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## WEEKLY PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

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28th March, 2024: €50 raffle winner

Weekly winning numbers: 8, 14, 20, 28

Please call into the office to collect your prize.

**Next weeks JACKPOT is €3,650**

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

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Name.....

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*Wishing all our parishioners and their families a wonderful & special Easter season.*



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

31st March 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

**Wicklow & Rathnew**

RCN 20016166



Donal Neary SJC

*Our Celebration*

Gospel Reflections

If we have a look around the Church we notice colour, nature, icons, water and oil. We hear joyful music and uplifting prayer. This is our Easter – our celebration.

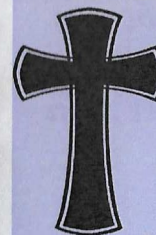
The next bit of Easter is to go and tell. Like he appeared in an ordinary garden and appeared to unexpected women. Who would of thought he would do that? He would still do the same!

The divine Jesus also looks ordinary. They take a while to recognise it is the same Jesus, the one they knew and loved. We sometimes meet people who got a promotion (or something big happened to them) and deep down they are still the same person. Jesus was new but then they realised that for now and forever he would still be the same, finding us and loving us in the ordinary, on our good days and bad days, in goodness and weakness.

On our bad days he can bring out the best in us. Like his bad days brought out the best in him. When we can say little he sings *Alleluia* in us. He is doing us a world of good in us so that we can do the world a world of good.

His words of resurrection echo today in all that is in this church, its colour, sounds, and above all in the humanity here. We will always have the echo of Jesus, he is risen today: alleluia, alleluia

*Allow the joy of Jesus to fill your heart  
as your breath fills your body.  
Risen Jesus, be joyful in me,  
in all.*



*Sincere sympathies to the family of  
Margaret Ring who died in Knockrobin*

# Mass Intention List



## This Weekend ~ 30th & 31st March

- 8.00pm** **EASTER VIGIL**
- 9.00am** *Denis Ronan, Maudie Kelly*
- 10.30am** *Una Ryan - Months Mind Mass.*  
*Josephine Carraher— 1st Anniversary, Margaret Byrne*
- 12noon** *Joe Conroy - Months Mind Mass, Gerry Daly- 50th Ann, Jimmy & Sheila Byrne, Mel McCann, Dorothy & Annie Byrne*

## 1st ~ 5th April

- Monday** *Dolly & Dan Henderson, Eamonn Manley*
- 7.00pm** **NO MASS**
- Tuesday** *Gerry Daly - 50th Anniversary*
- 7.00pm** **NO MASS**
- Wednesday** *Dick Fitzparick RD*
- Thursday** *Kathleen Coogan RD*
- Friday** *Lillian Kelly*

## Next Weekend ~ 6th & 7th April

- 6.00pm** *Jimmie Kenny, Lillian Kelly, Jack Fox & deceased members of the Fox & Robinson families*
- 9.00am** *Nancy Gill, Kate Quinn & deceased members of the Quinn family*
- 10.30am** *Maureen O'Brien - BD & Ann Rem. Seamus Dunne, James & Mary Grant, Thomas & Bridget Cregg, Thomas & Anaestasia Duffy & deceased members of the Cregg & Duffy families*
- 12noon** *Teresa Grace - Months Mind, Kevin Verney - 1st Ann Michael Earls, Fr Tom Scully,*

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:

24th March 2024

- ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1820  
 1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1340  
 2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration €1225

*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 : Acts 4: 32-35**

**Psalm : 117**

**Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

**Gospel: John 20: 19-31**

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**  
**11TH APRIL**  
**AT 8PM IN THE**  
**DE LA PARISH**  
**CENTRE**

## De La Salle Pastoral Centre

*Will be closing for Holy Week on Wednesday 27th March at 10pm and will re-open on Tuesday 2nd April at 10am.*

*Wishing all our patrons a very happy Easter.*



### PARISH OFFICE WICKLOW

Will be closed from Wednesday 27th March at 1pm until Thursday 4th April at 10am.

From Easter Monday 1st April to Friday 5th April, there will be one Mass in the Parish at 10am in St Patrick's Church.

Please note there will be no evening Mass in Rathnew for this week.

## Easter 2024

*I love this time of year. The days are getting longer. There is much more light. All that light does the soul good. The darkness of the Winter has passed and Nature is waking from its slumber. It would be easy to despair about the current state of our World. There is so much conflict and wars happening at this time. One would expect better progress in the year 2024. But we seem to be regressing rather than progressing. In an age of uncertainty, we see a move to the extreme right and countries follow isolationist policies which fail to see that we all occupy the small rock we call Earth. The truth is that no one owns the Earth. We all share it. Our Christian faith is the one constant that offers hope and a vision in an age of uncertainty. It challenges us to see that we are all created equal before God. It is a vision that helps us to see that what we have is given to us on trust. We are one family, brothers and sisters in Christ. Such a vision has consequences for the way we live and govern and care for our common home.*

*God loved us so much that he embraced the human condition with all its joys and sorrows. He let himself be unjustly judged, condemned and put to death. He did this in order to reveal the depth of God's love for us. He revealed to us a new vision of what it means to be truly human. He embraced the cross to awaken our hearts to the reality of God's love. And in his resurrection, he showed us that there is life after death. That changes everything about the way we live and why we live.*

*Thank you to all the staff and parishioners who continue to keep the light of faith alive in these times. In doing so, you reflect God's light. May the Lord fill your hearts and your souls with Easter Joy and help you to rediscover his profound love for you. A Blessed and Happy Easter to all!*

*Fr Aquinas*

LOURDES



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Wicklow Rathnew

10 September 2024

5 Nights

€939 per person sharing

Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes  
20kg bags included.  
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For information please contact:

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## Scripture Reflection

*Making time to pause & reflect with others on the Sunday Gospels, on Wednesday mornings from 10.45am till 12noon in the Dominican Ecology Centre.*

*Tea & coffee is provided and everyone is very welcome*

*To the visible and the invisible volunteers a massive "THANK YOU".*

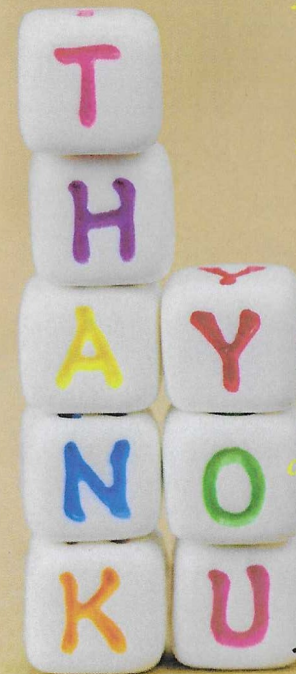
*From those who wash the altar cloths & clean the church brasses to those who look after the flower beds and serve in the Church Ministries. Each and everyone of you help us to have the wonderful Parish community that exists within our parish.*

*You have all made a huge contribution and a huge difference to those around you.*

*Special thanks at this time of the year to all who organise the Easter Liturgies and put in the time and effort to practice, clean, organise the décor and people /teams.*

*Remember.....*

*"Small acts when multiplied by many, can help to transform the world" - Howard Zinn*





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## WICKLOW & RATHNEW BINGOS



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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**

**Spring holiday to Killarney from the 14th April to 18th April.**

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*

**Introduction to SERVANT LEADERSHIP**

- BAPTISM MATTERS**  
Tuesday 9th April on Zoom
- GROUPSWORK**  
Tuesday 16th April on Zoom
- CARE OF CREATION**  
Tuesday 23rd April on Zoom
- PRAYER SKILLS CO-RESPONSIBILITY**  
Saturday 27th April  
Wicklow Parish Centre

This course helps to grow understanding and practice of leadership for people on PPCs or in parish ministry  
Tuesday Zooms from 7.30pm - 9.00pm  
Saturday In-Person from 10.00am - 2.00pm

To complete the online registration form, please **CLICK HERE**

### Introduction to Servant Leadership course

The Office of Mission & Ministry is running the Introduction to Servant Leadership course again during the coming year. It is aimed at members of PPCs and those with a parish ministry – but all are welcome. The course requires participants to attend three sessions on Zoom (consecutive Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 9pm) AND ALSO a Saturday session in person (from 10.00am to 2pm). Sessions are a mixture of input, discussion and reflection exploring what Servant Leadership is and how we might grow this ministry. For more information please contact [peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie). To complete the online registration please visit the Adult Faith section of [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie).

## PARISH CONTACTS

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**Office opening times**

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

**For all enquires and bookings**

**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](mailto:alphabayside@gmail.com)**