

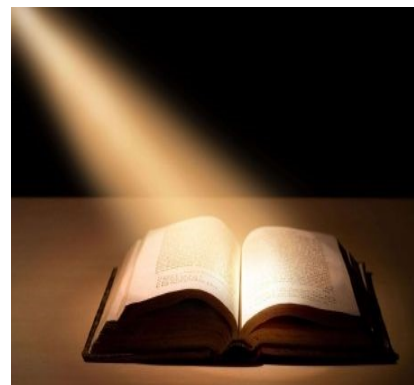
# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

28th September 2025



### Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Faith in action: On fire with hope

This story of Jesus highlights the inequality of rich and poor. Jesus appeals to our sense of justice right and goodness. There is no need for anyone to come back from the dead to warn us of this inequality. The doors between rich and poor can often be locked as were the doors between Dives and Lazarus. Those outside can only knock, protest and even try to break down the doors. The doors must be opened from the inside.

This message of justice and hope for an equal share of the world's goods for everyone is strong in the gospel of Jesus. His heart was on fire with the hope of a better life for the poor. He went to help them simply because they were poor.

The Christian Church, if it is to be faithful to the gospel, should be involved in many ways in the creation of a more just world. The Christian parish takes a special care of  
~ the refugee, the migrant, the war and climate challenged,  
~ the new poor and ~ the old poor,  
~ the unborn, ~ the disabled (Mental/ Physical),  
~ the sick, ~ the elderly, ~ and the dying,  
in fact all whose voices may not be usually heard.



The parable is meant not to scare with images of punishment, but to make us as aware of the huge inequalities that exist in our world, and in the exploitation of resources in the developing world. Maybe we can pray not to be tormented by any of the pains of this story, but be tormented into action by the hunger, poverty and injustices of our world. Maybe then more doors can be opened from the inside of wealth to the outside of poverty.

*Lord, may we build with you a world of justice and peace.*

## PARISH CONTACTS

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

**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**

## *Mass Intention List*

### *This Weekend ~ 27th & 28th September 2025*

**6.00pm** *Pauline O'Neill M.M. Bill Dickenson 1st Ann.  
Dominic Welstead & Andy Byrne both RD,  
Augustine Joseph & Mable Augustine (Rem)  
Biddy & James O'Toole (A) Samuel Corkish (A)*

**9.00am** *Sean Jacob (A) Kit Quinn*

**10.30am** *Jack & Mannix Murphy & deceased members of  
Gegan & Murphy families, Bernie Neilan (A)*

**12.00pm** *Angela O'Rourke (A), Noel Furlong (A)  
The Craddock Family*

### *29th September~ 3rd October 2025*

**Monday** *Tom Murphy - Sacristan RD*

**7.00pm** *Rosemary Lafferty RD*

**Tuesday** *Paul Doherty RD*

**7.00pm** *Shay Coffey (A)*

**Wednesday** *Ailish Moloney RD*

**Thursday** *Noeleen Nolan RD*

**Friday** *Altar List of the Dead*

**7.30pm** *Mass of the Angels - NO Mass in Rathnew*

### *Next Weekend ~ 4th & 5th October 2025*

**6.00pm** *Valerie Carroll (A) Kathleen Dunne (BR)  
Frank Kavanagh (A)*

**9.00am**

**10.30am**

**12.00pm** *Martin O'Connor—1st Anniversary  
Pat & Sarah Byrne (A) Oliver Neiland (A)*



**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:**  
**21st September 2025**

<b>ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	<b>€1445</b>
<b>1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	<b>€1302</b>
<b>2ND COLLECTION/SHARE</b>	- Crosscare Collection	<b>€2705</b>

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

**FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2 – 4**

**PSALM: Ps. 94:1 –2, 6-9**

**SECOND READING: Timothy 1:6 - 8 13 – 14**

**GOSPEL: Luke 17: 5 - 10**

*Mass of our  
Angels*

*Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
at 7.30pm*

*in  
St. Patrick's Church,  
Wicklow*

*This is an opportunity to remember our little ones  
who have passed on too soon.*

*For those who have been touched by the loss of a  
child or an unborn infant, you are invited to  
come together for*

*"A Mass of our Angels".*

*Whether your loss is recent or a long time ago, you  
are very welcome to join us for this very special  
Mass.*

*"I will not forget you -  
I have carved you in the  
palm of my hand"*

*Isaiah 49:15*



## 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 9th October, 2025,*  
*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.



## **Ministers of the Eucharist.....**

**Needed for 10:30am Sunday Mass in Wicklow. If you think you may be interested in this special Ministry please contact the Parish Office. Full training will be given.**

## Jubilee Tour

Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 05<sup>th</sup> October 2025. €799.00pps. Price includes return train/bus, 4 nights in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236 or email [knockpilgrimimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimimages@gmail.com).

**PLEASE NOTE: The weekend of the 11th and the 12th of October, NO mass in Ashford, Britas Bay, or Kilbride. Masses are still on in Glenealy, Barndarrig, Wicklow and Rathnew.**





On a bright Tuesday morning 32 pilgrims from the St. Mantan parish area, accompanied by Fr. Aquinas headed off to Lourdes. Some pilgrims had visited Lourdes before and for some it was their first visit. A group of all ages we travelled in hope, prayer and faith.

Our journey to Lourdes went without a hitch, those more able bodied assisting those who needed a little help. Our hotel La Solitude was, as ever waiting for us. During our stay here we could not fault the food or the service we received.

Fr. Aquinas celebrated seven masses for us, including in Cite St. Pierre, (City of The Poor), where we received the beautiful sacrament of the sick. We travelled to Bartres, the village where St. Bernadette lived for a time, and attended mass in the Church of John the Baptist, this day was the feast day of St. John the Baptist. Fr. Aquinas assisted the Bishop of Tuam celebrating mass at the grotto, this was a beautiful mass with other pilgrims from Ireland.

We took part in the lower stations of the cross prayerfully led by Fr. Aquinas. Some of our group visited the high stations and some travelled up the Pic de Jour to look down on the city and the sanctuary. A very special part of visiting Lourdes is the baths. A water gesture is now performed as well as the traditional bath. This water gesture can be undertaken by more than one person, it is a very special, prayerful occasion that shared with a loved one is an emotional, spiritual event. As a group we processed to the Chapel of Light bringing our pilgrimage candle to take its place among candles from across the globe. Our candle was lit as a beacon of hope. The intentions of our whole parish, our families and friends were remembered as the candle was lit.

A highlight of our pilgrimage was leading the torchlight procession. Together we followed our beautiful banner as we led the statue of The Virgin Mary to the steps of the basilica. The banner then took pride of place on the basilica steps during the ceremony.

The weather was not very kind to us while we were in Lourdes. Taking part in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament we were underground in the Basilica of Pius X. This does not take away from the solemnity of the occasion but enhanced it.

Fr. Aquinas thank you for accompanying us to Lourdes. Your ceremonies & homilies enhanced our pilgrimage. Your quote "we are supposed to be here now" was so impactful to all. Nancy and Charlie Colgan, Carol and Annie Kavanagh, your organisation, thoughtfulness and kindness to all who were in Lourdes was outstanding. We are deeply grateful to you all. And to Fynn, you kept us entertained and were a great companion to all.

Our pilgrimage this year was a wonderful collection of like minded people who gathered and journeyed together in faith and Love.



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.

## St. Vincent de Paul Collection :

The Church door quarterly collection for the local conferences will be held on the weekend of the 27th & 28th of September, in Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford & Glenealy. Your generous support, as normal, of this collection would be very much appreciated.

## HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

*Beginning of School Year Mass @ 11am on Holy Rosary Day, Tuesday 7th October. We are also celebrating 75 years since the opening of Holy Rosary Building. All welcome, especially past pupils. Refreshments afterwards - details will be confirmed next week.*

A graphic for a bingo event. It features a blue background with yellow sunburst rays. In the center, there are three overlapping bingo cards. The top card is blue and has the word "BINGO" in white. Below it, the word "Bingo!" is written in a large, stylized, yellow font with a black outline. At the bottom, the text "ON MONDAYS in the DE LA SALLE CENTRE & WEDNESDAY EVENINGS in ST BRIDGETS HALL - BOTH AT 8PM. STRICTLY OVER 18s." is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

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**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](http://Grow.ie) to listen to stories of Hope and Recovery.





**WE'RE TAKING CLIMATE ACTION**

# Reduce Energy Bills

Free Expert Advice

## Murrough Car Park Wicklow Prom

**3-6pm Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
**10am-6pm Mon 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept**




- Retrofit
- Insulation
- New Builds
- One Stop Shop
- SEAI Grants
- Heat Pumps
- Solar PVs

Climate@wicklowcoco.ie



On **Monday and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September**, from **10am to 6pm**, the latest information on ALL aspects of upgrading the energy performance of your home and business will be on display in a specially designed truck in the Murrough Car Park from 10am to 6pm. **Wicklow Sustainable Energy Community** will be there and will be launching group projects for insulation and solar installation. This truck looks just a regular articulated vehicle, but the sides extend to give a 6m width (20 feet) of floor space inside. The event is part of Climate Action Week being run by Wicklow County Council



## 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.

**PLEASE ..... MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE CHURCH.**

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 25/09/2025**

**No jackpot won this week**

**5**

**9**

**19**

**27**

**The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:**

**Marion Brennan**

**Next Week's Jackpot will be: €525**

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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.....

**GOD IS OUR  
REFUGE AND  
STRENGTH, AN  
EVER-PRESENT  
HELP IN  
TROUBLE.**

Psalm 46:1