

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

The Most Holy Trinity Year A

31st May 2026



### Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

#### *In the Name*

**T**hey looked down from heaven - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - with love for their people. They could see men and women of all races, colours, ages, faiths, holiness and sin. They knew help was needed for the human race and waited a long time before the time was right.

**T**he word of **G**od, son of **G**od, born before all ages, became one of us. We know the rest of the story. One of the persons of the Trinity became one of us, so that we could become like them. Jesus, Son of the eternal Father, was born, lived and died like us. In death, cruelly murdered and then laid in the tomb, the Spirit became alive in him, and now the Spirit of Jesus and the Father is alive in each of us since baptism.

**T**he life of the Trinity becomes very ordinary in the love, care and forgiveness we offer to each other. It is also there in the ways in which we try to better the lives of the poor, the depressed and the anxious. It's in how we try to teach a younger generation the best lessons of humanity and faith, and introduce them to this mystery of God. We are active partners in the work of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the world today.

*Slowly make the sign of the cross a few times today,  
asking to believe in the mystery of God's love within God and for  
us.*

*By the mystery of water and wine in the Mass,  
help us, Lord, to share in the divinity of Christ,  
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of*

*Richard Breen Ballynerrin Upper, Wicklow Town,  
Co. Wicklow.*

# *Mass Intention List*

## *This Weekend ~ 30th & 31st May*

**6.00pm** *Derek Hollingsworth*

*Sabrina O'Connor R.D*

*Peter Maher R.D & Mary Maher (A)*

*Pauline Kirwan*

**9.00am** *Bridget Gormley rem.*

**10.30am** *Ann Gregory, Dennis & Marie O'Brien*

**12.00pm** *Maeve & Vivien Moloney (A)*

*Dick & Teresa Turner & Deceased members of Turner & O'Donnell Families*

*Pat Cashman R.D*

## *1st June ~ 5th June*

**Monday** *Special Intention*

**7:00pm** *Parishioners Intentions*

**Tuesday** *Special Intention*

**7.00pm** *Special Intention*

**Wednesday** *Lily-Elizabeth Van Zundert (A)*

*Ann Earls B.R*

**Thursday** *Brian Carthy rem.*

**Friday** *Altar List of The Dead*

## *Next Weekend ~ 6th & 7th June*

**6.00pm** *Andrew O'Brien (A), Eddie Coffey*

*Vincent Byrne (A)*

**9.00am** *James Gill (A)*

**10.30am** *Anna May Murphy (A), Vincent Byrne (A)*

**12.00pm** *Monica O'Rourke*

*Tony & Peggy Gillespie*

*Maureen Doyle*

*Una Neiland*

*Peter & Peggy Finnegan (A)*

*Ger Gilbert (A)*

*James Benjamin O'Sullivan (A)*

*Vincent Byrne (A)*

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

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:2– 3,14-16**

**PSALM: (Psalm 147)**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

**GOSPEL: John 6:51-58**



### 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 **11th June** at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and on Thursday **25th June** 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

24th May 2026

Here is where your donations go to.

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

| <b>PARISH ENVELOPE &amp; STANDING ORDER / DONATIONS</b>  | <b>1ST COLLECTION COMMON FUND &amp; DUES ENVELOPES</b>   | <b>2ND COLLECTION SHARE</b>   |
|--|--|---|
| <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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 Wicklow Parish account</p>  | <p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Common Fund Account</p>  | <p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Dublin Diocesan Share Account</p>   |
| <p><b>€1290</b><br/>( 94 envelopes received)</p>   | <p><b>€1555</b></p>  | <p><b>€1150</b></p>   |

A missionary group from Bethlehem, The Holy Land will be visiting St Parick`s Church only on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of June to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles ( Crucifixes , Rosary Beads and Plaques ) made out of olive wood in Bethlehem to help and support the poor Christians families , any help you could give them it will be highly appreciated .

## PARISH CONTACTS

**Fr Aquinas Duffy : 0404 67196//Fr Gerard Deegan : 0404 67133**  
**Parish Office: 0404 61699**

**Email: [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com), Website: [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie)**

**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**

**For all enquires and bookings**

## **PLANNED GIVING COLLECTION**

The new packs of envelopes for the next year are now available for distribution. We would be very grateful if the distributors could collect their boxes during the week. If you don't receive your box of envelopes, please inform the parish office.

We most sincerely, would like to express our thanks to the team of volunteers who very kindly give up their time to distribute these boxes every year.

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## **THE WEEKLY ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDER**

This collection funds the parish. It pays for the day to day expenses of running the Parish such as electricity, heating, insurance as well as maintaining the Churches, the Parish Centre and houses.

The Parish depends very much depends on the Weekly Envelope and Standing Order contributions, in order to continue to maintain and improve the parish. We would not be able to maintain our parish without these contributions.

**We are appealing to parishioners who don't use the box of envelopes or the standing order option to consider these options for donating to the parish because unless your donation is in an envelope or paid through the bank, it does not stay within the parish.**

All loose monies go into the other collections for Share and the Common Fund.

If you have thought about contributing to the Parish regularly - please arrange for a box of envelopes or a Direct Debit form to be sent to you by ringing the parish office on 61699

## **TAX RELIEF SCHEME**

The Tax Relief Scheme for donations to Eligible Charities is of immense benefit to the Parish. It is a very simple but effective way of increasing revenue, whereby the parish can claim back the tax paid on any **recorded contributions** of €250 or more per annum. Many people have already signed up for this and it has made a big difference to parish income. If you have not already done so, perhaps you would consider signing up for it now. Full details are available on the parish website or from the office.

As the church is registered as a charity, any contribution of €250 or more (which is €5 a week), allows the parish to claim back up to 40% of that, which is approx. €100, where applicable. However, we do have to be able to link the donations to a donor which is where the envelopes/ Direct Debit/Standing Orders becomes important. The only information that is required from the contributor is - name, address, PPS number and a signature. Please be assured that any information received is treated with the strictest of confidence and that there is **NO** involvement at all from any tax officials. If you pay income tax and if you have contributed €250 or more to the **Dues and Family Offering**, the Parish can claim back the tax on your donation at no cost whatsoever to the contributor.

Please be assured that the parish staff do not have any access to any personal details of any parishioner signing up to this scheme. **It is totally confidential.**



Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June

# PILGRIM WALK

Following the tradition of pilgrimage, a series of walks has been organised to mark St Kevin's Day on Saturday June 6th 2026. Participants will walk towards Glendalough following a choice of 7 different routes which will merge along the way with other walkers from the same area.

Pick one of the routes and then contact the group leader who will confirm the details on the route's length, starting time, location or by joining en route for shorter options. Each person will walk all or part of their chosen route finishing with a 'gathering' of walkers sharing refreshments at the Brockagh Resource Centre, Laragh around 2pm.

| Area | Route   | Place                  | Leaders                        | Contact No                 | Walking | Start Place                     |
|------|---------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| A    | Route 1 | Glenmalure             | Carmel O'Toole<br>Jimmy Devitt | 087 4165298<br>087 7832870 | 5 hrs   | Ballinacor                      |
|      | Route 2 | Ballinabarney, Greenan | Sean Dunne                     | 086 8937650                | 4 hrs   | Ballinabarney                   |
| B    | Route 3 | Annamoe                | Robbie Carter                  | 085 8118198                | 2 hrs   | Annamoe Village                 |
|      | Route 4 | Glenmacnass            | Ann Nolan                      | 086 0851665                | 1 hr    | Glenmacnass                     |
| C    | Route 5 | Trooperstown           | Andrew Doyle                   | 086 8370088                | 2 hrs   | Bottom of School Lane           |
|      | Route 6 | Clara Vale             | Ann O'Brien                    | 085 1102220                | 2 hrs   | Clara Vale                      |
| D    | Route 7 | Rathdrum               | Anne Savage                    | 087 7936818                | 4 hrs   | Rathdrum Parish Church Car Park |
|      | Route 8 | Wicklow Gap            | Sr Breda Ahearn                | 087 2446601                | 4 hrs   | Glendalough Sanctuary Car Park  |



For more information on the Glendalough Hermitage Centre visit [www.glendaloughhermitage.ie/](http://www.glendaloughhermitage.ie/)

SCAN ME



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



## 40TH ORDINATION

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Fr Gerard will be celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Our Parish Hospitality Group are kindly providing some light refreshments after the 12 noon Mass, and everyone is very welcome to join us in the De La Salle Centre on the day to wish him well.



Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara  
would like to welcome everyone to the  
Brittas Bay National School



### GARDEN DAY 2026

Wednesday 10th June (1pm – 2.30pm)



Plant Sale – varieties of vegetables & herbs  
Bake sale – cakes, cookies, cupcakes &  
much more delicious treats

Eircode: A67 XP71



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

## Parish Lotto Results for 21/05/2026

# No jackpot won this week



The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

# Lillie Lambert

Next Week's Jackpot will be:

## €2,400

**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.....

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.*

*2 Timothy 1:7 NLT*



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