

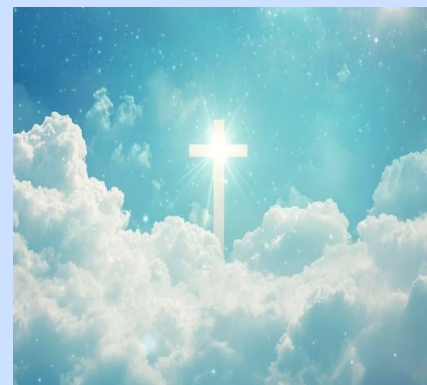
PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

30th August 2026



Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

The Third Day

We meet deep human concerns and feelings in the gospel today. Peter is shocked to the core that Jesus would die; so shocked that he always later seemed to forget that Jesus promised that he would rise on the third day. Jesus talks very seriously about the cost of following him, like the cost of following any commitment in life.

Jesus invites us to live at the deepest level of ourselves. In the area of life where we live and love, laugh and cry, worry and enjoy, hurt and forgive. In all these very personal sides of life, Jesus dwells, since he says that he makes his home in us.

We can call it a sort of 'third day' hope. Nothing except love, which is eternal, was final for Jesus. For all the worst things of life there was a third day. The day on which hope would be fuller than any despair, and when life would be more lasting than death. Jesus was like that - when people met him, they remembered him and remembered how he touched the fears and anxieties of their lives with a deep hope.

We are "third day" people, knowing that the love and life of God, promised at our baptism, will always be in the air around us, filling us with the breath of God, and breathing fragrance all around us like the best of flowers. Later they would be raised from final despair and hopelessness at his resurrection. But it took time!

*Breathing in and out receive the peace of God.
On the in-breath, let the word 'peace' echo within you.
Lord, may I never lose faith in you.*

SALVATION IS FREE,
BUT DISCIPLESHIP
COSTS EVERYTHING
WE HAVE.

- BILLY GRAHAM



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
John Wolohan Silver Strand, Dunbur
Upper, Wicklow*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 29th & 30th August

- 6.00pm** Conal Kavanagh (A)
Rodney & Margaret Hodgkinson (A) & BR
May Bury 40th anniv. Millen Varghese remembrance
- 9.00am** *Kathleen Marah (A)*
- 10.30am** Valerie Manns B.R
- 12.00pm** The O'Rourke & Kilcoyne Families
Michael Ronan
Louis & Mary Carroll
Eugene Tighe (A), James Banahan (A)

31st August ~ 4th September

- Monday** Pat Sherlock (Special intention)
- 7:00pm** *Frank & Mary Newsome (A)*
- Tuesday** Kara O'Mahony in remb.
- 7.00pm** *NO MASS*
- Wednesday** Special Intention
Mary Malone in remb.
- Thursday** Eithne Wright in remb.
- Friday** Altar List Of the Dead

Next Weekend ~ 5th & 6th September

- 6.00pm** Esther Duffy M.M
Vanessa Sinnott M.M
Theresa Higgins M.M
Bernie Conway M.M
Josephine (JoJo) Doran M.M
Henry Hubbard
Rita & Sean Bouchier (A)
Gerry, Maura & Audrey Kearns
- 9.00am**
- 10.30am**
- 12.00pm** Brendan Phelan M.M
Elizabeth Cox (A)

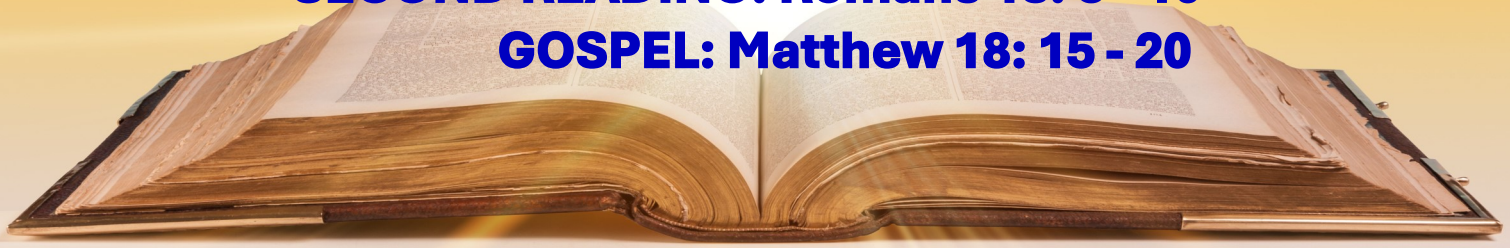
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33: 7 - 9

PSALM: (Ps. 94)

SECOND READING: Romans 13: 8 - 10

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 15 - 20



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



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.

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
KBB	Second Saturday	2.00pm

*The next meeting will be on Thursday **10th September** at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on Thursday **24th September** at 7.30pm in The Parochial House in Ashford- which needs to be confirmed with the Parish Office. Next KBB meeting **Wednesday 2nd September** at 7:30pm*

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW

23rd August 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
The Envelope/Standing Orders are what funds the Parish. This money stays locally and is vital to sustain our Parish. The money from these envelopes and Standing Orders maintain the Churches, Parish Centre, Houses, general maintenance and administration expenses. The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Wicklow Parish account	The Common Fund account is funded by all the loose notes & coins in the First Collection It is used to provide suitable and equitable remuneration and support for all priests serving in the diocese, including active, sick, and retired clergy. This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account	The Share account is funded by all loose notes & coins in the Second collection. It is primarily used to finance central support services for all parishes, and to provide financial assistance to low-income parishes. This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account
€1260 (87 envelopes received)	€1410	€1175

Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2026 takes place Thursday, Oct 1st, 2026 – Saturday, Oct 31st, 2026. For more information, please visit breastcancersearch.ie or www.breastcancerireland.com.

International Coffee Day 2026 takes place on Thursday, October 1st, 2026. Please see www.internationalcoffeeday.org for further details.

Meals on Wheels will resume deliveries on Tuesday 1st September at the usual times. Please ensure you are home to receive the meal or if not please phone the kitchen on 087 4945199 to let them know you are away. We look forward to seeing you all again. The MOW Committee.

The MOW Committee thank most sincerely all those who contributed to the collection held last weekend at the Church door. We are very happy to inform you that a sum of €3122.08 was raised. Rest assured this will help greatly with our work. Once again, many thanks for your support.

Wicklow Male Voice Choir

Singing together is one of the most powerful things a group of men can do. If you feel like singing this could be for you!

Wicklow Male Voice Choir is inviting singers to join our ranks – no audition or experience required. Why not come along to our open day, taking place at the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Church grounds, Wicklow Town (A67 FX65) on Saturday 26th Sept.

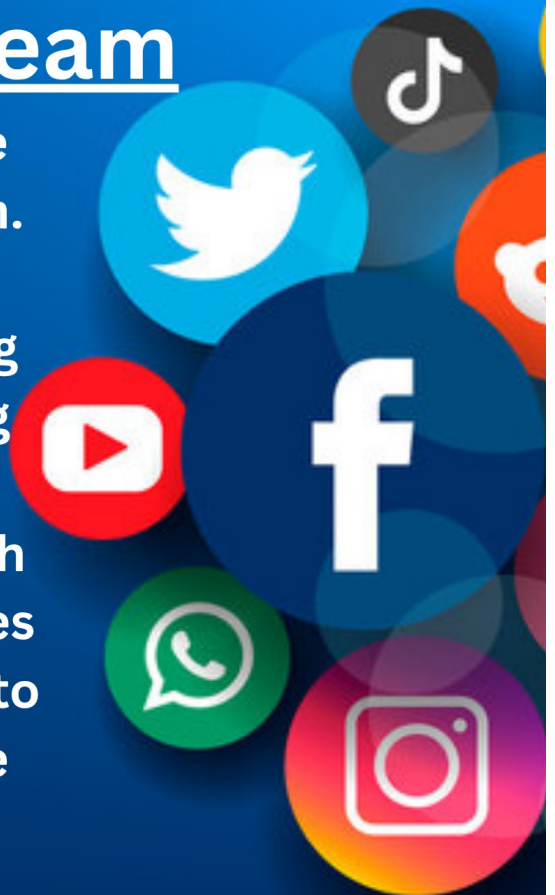
Morning session:	09:45-12:15
Complimentary lunch:	12:15-13:15
Afternoon session:	13:15-15:00



Communications team

We are delighted to announce we have a new communications team.

This team will be responsible for updating the website, maintaining the Facebook page and launching our new Instagram. They will be keeping parishioners updated with current events and future activities for the St. Mantans area. We wish to thank these volunteers for all the work to date and wish them the best of luck in the future.



Candles price increase

As and from the 1st September due to increase from suppliers.
Our candles will increase from €3 to €4.



'The Royal Bridge Club will resume playing again for the new season, on Monday September 7, Wednesday September 9, and Friday September 11, 2026. New and returning members are all welcome to join the club. Enquiries to Bernie Hamilton on 085-8511581. Bridge Lessons will be available on Thursday evenings starting in September. Please contact Phyllis Kavanagh on 086-8388096 for more information.'

 EVENING TALK Thursday 1. October, 7-9pm Nourish Your Vegan / Vegetarian Teenager with Kelli O'Donnell	  COOKING DEMONSTRATION Saturday 10. October, 10-4.30pm Preserve the Seasons with Moira Byrne & Paula Johnston
 COOKING DEMONSTRATION Saturday 17. October, 9.30-4.30pm Ayurvedic Cooking & Nutrition with Dr. Rajvinder Kaur	 EVENING TALK Thursday 19. November, 7-9pm Reduce Your Risk of Cancer with Kelli O'Donnell

AN TAIRSEACH Booking essential Call: 0404 61833 www.antairseach.ie/programme Email: info@antairseach.ie



Bethany

Bereavement Support

Wicklow Group

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a confidential listening service for adults who are grieving.

It offers a quiet and supportive space where people can speak about their loss and be listened to with understanding and compassion by trained volunteers.

Meetings are held in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.



Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 1st September at 10:45 am



Tuesday 29th September at 8:00 pm

You are welcome to attend,
or to make contact for a chat.



Tel: 087 0060 700



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

26th June 28th August

25th September 30th October

The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town,
A67 FX65



Wicklow Town Memory Cafe



memorycafewicklowtown@gmail.com



4 WEEK SABBATICAL

Sunday 4. - Friday 30. October

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*We're here to help -
All our services are free of charge*

**0404 32696 or 086 821
6694**

Email info@wicklowcancersupport.ie

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.
Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.

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 20/08/2026

No jackpot won this week

11

21

28

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The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Elaine McDonald

Next Week's Jackpot will be:

€3,200

Please encourage friends and family to support this Parish Fundraiser from as little as €2 per line or €5 for three lines.

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.....

**"TRUST IN THE
LORD WITH ALL
YOUR HEART."**

PROVERBS 3:5