€1350</p>	<p>€1101</p>

Peters pence Collection :

Will take place this weekend on the 27th/28th June at all masses & will replace the usual share collection. Your support to this collection would be very much appreciated

This is to announce that the Very Reverend Liam Canon Rigney, newly appointed Parish Priest, will assume the pastoral care of the Parish of Wicklow/Rathnew, the Parish of Kilbride/Barndarrig, and the Parish of Ashford/Glenealy on Sunday 5th July 2026.

Trocaire
TOGETHER FOR A JUST WORLD

Many thanks to all who contributed to Trocaire. A total of €1273.91 was collected. Your support is very much appreciated.

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)

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

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

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 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

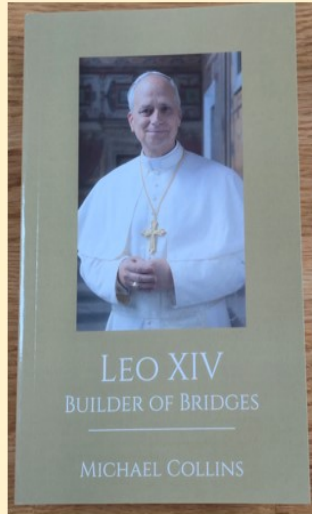
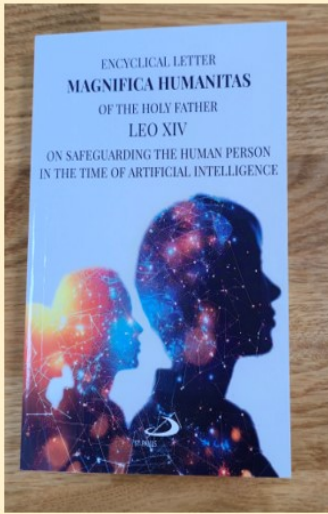
For all enquires and bookings

Parish Envelopes

Just to remind people that some church envelopes haven't been collected. If you haven't got yours please call into the Parish Centre Monday to Friday from 9:30 – 12:30pm

Please remember to turn off the mobile.....

Just to let Parishioners know these books are available in the parish shop:



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 30th June at 8:00 pm



Tuesday 7th July at 10:45 am

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



Tel: 086 835 9148

Farewell Cuppa for Fr. Aquinas

Farewell cuppa for Fr. Aquinas after 12:00pm mass on Sunday 28th June. Everyone is very welcome to join us in the De La Salle Centre on the day to wish him well.



Wicklow Photography Club

Exhibition

WICKLOW LIBRARY

THUR 2ND - FRI 31ST JULY



www.wicklowphotographyclub.ie
wicklowphotographyclub@gmail.com



YOU'RE NOT ALONE
**Make someone
 feel amazing**

To apply for our opportunities, please visit alone.ie/volunteer
 ALONE the organisation that supports older people to age at home

Ways to Get Involved



Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteer

Visitation Support and Befriending is a supported one-to-one relationship between a volunteer and an older person who has been linked in with ALONE.



Telephone Support & Befriending Volunteer

ALONE's Telephone Support and Befriending is a free friendly, support and information telephone service for older people.



National Support & Referral Line Volunteer

As an NSRL volunteer, you will provide a listening ear, information, and support for older people in a warm, friendly, and professional manner.

"My Volunteer brightens up my day and I look forward to the visit every week"

- Older Person

"I have gained meaning from supporting others and I have a new perspective on life"

- Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteer

"I feel connected to the people I talk to"

- Telephone Support & Befriending Volunteer

0818 222 024 National Support & Referral Line 8am - 8pm

Sign up at volunteer@alone.ie



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Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking Visitation and Telephone volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please apply via the ALONE website at <https://alone.ie/volunteer/volunteers/> or for further information please contact Niamh Graham on 086 058 0782 or via email niamh.graham@alone.ie

If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024 or visit www.alone.ie

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, visors medals, cards and much more. There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards & ordinary cards available. Shop open same time as office from 10am till 12.30pm.

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 18/06/2026

No jackpot won this week



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Miriam McGrath

- **Next Week's Jackpot will be:**
€2,650

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.....

Grant me strength when I feel small,
Grant me faith when I lose sight,
Grant me HOPE when all seems lost,
Grant me grace in morning's light.

Mary Davis

