

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166



Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles year C

29th June 2025

Gospel Reflection ~ Fr Martin Hogan, Dublin Diocese - Ss Peter & Paul

Peter and Paul were two very different people who on at least one important issue in the early church were seriously at odds with one another. Peter wanted pagans who entered the church to submit to the Jewish Law, whereas Paul insisted that this was an unnecessary imposition on them.

Peter Vs Paul

Peter was a fisherman from Galilee, a predominately rural area.

Paul was from the university city of Tarsus, in the south of modern day Turkey.

Peter was an Aramaic speaking Jew;

Paul was a Greek speaking Jew.

Peter probably just had the very basic education of his time and place;

Paul was clearly a very well educated and literate person.

Peter, of course, knew Jesus personally and was with him throughout his public ministry.

Paul only ever encountered the risen Lord.

Peter's mission was primarily to preach the gospel to the Jews.

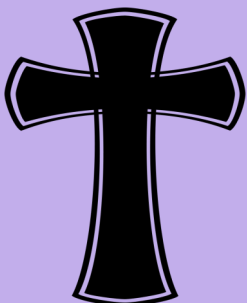
Paul's mission was to preach the gospel primarily to pagans.

According to **Paul**, in his letter to the Galatians, he met Peter for the first time in the city of Jerusalem, some three years after the risen Lord appeared to Paul, *'after three years, I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days'*. No doubt, on that occasion, **Peter** had an opportunity to share with **Paul** his own experiences of Jesus during his public ministry. In spite of their many differences, they were both equally dedicated to serving the **Lord**.

In the first reading for today, **Peter** was imprisoned for his work of preaching the gospel.

In the second reading Paul speaks as one who is already *'being poured away as a libation'*, a drink offering in the Temple. They were each put to death because of their faith in Christ during the persecution of the church in Rome ordered by Nero, who it is said, blamed the Christians of Rome for the great fire in the city.

The Lord worked very differently but very powerfully through each of them. The Lord wishes to work through each of us and will do so in a way that is unique to each of us. The **Lord** needs diversity, not uniformity. Yet, he needs us to work in harmony, like the different parts of one body. Sometimes our diversity can cause tension, as sometimes happened between **Peter** and **Paul**, but such tension can be healthy and can ultimately serve the **Lord's** purposes. Our tensions can be resolved if, like **Peter** and **Paul**, we keep our eyes fixed on the risen **Lord** whose servants we are.



Sincere sympathies to the families of

Robert (Rob) Denis O'Sullivan late of Arklow, Wicklow &
Drumcondra

Malcolm ROSS late of Wicklow Town & Bray

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 28th & 29th June 2025

<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>Rita Deignan & Paul Flynn - both Months Minds Mary (Marie) Byrne, Carmel O'Donovan (A) Mary Sillery (nee Keddy), her husband Jim & daughter Caroline (A)</i>
<i>9.00am</i>	<i>Mary Dowling RD</i>
<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Breda Heraty RD</i>
<i>12.00pm</i>	<i>Norma McCarthy - 1st Anniversary Padraic, Jim & Noreen Carney (A)</i>

30th June ~ 4th July 2025

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Catherine (Kate) Hanrahan (1st Anniversary)</i>
<i>7.00pm</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<i>7.00pm</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Padraic Ó Luanaigh - 1st Anniversary</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Altar List of the Dead</i>
<i>7.00pm</i>	<i>Altar List of the Dead</i>

Next Weekend ~ 5th & 6th July 2025

<i>6.00pm</i>	
<i>9.00am</i>	<i>NO MASS</i>
<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Jimmy & Peg Howes, Bridget & Patrick Mahon</i>
<i>12.00pm</i>	<i>Madge Bolger - Months Mind Anne Byrne, Jim Neilan, Michael White</i>

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
22nd June 2025**

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	€2340
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	€1040
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€1325

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check
catholicireland.net / sacredspace.ie / universalis.com

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66: 10-14

PSALM: 65: 1-7, 16, 20

SECOND READING: Galatians 6: 14-18

GOSPEL: Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING
CHANGES TO SCHEDULE**

St Mary's Church Barndarrig

Wednesday 2nd July & Friday 4th July
Eucharistic Service at 10am

St Patrick's Church, Wicklow

Thursday 3rd July
Eucharistic Service at 10am

St Joseph's Church Rathnew

Monday 30th June, Tuesday 1st July
& Friday 4th July
Mass at 7.00pm

Archdiocese of Dublin

Summer Dues

Thank you for
supporting your priests

**SUMMER
DUES
APPEAL
2025**



PLEASE

Do not park in the 'Disabled Parking Bays' unless you have a badge permitting this.

We do have Parishioners who need these spaces and unfortunately it makes it difficult for them to attend the Mass/Service when these spaces are not available.

Unfortunately, these parking spaces are regularly used by inconsiderate people with no badges, which is very unfair to those who genuinely need them.



Mass Schedule B for weekend of the 5th & 6th July
Please note changes.

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)

Mass & Blessings of the Graves - 2025

Barndarrig Cemetery: Tuesday, 1st July @ 7.30pm

Three Mile Water Cemetery: Monday, July 7th at 7.30pm

Castletimon Cemetery: Monday, July 14th at 7.30pm

Rathnew Cemetery: Wednesday 16th July at 7.30pm

Glenealy Cemetery: Saturday 19th July at 3.00pm

Killoughter Cemetery: Tuesday 22nd July at 7.30pm

WICKLOW DAY CARE CENTRE & COMMUNITY UNIT

Holy Communion is brought to the above on the morning of the 1st Friday of each month between 10.30am & 11.15am. Two Ministers are rostered for each month on a rota basis. We would welcome new volunteers. If you would be interested please contact the Parish Office at 0404-61699.

Peter's Pence is the Popes annual collection for his charities. This collection depends on financial contributions from the faithful to the Pope. It is used for various needs, including humanitarian initiatives, social projects, and support for the Holy See. It replaces the usual Share Collection and is taken up in every church in the world this weekend. Your support for this collection would be appreciated.



THANK YOU

Last weekend was a very busy weekend in the parish - along with the normal weekend Masses /Baptisms etc - we had the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on Friday evening and the Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday afternoon.

These occasions don't just happen - there is a huge amount of work and effort that goes into ensuring they are done to the best possible standards.

Many thanks to all involved in the preparation of the Wedding Anniversary Mass, to Mary Murray who looks up and finds all the couples names and details, to the Parish Office and Sacristy staff who do all the admin preparation prior to and after the celebration. To the Parish Choir who as usual were wonderful on the night, to Eileen Earls for taking the photos and last but certainly not least the Parish Hospitality team who worked so hard preparing the hall and the wonderful refreshments for all and then did all the cleaning up afterwards. It was a fantastic evening with everyone thoroughly enjoying it.

Again a huge thanks to everyone who was involved in preparing Rathnew village for the Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday afternoon. It looked fantastic and was a beautiful tribute to the feast of Corpus Christi. To Vincent Collard and all the men who organised the bunting and who removed it on the day. To those who had lovely altars outside their houses. To the Pall bearers for carrying the canopy, to the Communion children, who looked lovely, to all those who turned out on the day to walk with the Blessed Sacrament. To our church singers and the Band members / musicians who added so much to this occasion. And once again to the Hospitality ladies who provided the refreshments for those who attended the procession. It was a very special occasion.

None of this would be possible without our priests - many thanks to Fr Aquinas, Fr Gerard & Fr Eamonn for providing the lovely Mass and Ceremony on the days.

A huge thank you to one and all



ST VINCENT DE PAUL - WICKLOW CONFERENCE
Wish to express their thanks to all who contributed to the recent quarterly collection held in St Patrick's Church. A total of €2156.64 was received, for which they are very grateful for.
Late donations can be left in the Parish Office.

Neda's Story.....

Imagine being away from your family for more than three years just for a better future. It's not just that; on the other side of the world your family is living a different life. your sisters can't go to school just because they are women. They can't go outside the house without a man, just because they were born female. Or going out with fear just because you are an ethnic minority and treated differently. The father lost his job because of the country's situation. And all this is not enough, there is also the water crises , Women are not allowed to use the public bath houses. And the father can't afford to provide all this for the family.

This is the life story of a young Afghan lady staying with me since 2021. She cannot meet her family because of the situation in Afghanistan, and they cannot go to a second country because of poverty, and she is not just trying to build her future but see every day how her sisters' futures are falling apart, and she can't do anything about it. But today we have a chance to help them. We can be a means of good for this family and bring them together. All they want is a peaceful life where the women of the family can go out of the house like normal people. By joining our community sponsorship group, we can bring the family together and give them a new life. We are all humans and we all have feelings, you might feel it even if you didn't experience it. And I hope no one separates' from their family for any reason.

Support Our Community Sponsorship Effort

Since February 2022, a young Afghan student has been living with me in Wicklow Town, integrating well into Irish society through school and college. This year, the Irish Government's IRPP will issue 50 visas under the Humanitarian Admissions Programme (HAP25), administered by the Open Community. We've formed a Community Sponsorship Group to help bring this family to Ireland but we need community support to make this happen.

For more info, visit: <https://theopencommunity.ie/community-sponsorship/>.

Your support can make a real difference.

You can leave your details with the Parish Office to support this situation and Neda's family.

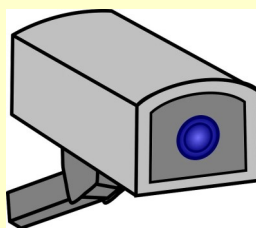
St. Mantan Pastoral Area Baptism Meeting

Wicklow	First Saturday	2pm
	Third Sunday	1pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2pm
Ashford	First Sunday	12 noon
Glenealy	Third Saturday	12 noon

BBK Second Saturday 2pm

Please note :

The next meeting will be on
Thursday 10th July, 2025,
at 8pm in the



**Don't forget that
Masses in
Wicklow can be
viewed live on the
pastoral area website, during
the weekdays and weekends.**

www.stmantan.ie

**Mass leaflets are available in all
the churches even if there is no
Mass in a church on a particular
weekend.**

RATHNEW WOMENS SHED

Craft fair

10 AM - 3 PM

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE

HAND CRAFTED QUILTS, KNITWEAR, CROCHET, GIFTS, SENSORY TOYS, UPCYCLED CREATIONS, BAKED GOODS & REFRESHMENTS

**ST. BRIGID'S HALL
RATHNEW
A67 X583**

"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."

Bingo!

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

Wicklow & District Club

ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

a great day for charity not to be missed!

BOOK TEAMS EARLY

*support
Local Charities*

**JULY 24th
BLAINROE
Golf Club**

**MONSTER
RAFFLE
Prizes**

contact ethna
086-0603612
gardenofireland@gmail.com or wicklowlions

Please note that the school car park will be closed from now until school re-opens in September due to work being carried out on the school buildings.

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 26/ 06 / 2025

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK

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7

8

15

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Kiara Kavanagh

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,650

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Aquinas Duffy : 0404 67196 // Fr Gerard Deegan : 0404 67133

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Email: parishofficewicklow@gmail.com, Website: www.stmantan.ie

Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

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.....



"The mysterious journey
of faith and love, which
leads Peter and Paul from
the land of their birth to
Jerusalem, and then to
other parts of the world
and finally to Rome, in a
certain sense is a model
of the journey that every
Christian is called to
undertake to witness to
Christ in the world."

St. John Paul II
(2 July 2002)

Solemnity of

Sts. Peter and Paul
Apostles

JUNE 29

