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## WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

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Weekly winning numbers: 8, 11, 16, 17

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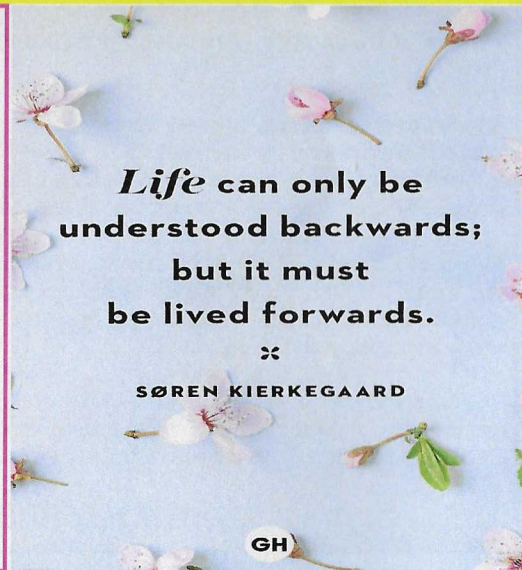
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# PARISH NEWSLETTER

28th January 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year B  
**Wicklow & Rathnew**  
RCN 20016166

GOD KNOWS YOU  
BY NAME.  
GOD LOVES YOU  
BY NAME.  
GOD CALLS YOU  
BY NAME.

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*Fr Donal Neary, S.J ~Gospel Reflections for the Year B.*

### The Power of Evil

Jesus was very aware of the power of evil that can be around us. Jesus named the spirit whatever that meant. This gave him power over the spirit. He knew evil when he met it and he overcame it, with love, power and with kindness for this man.

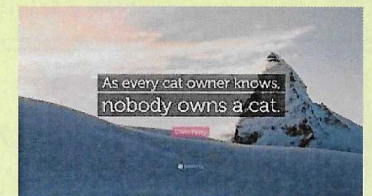
In Jesus the good and the evil of the world met.

One big evil in us is the 'it's mine'. We learn it from childhood. We take the plate of cakes or a packet of sweets and say "all mine". We normally get over this but not always. We need the conversion from it's mine to it's ours. That's the Christian way. The environment is not ours, but for us. We have no right to kill off livelihood all over the world for our paper, our oil and our greed. Any abuse of people is the 'you are mine' syndrome. Nobody owns anyone in this earth and we belong only to God in a free way.

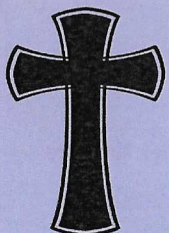
Evil will never win out to the end. It has been conquered on the Cross, with love.

Somehow this man was possessed. Evil came into him and maybe it was not his fault. He left clean and whole, with a kindness in his heart he would never forget. The people were amazed not just at Jesus but at the change in the man who had been possessed.

*What are evil desires in myself ?  
For control of others, for greed,  
for whatever leads me away from love.  
Imagine the light of God filling the darkness in me.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of  
Tom Vickers formerly of Laurence's Rd,  
who died in Southampton.*



# Mass Intention List



## This Weekend ~ 27th - 28th January

- 6.00pm** John Noctor, Henry Tobin, Josephine (Jo) Clarke & Sheila Maddock - all months minds
- 9.00am** Michael Doyle (A) & remembering Esther, Kate & Paul Christy & Margaret Murphy
- 10.30am** Yvonne McHugh - 1st Anniversary, George Cardiff Cathy O'Connell.
- 12noon** Frank Duignan - Months Mind, Norman Mason, George Cardiff, Paddy Henry

## 29th January - 2nd February

- Monday** Leo Byrne - In Remembrance
- 7.00pm** Paul Graham
- Tuesday** Special Intention for the Columban Sisters
- 7.00pm** Nora Timonen
- Wednesday** Patricia (Patty) Byrne, Patrick & Bridget Mahon, Prudence Bonus
- Thursday** Joseph K T, (A) Walter Lally (Birthday & healing)
- Friday** Altar List of the Dead
- 7.00pm** Altar List of the Dead

## Next Weekend ~ 3rd & 4th February

- 6.00pm** Cathy Cullen MM, Rodney Hodgkinson B/R, Billy Earls, Margaret Hodgkinson, Michael Fitzgerald, William & Bridget Kilbride, James & Mary Fitzgerald, Mary Merrigan-Fitzgerald, Vera & Joe Kavanagh
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am**
- 12noon** Darragh Kavanagh MM

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

21st January 2024

- ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €3075  
 1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1175  
 2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration €500

*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: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7**

**Psalm: 146**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23**

**Gospel: Mark 1:29-39**

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to attend an introductory meeting before booking a date for the baptism. At this meeting you will be given all the necessary information about the Sacrament of Baptism and the commitment required of the parents who request it for their child. The next meeting will be on

**THURSDAY – 8TH FEBRUARY**  
**AT 8PM IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE**

## PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Aquinas Duffy PP : 0404 67196

Fr Gerard Deegan CC: 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

[parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com)

BBK Website: work in progress

Office opening times

**Monday - Friday:**

**10am – 12.30pm**

For all enquires and bookings

## *The Pope's Intention for January*

For the gift of Diversity in the Church  
 We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church



**PLEASE .....**

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

## Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara, Brittas Bay

Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara (Brittas Bay Mixed N.S.), Brittas Bay is enrolling for Junior Infants from January 10th – January 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 inclusive.

Enrolment Forms for Admission for September 2024 are available on our website: [www.brittasbayns.com](http://www.brittasbayns.com).

Application Forms are also available by emailing [brittasbaynationalschool@gmail.com](mailto:brittasbaynationalschool@gmail.com) or phoning Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara on 0404 47488.

## 10.30AM WEEKLY FAMILY MASS

Family Mass has resumed at 10.30am on the weekends. We are really hoping that families will volunteer & participate in this Mass. We are looking for families to read, bring up the gifts and of course, to join in the singing and maybe even join the choir. You would be most welcome.

Anyone who is interested, please come along to the practices at 9.45am on the Sunday mornings. Contact Katie on 086 409 4013 for more information.



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## GROW mental wellbeing programs

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.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

It is proposed to have Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays as well as Thursdays. Both 10.30am to 11.30am. Therefore we intend to reorganise the Adoration Team.

Depending on member's availability, members are asked /rostered to be there about once every month on six weeks.

We consider it an honour to guard the Lord in His Eucharistic presence. Indeed, many prayers have been answered, many blessings bestowed and confirmed, through and because of this form of prayer.



If you would like to join the team please tick your choice of day.

MONDAY ( ) THURSDAY ( ) OR BOTH DAYS ( )

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the form to the Parish Office - 61699 or Sacristy 69031

For those already on the team, please inform Joan McCann of your choice of day

## Volunteers required for Wicklow Dementia Support Memory Group, Wicklow Town

Wicklow Dementia Support (WDS) is seeking volunteers to support people living with memory loss attending a new Cognitive Stimulation based Therapy Group to engage in activities.

The session takes place in De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow on Monday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm.

WDS will provide volunteers with training.

For further information/application form:  
Email [admin@wicklowdementiasupport.org](mailto:admin@wicklowdementiasupport.org)  
Call 085 1345128



## WICKLOW & RATHNEW BINGOS



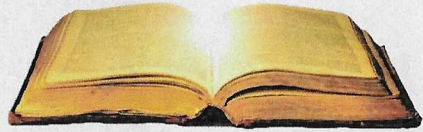
ON MONDAYS in the  
DE LA SALLE CENTRE &  
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS in  
ST BRIDGETS HALL - BOTH AT  
8PM. STRICTLY OVER 18s.

## NURSING HOME - COMMUNION SERVICES

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 31st January in the Parish centre at 2.30pm to arrange these services. If you think this is something you would like to become involved with, please come along to the meeting to find out what it involves.

More information from the Parish office on 61699.

## Ministers of the Word for 10am weekday Masses



We would like to invite more people to join this ministry. If you think that you might be interested, speak to any of the regular readers, to Fr. Aquinas or Fr. Gerard or the Parish Office.

Training will be provided and an opportunity given to practice until you feel comfortable with reading on the altar. If you have ever thought about getting involved in this Ministry - now is your chance and you would be very welcome!

## WICKLOW SAVINGS CLUB



has re-opened on Mondays from 1.30pm until 3pm, in the De La Salle Parish Centre. This is a great way to save a little bit every week for Christmas.

Everyone is welcome to join this savings scheme. There is a €10 fee to cover the bank charges on the account.

### 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

## Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.

Conversational Irish Tuesdays at 10.00 am

Line Dancing Tuesdays 12.00 to 1.00pm

Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00 am

Choir Fridays 3.00pm—4.00pm

Follow us on our facebook page: **Wicklow Active Retirement**

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring Pauline on 087 227 6760

*You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte*

## St Brigid Feast-day 1st February

St. Brigid is the patron saint of babies, dairy workers, farmers, Ireland, midwives, nuns, poets, printers, and sailors.

Brigid was born at a time of major transition in 5th century Ireland. She embodies in herself the pre-Christian Celtic and Christian Celtic spirit. It is generally accepted that St Brigid built her double monastery for men and women in Kildare around 470AD. Some scholars credit Brigid with pioneering monastic life in Ireland. Her monastery was acclaimed as a centre of education, pilgrimage, worship and hospitality until the 16th century when all the monasteries were suppressed.



*"From the plains of Kildare to the ends of the earth The life of St Brigid speaks."* (Intercom '07)

Irish missionaries and migrants carried her name and spirit across the world. Pilgrims and visitors come to Kildare from all over the world seeking to walk in Brigid's footsteps. In more recent years we have noticed a reclaiming of the traditions and customs associated with her.

Why is this so? Brigid's legacy has endured. Her life still speaks to us in the 21st century.

**Woman of the Land** - Brigid is remembered through the ages as a woman of the land. Her feast-day on the 1st February marks the first day of Spring in the northern hemisphere. It is the season when we celebrate new life on earth. In a new hymn, she is invoked "to heal our wounds and green our Earth again. "Many today draw inspiration from the respect which Brigid and our ancestors had for all creation.

**Friend of the Poor** - Brigid had an extraordinary concern and compassion for the poor people of her time. Her legends challenge us share the goods of the earth with our brothers and sisters especially those who live in desperate poverty in the developing world.

**Woman of Hospitality** - Brigid's spirit of hospitality is legendary. For Brigid, every guest is Christ.

**A Peacemaker** - Feuds between clans were commonplace in Brigid's day. She is often referred to as a peacemaker who intervened in disputes between rival factions and brought healing and reconciliation. Brigid is depicted in an icon in the parish church in Kildare with her foot on the sword. She challenges us to be peacemakers and peacekeepers.

**Model of Equality** - Brigid held a unique position in the early Irish church. Scholars tell us that she presided over the local church of Kildare and was head of a double monastery for men and women. She challenges both men and women today to create a church and a society where men and women are equally respected.

Brigid spread the values of Christ. Her life continues to sing the song of the Gospel. She continues to be remembered as an extraordinary woman of faith and to occupy an important place in the hearts of the people of Ireland and far beyond.

**Happy St Brigid's Day !**