

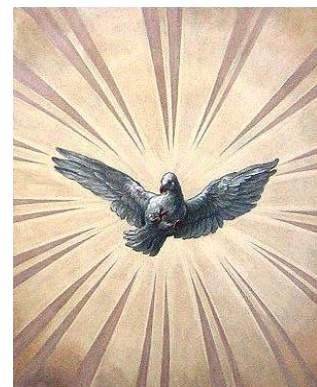
PARISH NEWSLETTER

Wicklow & Rathnew

RCN 20016166

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

31st August 2025



Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Strange ways

A fellow said - 'bad enough he was in the pub, but now I have to be beside him at Mass'. Said jocosely, but the point is that everyone is invited to the banquet of Jesus like the gospel today. We never know who we might meet at Mass.

Jesus has strange ways of looking on whom to invite and who are the most important.

There were strict codes of place-names and seating at this type of party. Jesus was going to cut through these. He also had upset things earlier by healing a very sick man on the Sabbath. He started talking then about who to invite.

There was no pecking order at his invitation. The narrow door of last week has been pushed wide to let them all in.

The community of Christ doesn't admit of differences that put us down. He was always saying this, and saying it to the proud and haughty. For others, life had taught them to be humble and they could probably enjoy this feast.

Humble people are grateful for small and big things; they pray often and know their need for prayer; they know they have faults and are no better or worse than most, and know they need God's mercy; they love children because they are childlike at times, and they know they are not humble all the time. They don't take themselves too seriously and are compassionate to the faults of others. They know who they are - in one way the least of all, but always loved, always forgiven, always a child of God.

*Lord,
teach me to know myself well,
so that I can better know your love.*

PROUD PEOPLE ARE FULL
OF THEMSELVES

HUMBLE PEOPLE ARE
FULL OF **GOD**



Sincere sympathies to the families of

*Tom (Chopper) Vickers of Castle Avenue, Wicklow
Gerry O'Brien, Drumkay, Rathnew*

Mass Intention List

This Weekend ~ 30th & 31st August 2025

6.00pm Jimmy Kavanagh Months Mind
May Kavanagh (A), Conal Kavanagh (A),
Stephen Devlin (A),
Rodney Hodgkinson (A), Margret Hodgkinson BR,
George & Pat Henry (A), Aina McGahey nee Henry (A)
May Bury (A), Noel White 4th Anniversary

9.00am **NO MASS**

10.30am Millen Varghese 10th Anniversary,
James Banahan (A),

12.00pm Eugene Tighe (A), Louis & Mary Carroll (A)

1st~ 5th September 2025

Monday **NO MASS**

7.00pm Special Intention

Tuesday Neville Murphy 1st Anniversary

7.00pm Fiona Byrne M.M, Martha & Edward Byrne

Wednesday Peggy O'Sullivan

Thursday Seamus Butler

Friday **A.L.T.D**

Next Weekend ~ 6th & 7th September 2025

6.00pm Henry Reginald Hubbard 1st Anniversary,
John Goodman 1st Anniversary
Rita & Sean Bouchier

9.00am Kathleen Marah (A)

10.30am Mason Redmond 12th Anniversary

12.00pm Michael McInerney Months Mind,
Elizabeth Cox (A)

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:
24th August 2025**

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish **€1705**
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese **€1385**
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€1080**

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: Wisdom 9:13-18

PSALM: 89:3-6, 12-14,17

SECOND READING: Philemon 9-10,12-17

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

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.

JUST TO CLARIFY

The TAP & GO Machine on a stand at the main double doors at the back of the Church, has now been replaced and up and running again. Any donations to this machine goes towards the running costs of the parish and these

DONATIONS REMAIN IN THE PARISH.

The TAP & GO Machines on the stands at Our Lady's Side Door and the sacred heart side door are for Diocesan collections. The donations received on these machines are for both the **DIOCESAN COMMON FUND** (which goes towards Priests salaries) & also the **DIOCESAN SHARE FUND** (which helps fund the workings of the diocese and poorer parishes). There is an automatic 60:40 split on these donations.

THIS MONEY DOES NOT STAY IN THE PARISH.

DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE



SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Going on holidays? Fruit and Vegetables left over? Excess garden vegetables? The new Cooler in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre is able to take Vegetables (potatoes, carrots, turnips, etc) and Fruits (apples, oranges, rhubarb, grapes) for someone else to take. It's a cooler, not a fridge or a freezer so no meat or fish. Also in the centre is an area for people to leave clean clothes and toys suitable for young children. Just out of the picture is a stand for books that have been donated. The books are for all ages.

PARISH FUNERAL TEAMS

The diocesan wide Building Hope co-responsibility with priests and mission of the church.

Programme emphasizes laity working together to serve the

Every parish in the diocese is required to have a fully trained funeral team.

Our Funeral team provides a Ministry of Consultation, Care & Compassion.

They are fully trained volunteers, who give of their time and resources freely. They represent our parish to provide a seamless, discrete, practical support at this most difficult time.

Our Funeral Team provides assistance to the priest as they accompany the grieving family through the journey that is the funeral rite

This assistance includes; providing help with the preparation of the liturgy, prayers in the home or funeral home, in the church on the day of the funeral and in the graveyard praying the prayers of committal.



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 September, 2025,
at 8pm in the
De La Salle Pastoral Centre

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 3 months before the date of the proposed wedding.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

The parish offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children who are attending non Catholic Schools.

Parents who wish to present their child for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation are invited to enrol them for a two year programme of preparation.

**ENROLMENT DATES FOR THESE CLASSES WILL BE
FROM MONDAY 8TH TO FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
DURING OFFICE HOURS**

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Parish pilgrimage thirty-five of the parish community have headed off to Lourdes last Tuesday morning for a seven day fully inclusive pilgrimage.

We wish them all a safe journey, a very happy and spiritual pilgrimage and a wonderful few days away together. May they keep all of us parishioners in their prayers and may we keep them in our prayers.

Wicklow Town ICA

The Wicklow Town ICA Guild Meet in St. Patricks room on 2nd Monday of each month at 7.30 from January to June and Sept to December 2025.

New members always welcome, contact Mary Finlay on 086 3087937 or drop in to monthly meeting.

The Royal Bridge Club

The Royal Bridge Club will resume playing Bridge again for the new season, on Monday September 8, Wednesday September 10, and Friday September 12, 2025.

New and returning members are all welcome to join the club. Enquiries to Bernie Hamilton on 085-8511581.

JubileeCamino

Men's Hike - Carlingford to Newry

Saturday September 13th



Mass. Adoration. Fraternity.

Cost: €70 (Lunch, Dinner, Bus)
Strictly an over 18yrs, Catholic male event.

Contact op.evangelisation@gmail.com for further details

Organised by Dominicans and Friends www.dominicans.ie

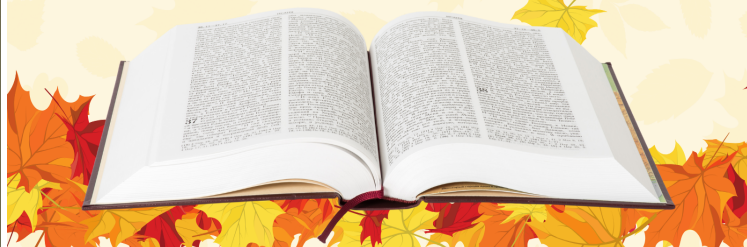


Learning to love & live the Sunday Gospels

Beginning on Wednesday Sept 10th

Where? - Dominican Ecology centre
What time? - 10.45am - 12pm (approx.)

Tea & Coffee Served!
All Welcome!



LOST possibly in or around the Church environs - a diamond earring with much sentimental value, if found please contact the Parish Office, where we will re-unite it with its owner.



Bingo!

**ON MONDAYS in the
DE LA SALLE CENTRE &
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS in
ST BRIDGETS HALL - BOTH**

You're not alone

Drink problem? We get it...



Alcoholics Anonymous

- > www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie
- > 01 842 0700 (ROI) / 028 90 351 222 (NI)
- > gso@alcoholicsanonymous.ie



Scan for more information

All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence

**BUÍON MUIRE
LOURDES UNIT**

65TH

ANNIVERSARY

**GUIDING IN
WICKLOW TOWN**

Mass celebrated by
Bishop Donal Roche

**SATURDAY 20TH OF SEPTEMBER
AT 2:30PM**

Refreshments after in the
De La Salle Parish Centre

Send any photos from your time at Girl
Guides to our facebook page

Once a guide, always a guide

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 28/ 08 / 2025

No jackpot won this week

3

16

17

27

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

Martine Lynch

Next Week's Jackpot will be: €525

PARISH SHOP

The Parish shop is situated in the lobby of the parish office. It has been restocked with new candles, cards and some new general stock, grave candles & ornaments. Drop in and have a browse, baptism candles small baby gifts, angel gifts, rosary beads, car medals, visor medals, cards and much more. There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards and ordinary cards available.

Shop open same time as office from 10am till 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.....

