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WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Congratulations
FIONA WHELAN

25th April, 2024: €50 raffle winner

Weekly winning numbers: 4, 7, 21, 27

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

Next weeks JACKPOT is €3,675

Remember...if you aren't in you can't win!
Join by texting the word WICKLOW to 51444

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 to Parish Office or Sacristy

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Relatable Post #3593

Procrastinator? No.
I just wait until the last
second to do my work
because I will be older,
therefore wiser.

so-relatable.tumblr.com

PARISH NEWSLETTER

28th April 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER -Year B

Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166



Gospel Reflections Donal Neary *Donal Neary SJ*

Without some centre of unity, groups lose their way. A team which puts its eyes on money rather than on teamwork will lose games. A family which relies on anything other than love to keep it together will fall apart. The church, the community of Jesus is something similar.

What keeps the church together at its best is Jesus. Human leadership, moral authority, ritual dogmatism, are not the centre of the church. Leadership can fail, moral authority can take wrong turnings and ritual dogmatism can override the concerns of people. The centre of the church is Jesus Christ. Our unity with Jesus is the central bond of the church. He is the Vine, we the branches.

When we have been let down by the church, like in the situations of abuse, or cover-ups by church authority, we are kept going as Christians by our unity with Jesus.

The image of roots and branches, of fruit and tree, all very much part of each other, is what Jesus uses. Other images like this might be the unity or light and colour in a rainbow.

Only if we can look on Jesus Christ as the centre of our faith can church life be sincere and have the energy which will save and change our world.

*Imagine yourself being with Jesus; just the two of you.
Share what is in your heart and listen to how his word
echoes within you.
May we dwell in you, Lord, as you dwell in us.
Give us your peace, your energy, your joy.*

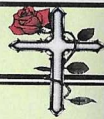


PLEASE

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.

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

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 27th & 28th April

- 6.00pm** Tom Malone - 1st anniversary,
Margaret Ring - Months Mind, Jim & Pauline
Murphy, Patrick & Mary Carr, John & Mary Carr,
John & Catherine Carr, Bill Bury, Dan Breen,
Maura Nicholls.
- 9.00am** Vince McGarvey RD
- 10.30am** Paul Keelaghan, Phil & Margaret McGettigan
- 12noon** Una Ryan

29th April ~ 3rd May

- Monday** Noel Dempsey - Months Mind
- 7.00pm** Bernard Keating RD
- Tuesday** Joan Lynch (A)
- 7.00pm** Thomas Gorey RD
- Wednesday** Una Ryan RD
- Thursday** Helen Byrne RD
- Friday** Margarite Donnellan RD

Next Weekend ~ 4th & 5th May

- 6.00pm** Martin Carr, Pat & Nancy Stakelum,
Michael & Maura Byrne
- 9.00am** Jordan Quinn
- 10.30am** Ellen (Nellie) Dunne, Mac Hanlon
- 12noon** Ann Roche, Jack Meehan, Colin Valerie & Paddy
Quinn, Max & William O'Neill & deceased members
of the O'Neill & O'Brien families.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

21st April 2024

- ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1535
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1336
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 845

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: Acts 10: 25-26

Psalm: 97

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

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
9TH MAY
AT 8PM IN THE
DE LA PARISH
CENTRE**

Popes intention for April ~ For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



TROCAIRE BOXES

All Trocaire boxes can now be returned to the Parish Office during Office hours - Monday—Friday from 10am till 12.30pm.



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.

LOURDES

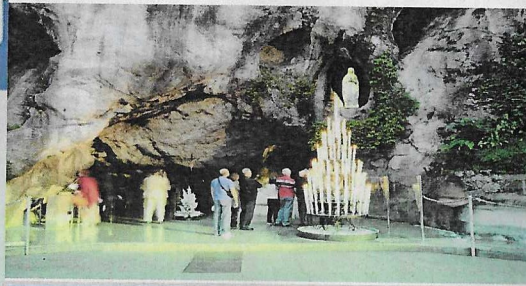
LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Wicklow Rathnew

10 September 2024

5 Nights

€939 per person sharing



LOURDES ANNUAL COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who donated to the Lourdes collection last weekend. A total of €1414 was collected at the church doors in Wicklow. If anyone would still like to contribute - you can still do so by dropping in a donation to the Parish Office.

Please note that Booking forms for the Lourdes Pilgrimage are also available in the Office

- Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- 20kg bags included.
- Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- 5 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

For information please contact:

Nancy Colgan Carol Kavanagh Parish Office
 Telephone: 086 1099112 086 0601 956 0404 61699
 Email: Cncoigan@gmail.com

Joe Walsh Tours | 87 Harcourt St. Dublin 2. D02WYF8
 jwalsh@joeswalshtours.ie | info@joeswalshtours.ie | Reservations: 012470800
 100% of the net profit from all tours and travel is donated to the Lourdes Pilgrimage and other charities.

Archdiocese of Dublin

LAY MINISTRY APPEAL

Shape Our Future

Support Lay Ministry



Sat 27th & Sun 28th April

LAY MINISTRY APPEAL

Will replace the normal SHARE collection this weekend. Your support as usual would be very much appreciated

FR DONAL'S ORDINATION AS AUXILIARY BISHOP

The parish will be organising buses to St. Andrew's Church Westland Row, Dublin, on Sunday 26th May to Westland Row for the Mass installing Fr Donal as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin.

The bus will cost €15 per person payable before travelling. You need to book your seat through the parish office only. Time & place of departure will be announced closer to date

CONGRATULATIONS TO ~

The young adults from Holy Rosary NS, St Patrick's NS, The Gaelscoil and St Coens NS who all received the Sacrament of Confirmation over the past couple of weeks. We hope that you are all inspired by the Holy Spirit and that the candidates and their families enjoyed their special day.



The Rosary will be said every evening at 7.30pm at the Rathnew Grotto for the month of May. Everybody is very welcome to go along and participate in this nightly event.

There will also be a ROSARY RALLY on Saturday 11th May at 4pm at the Grotto in the grounds of St Patrick's Church Wicklow and once again everybody is very welcome to come along and participate.



IRISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST ~ THANK YOU!

A group photo from our pilgrimage to Lourdes recently. We are very grateful to the people of Wicklow for their support to us at the church door collection in February. We remembered all those who supported us in our Masses and prayers in Lourdes. Dara Kavanagh



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Abbey Street,
Wicklow

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Our office is open Mon-Fri
from 10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

WICKLOW & RATHNEW BINGOS



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

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

Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The death of a loved one is very devastating. Most of us are not prepared for the long journey of grief. At first we don't really believe it. Often by the time the reality hits us our friends and relatives think that we are or should be okay and they go back to their busy lives.

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary parish based ministry which aims to help the bereaved and grieving. Although grieving is a natural process which can be helped by the sympathy and understanding of friends there are times when one needs support to work through it in a positive way. Feelings need to be expressed rather than repressed. It helps the healing process to talk with a trained listener and confront the very strong feelings associated with grief.

Wicklow/Ashford Bethany Bereavement Support Group meet on the last Tuesday of the month in the De La Salle Centre at 8pm and if you are struggling with your grief and think you might like to talk with a trained listener, you are very welcome to attend this meeting. More information from 087 946 8971

This group is also looking for people to join the group as listeners - full training will be given and more information from the above number.

PARISH OFFICE The contact number is 61699.

The Parish Office is located in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and is open Monday through to Friday from 10am till 12.30 pm for all general parish enquiries, to book masses, to arrange baptisms / weddings bookings, enquiries, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc. We would be very happy to help you - in person or on the phone.

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Aquinas Duffy PP : 0404 67196

Fr Gerard Deegan CC: 0404 67133

Parish Office: 0404 61699

parishofficewicklow@gmail.com

Office opening times

**Monday - Friday:
10am - 12.30pm**

Bayside Alpha are showing Bishop Barron's groundbreaking 10-part documentary series, 'Catholicism', on Zoom with discussion afterwards in breakout rooms starting on Sunday the 7th of April at 7:30pm and continuing for 10 weeks. To register please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com