

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B

**Wicklow & Rathnew**

**RCN 20016166**

**29th September 2024**



## *Gospel Reflections* **Making a Difference** *Donal Neary*

There's a certain definiteness in the gospel today. Like a team going on a field to win. We are either with **J**esus or against him, and this is proved in our way of life. Following Jesus does not necessarily mean being different from others. It means throwing ourselves into the everyday life and needs of people and giving what we can.

It comes out also in public life. We can make our voices heard about issues which deeply effect others, like respecting and protecting life, like ensuring we care for our children in fact as well as in law, legislating wisely about marriage, in how we legislate for the care of our elderly. We may work to free our country from the effects of addiction with drugs and alcohol.

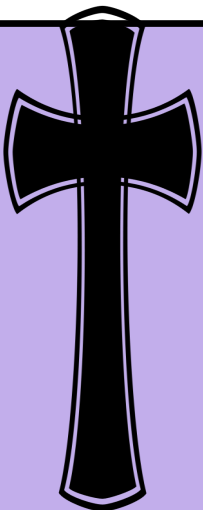
**J**esus is asking for a definite way of life and of wanting to make a difference. Faith is more than assent of the mind, but a way of life and of trust – a way of life in not hindering others, but helping with compassion and good deeds. Our way of life is a sharing of faith one to another – *“Faith is passed on by contact, from one person to another, just as one candle is lighted from another”* – Pope Francis.

The people who make a difference are building blocks rather than stumbling blocks. Every good cause will have its 'begrudgers'. The apostles themselves were like that and bit by bit realised that following **J**esus can be seen in many ways, and in the giving of cold water or hot soup, or in any way, making a big difference in life is being a true follower.

*Remember a time you made a difference in someone's life.*

*Ask the Lord that we be able to do this again.*

*Lord, teach me to serve you as you deserve.*



*Sincere sympathies to the family of*

*Colm Ffrench late of Marlton Demense*

*Edward (Eddie) Michaels late of Strand Street*

*Therese Grimes nee Smyth, late of St Laurence's Rd*

*Brendan Owens late of Brooklands*

*Olive Synnott late of St Patrick's Road*

*Stephen Keely late of Ashford*

*Paddy Vickers late of Rocky Rd who died in England*

# Mass Intention List



## *This Weekend ~ 28th & 29th September 2024*

- 6.00pm** Frank & Mary Cullen, Peggy & Tom Cullen,  
Samuel Corkish, Frances Conway,  
Philip, Mary, Paddy & Michael O'Brien
- 9.00am** *Sèan Jacob - 1st Anniversary, Kit Quinn, Norm Stanley*
- 10.30am** Jack & Mannix Murphy & deceased members  
of the Grogan & Murphy families, Matthew Duffy - 55th ann,  
also his wife Mary & daughter Caroline
- 12.00pm** Angela O'Rourke, Noel Furlong, Oliver Neiland

- 3.00pm** Mass celebrating the  
100th Anniversary of the Columban Sisters

*Please note that Masses in green are in St. Joseph's, Rathnew.*

## *30th September - 4th October 2024*

- Monday** Jane McCoy RD
- 7.00pm** *Shay Coffey*
- Tuesday** Special Intentions
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- Wednesday** Linda Parle RD
- Thursday** *SERVICE OF THE WORD*
- Friday** Altar List of the Dead

## *Next Weekend ~ 5th & 6th October 2024*

- 6.00pm** John Goodman - MM, Joan & Mick Cullen,  
Archbishop James Dunne, Tom & Helen Fitzgerald,  
Frank Kavanagh 25th ann & dec members of the Kavanagh family
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am**
- 12.00pm** Pat & Sarah Byrne, Seamus McCarthy

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

**22nd September 2024**

**ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1510**  
**1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€1245**  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€ 785**

*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: Genesis 2: 18-24**

**PSALM: 127**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 2: 9-11**

**GOSPEL: Mark 10: 2-16**



Missionary Sisters of St. Columban  
CELEBRATING THE JOURNEY  
1924-2024

Missionary Sisters of Saint Columban

**Celebrating the Journey**

1924 – 2024

You are invited to join the Columban Sisters on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm** for their Centenary Celebratory Mass in St. Patricks Church, Wicklow. Refreshments will be served after the mass in the Pastoral Centre situated in the Church grounds.



**The Family Mass is back at  
10:30am on Sundays.  
with the Children's Choir.  
New members are always  
welcome.**

## LECTIO DIVINA

Learning to Live & Love the Sunday Gospels

**When? Wednesdays starting 11th September**

**Where? An Tairseach Ecology Centre**

**Time? 10:45am-12 noon**

**Tea & Coffee Served**





## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



will now take place on  
Mondays and Fridays  
directly after Mass.



Unit 2, First Floor,  
Rear of Boots Pharmacy,  
Abbey Street, Wicklow

*Have you, or a family member, been  
diagnosed with Cancer?*

*We're here to help -*

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0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Email [info@wicklowcancersupport.ie](mailto:info@wicklowcancersupport.ie)

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.

Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.



### Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

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 October.*



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

It is proposed to have Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays as well as Fridays. 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 ( ) FRIDAY ( ) 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

## Mass Schedule B and C.

Mass Schedule B in the event of one priest not being available.

### Weekend 5/6 October

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)



# Guides, Brigini & Cygnets

RESUMING  
TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER  
DE LA SALLE PASTORAL  
CENTRE



WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
MAKE NEW FRIENDS?  
DO YOU ENJOY - ARTS &  
CRAFT, GAMES, MUSIC,  
COOKERY, CAMPFIRE,  
SEASONAL PARTIES,  
BADGEWORK, DANCE,  
QUIZ'S & MUCH MORE.



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MORE INFORMATION  
RE-TIMES & AGE  
REQUIREMENTS ETC.



VILLAGE PLAYERS  
RATHNEW  
Present




# THE HILARIOUS COMEDY

# The Mating Season

by Sam Cree

October, 2024  
Thursday 10th,  
Friday 11th & Saturday 12th  
St. Bridget's Hall, Rathnew, A67 X583,  
At 8pm nightly

Tickets €12  
Available from GR8events.ie



Please note that we have been advised that the €2 candle that the parish sells in the Church and shop has increased in price and will now be €3 from the 1st October.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASSES**  
**4th OCTOBER, 2023**

**WICKLOW AT 10AM**  
**BARNDARRIG - NO MASS**  
**RATHNEW AT 7PM**



**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.

### St. Vincent de Paul Collection:

The Church door quarterly collection for the local conferences will be held on the weekend of the 28th & 29th of September, in Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford & Glenealy. Your generous support, as normal, of this collection would be very much appreciated.

### WICKLOW & RATHNEW BINGOS CONTINUE



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

### *FOUND*

*A small sum of money has been left into the Parish Office that was found in the Church. Please drop into the office to collect it if you own it.*

### Active Retirement Activities & Trips

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

**Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.**

**Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00am**

**Choir will resume in September**

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. Mantan Pastoral Area Education Programme**

The St. Mantan Pastoral Area offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children attending non-Catholic schools. The programme provides a two-year preparation course for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Classes began on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. More information is available from the Parish Office or on [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie) under the headings General Information – Sacraments – Parish religious education programme.

## **Registration for the Sacraments in 2025**

Registration for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for parents of children in Catholic Schools who wish their children to receive those sacraments in the academic year 2024-2025 is now live on the pastoral area website, [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie) under General Information – Sacraments.



**Have you a little free time to help out in the Parish?**

**We are putting together a Sacristy Support Team which would involve supporting the sacristans when they have time off.**

**This role would involve occasionally opening and closing the church and the main gates. Preparing for Mass and other services.**

**Full training will be provided.**

**If you are interested please contact the Sacristan on duty or the Parish Office.**

**St. Patrick's National School**

**APPLICATIONS**

**2025-2026**

**OPENS 9TH OF OCTOBER**

Applications Close at 12pm  
on 6th November 2024

● Apply Online @ [www.stpatsnswicklow.ie](http://www.stpatsnswicklow.ie)  
Enquiries: 040467415 or  
[office@stpatsnswicklow.ie](mailto:office@stpatsnswicklow.ie)



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

## WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

***Congratulations***  
***Fiona Whelan***

*Who won the weekly €50 raffle prize*

**26 September 2024: Jackpot Winner**

**Weekly winning numbers: 3, 6, 14, 26**

**CURRENT LOTTO €1525**

*Please call into the office to collect your prize.*

*Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!*

*Join by texting the word WICKLOW to 51444*

*or go to the website : [www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow](http://www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow)*

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish.  
If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

