

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklów & Rathnew

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Palm Sunday Year A

29th March 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

He has endured the cross

Our gospel today is long; it is the first of two readings of the passion and death of Jesus; we hear many sayings and notice events that are familiar to us and to all Christians. Maybe during the week we could take time to reread the gospel account, and watch what happens, going a bit behind the externals.

*We see Jesus being mocked, tortured, hurt, ridiculed, beaten and killed.

*We notice his fear in the garden of his agony, and also his willingness to go to the end for what he believes in and sees as his mission in life.

*We see him being treated unjustly, and a notorious thief being chosen over him for release. We see him on the cross, when he seems to feel neglected by his Father.

*We notice also the help he received - the silent sympathy and love of his mother, Simon's help carrying the cross, the sympathy of the 'daughters of Jerusalem', and even the faith of the Roman who said he was a good man, a 'son of God'. We wonder about how he felt with the mockery and with the help he received.

*We can identify with much of his suffering, in our own lives and the lives of people close to us. He is the one who 'has endured the cross and despised its shame' (Hebrews).

*We can often take comfort and consolation from the fact that he identifies with the suffering of the human race, and that his resurrection is the basis of our faith, hope and love.

Look at or imagine a crucifix, and pray as you feel drawn.

Lord, by your cross and resurrection,

you have set us free;

you are the Saviour of the world.



Sincere sympathies to the families of

Frankie Fitzpatrick née Hunt, late of Dunbur Park, Wicklów and Brooklodge, Co. Cork

Andy Doyle 23 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklów Town

John Byrne of Newrath, Rathnew, Co. Wicklów

Phil Burke, St. Manntan's Court, Wicklów Town

Margaret Kane, LDS LRCP&SI of Church Street, Wicklów Town

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 28th & 29th March

- 6.00pm** *Bridget Gormley 1st Anni. Aidan & Rose O'Rourke (A)
Thomasina Brennan (A)*
- 9.00am** *Special Intention*
- 10.30am** *Patricia Phillips M.M
Maureen O'Brien (A) & Birthday
Jimmy Cleary*
- 12.00pm** *Lil & Michael O'Connor (A)
Tommy & Pat McAulay (A)
Tommy & Mai Long
Margaret Ring (A)*

30th March ~ 4th April

- Monday** *Funeral mass for Phil Burke*
- 7:00pm** *Maudie Kelly (A)*
- Tuesday** *Joseph Murphy (A)*
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- Wednesday** *NO MASS*
- Thursday** *NO MASS*
- Friday** *NO MASS*

Next Weekend ~ 4th & 5th April

- 6.00pm** *No Intentions*
- 9.00am** *Kate Quinn & remembering Tom Quinn & Maisie and
Harry Murphy
Nancy Gill (A)*
- 10.30am** *Thomas & Bridget Cregg & Deceased members of Cregg
& Hurley Families, Thomas & Anastasia Duffy &
Deceased members of Duffy & Corrigan Families*
- 12.00pm** *Sean & Lillian Kelly, Liam Turner, Dolly Henderson
Mel McCann*

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

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43

PSALM: Ps. 117:1-2,16-17,22-23

SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 1-4

GOSPEL: John 20: 1-9



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



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
BBK	Second Saturday	2.00pm

*Please note : The next meeting will be on Thursday **9th April** at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on **Thursday 23rd April** at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office.*

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

22nd March 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 Parish account.</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Diocesan Common Fund Account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Diocesan Share Account</p>
<p>€1590 (117 envelopes received)</p>	<p>€1285</p>	<p>€935</p>

EASTER SCHEDULES

Are now available in all Churches. This booklet has all the ceremonies and Masses in all seven churches in the St Mantan's Area, for the Easter season. Please feel free to take one home for your reference.

Children needed for Stations of the Cross

We are looking for Children from 3rd Class up for the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday 3rd of April at 12:00pm. If you think your child might be interested you can contact Katie 086 409 4013.

QUARTERLY COLLECTION.

The quarterly Church Door collection will take place this weekend 28th/29th March, in Wicklow and Rathnew church. Your support to this collection would be very much appreciated.



Society of St Vincent de Paul



Parish Pilgrimage Lourdes Trip

From the 17th August for 4 nights in the hotel La Solitude. €945.00 per person sharing. A single room supplement €49.00 per night. Travel insurance €55 per person up to 79 years. €75 per person from 80 years up. Deposit of €350.00 per person, with the balance due 12 weeks before departure.

Divine Mercy Sunday, 12th April 2026 Holy Hour of Divine Mercy

On the first Sunday after Easter, the Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy. To commemorate this great Feast, there will be a Holy Hour of Mercy. Confessions start at 2.45 pm, followed by the Holy Hour at 3 pm in Saint Mary's Church, Barndarrig (A67 K282).

Jesus said to St. Faustina: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."

Come and join us as we offer prayers of devotion to the Divine Mercy, placing ourselves in the wellspring of God's merciful love.

"Jesus, I trust in You."



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.

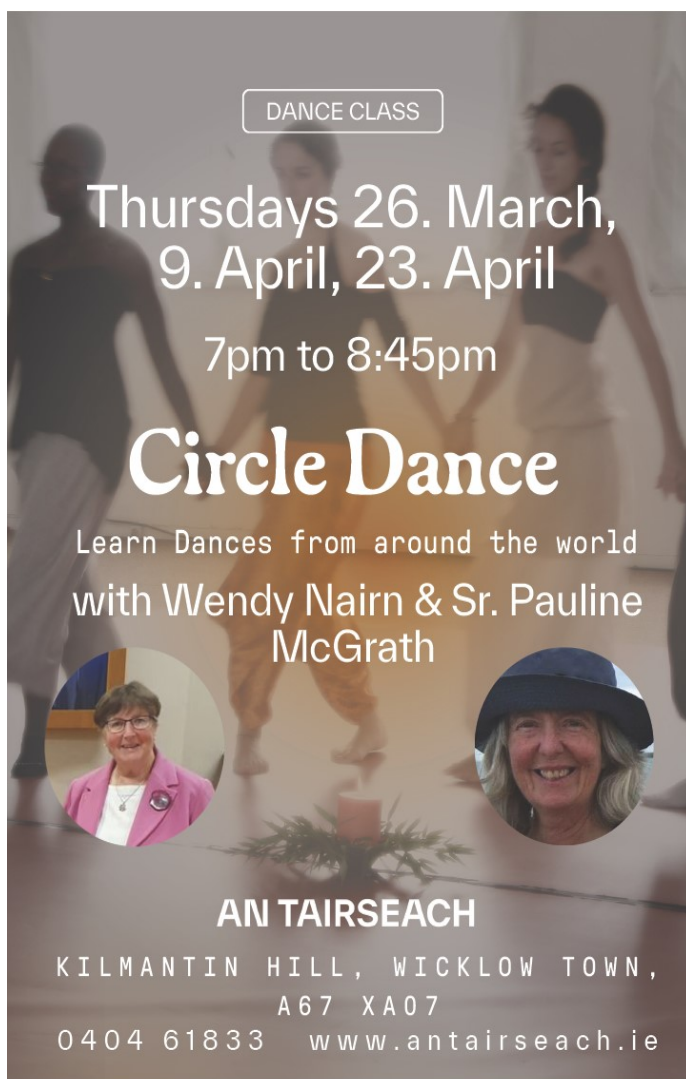
Wicklow Tidy Towns will shortly be out and about again, working on our lovely town's appearance,

We meet on a Tuesday and Thursday from 7pm to 9pm at different locations in the town to work on flower beds, painting, cleaning, litter picking etc

If you have a couple of hours a week and you think you would like to join us, please text or whatsapp on 086 2293126

You can come as little or as often as you like – it is completely up to you, we are delighted to avail of any spare time you have to give

So come along with a pair of gardening gloves, enjoy the fun while being part of your community



A promotional poster for a Circle Dance class. The background shows a group of people in a circle, some in dance attire. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, it says 'DANCE CLASS' in a white box. Below that, the dates 'Thursdays 26. March, 9. April, 23. April' and the time '7pm to 8:45pm' are listed. The title 'Circle Dance' is in large white letters. Below the title, it says 'Learn Dances from around the world with Wendy Nairn & Sr. Pauline McGrath'. There are two circular portraits of the instructors. At the bottom, it says 'AN TAIRSEACH' and provides the address 'KILMANTIN HILL, WICKLOW TOWN, A67 XA07' and contact information '0404 61833 www.antairsteach.ie'.



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Giving to Charity by Liam Gleeson

*It would be nice if we all gave something back,
More preferably to all those who do lack.
Like the homeless, the hungry, the depressed
and the bereaved,
When their situations are fully understood, it
will all be believed.*

*It matters not if the amount is too big or too
small,
It will make a real difference to them all.
If a single currency from each person was
got,
A massive amount would always help a lot.*

*Like a dollar from every Canadian you see,
Perhaps one Yuan Renminbi from every
Chinese.
Please dig deep into your pockets so that we,
Can get as much as we can for charity.*

*Remember that we're serving the needs of
others,*

EASTER NOVENA CARDS

There are a beautiful arrangement of Easter Novena cards at €5 each, now available in the Parish Office. These are suitable for both the living and the dead and the names will be remembered in nine Masses over the Easter Season.

There are also Easter - I lit a candle cards available for €3 which are also a lovely way to remember someone over the season.

RATHNEW WOMEN'S SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Craft fair

11 AM - 3 PM

SUNDAY 19TH OF APRIL

HAND CRAFTED GIFTS, COSY QUILTS, KNITWEAR, CROCHET, SENSORY TOYS, UP CYCLED CREATIONS, BAKED GOODS & REFRESHMENTS

ST. BRIGID'S HALL
RATHNEW
A67 X583

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LCDC
Local Community Development Centre

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Bingo!

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

Wicklow Town Memory Cafe

This is a free monthly cafe event bringing together people living with dementia or memory challenges, their carers, family, friends, and healthcare professionals to connect, enjoy time together, and find information and support.

Upcoming Dates

27th March, 24th April
29th May, 26th June

The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town,
A67 FX65

Wicklow Town Memory Cafe
memorycafewicklowtown@gmail.com

Irish Dementia Cafe Network

As seen on Netflix and shortlisted for
An Post Sport Book of the Year

WICKLOW LIBRARY

Mindfulness Workshop
with Claire Walsh
Thursday 9th April 7:00 - 8:00 pm

UNDER WATER

Limited Spaces
Sign-up Soon

HOW
HOLDING
MY
BREATH
TAUGHT
ME TO
LIVE

CLAIRE WALSH

"20,000 leagues of sparkling adventure and top-dancing prose."
RUTH FITZMAURICE, AUTHOR OF I FOUND MY TRIBE

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Call 0404-67025 or
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Wicklow County Council

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The Local Library

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Phone 0404 69000, 24 hours
www.mccrea.ie - info@niallmccrea.com

Parish Lotto Results for 26/03/2026

No jackpot won this week

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The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Philip O Sullivan

- **Next Week's Jackpot will be:**
€1,875

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.....

May the spirit of the holy week
touch your soul & all your troubles
fade away. Wishing you a

Happy Palm Sunday.