# PARISH NEWSLETTER Wicklow & Rathnew RCN 20016166

Third Sunday of Easter - Year C
4th May 2025



#### Gospel Reflection ~ Tired Disciples ~ Donal Neary SJ

Jesus spent time lighting the fire so he could cook breakfast on the seashore. Reminds me of my mother getting the fire ready in the old days so we could make toast with red embers on the long toasting fork. This is Jesus, the risen Jesus. No big apparitions in the sky, but just the simple act in the dawn of cooking bread and fish.

The meal was for tired disciples. Often in the gospel stories he talked about people preparing meals and serving them. He seemed to say a lot through meals and at meals. He allowed a woman dry his feet with her hair at a meal.

In cooking for people love is active. A mother might count up sometime how many meals she has cooked, and call them hours of love. This too is the mission and identity of Jesus.

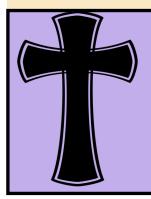
After death and resurrection comes the Spirit of love. Love given, love received and love shared.

The breakfast meal will end with questions about love. Anything real about the resurrection always ends in being sent by God on the mission of Jesus. He gives little instruction about the mission nor even what it may entail. But it entails being led by God. Life for Jesus is life with Jesus and with the grace of God. We are never alone.

This is the company and the friendship at the source of the life of the soul, and which keeps our unique personality alive. This love comes in prayer and in love and in our loving service of others. This is mission with and for the risen Jesus Christ.

Risen Lord, increase my faith, hope and love.





Sincere sympathies to the family of

Veronica Carroll (née O'Grady), Castle St., Wicklow

### Mass Intention List

# This Weekend ~ 3rd & 4th May 2025

6.00pm Michael & Maura Byrne, Pat & Mai Barry & their

son, Gerard, & his wife, Joan, Aubrey O'Neill,

Tarby Marah (70th A), Jim & Pauline Murphy (A),

Pat & Nancy Stakelum (A)

9.00am Jordan Quínn

10.30am Eddie Michaels (RD), John Lawlor (RD)
12.00pm Richard Davis (MM), Ann Roche (A),

Jack Meehan (A), Colin Quinn (A),

Martín Murphy (A)

## 5th ~ 9th May, 2025

Monday Breda Heraty (RD)

7.00pm NO MASS

Tuesday Peggy O'Sullivan (RD)

7.00pm Esther Knowles (MM)

Wednesday Conor & Rosa O'Ríordan, Amelia Harris

Thursday NO MASS — EUCHARISTIC SERVICE

Friday Owen Malone

# Next Weekend ~ 10th & 11th May 2025

6.00pm Anna Maguire (A)

9.00am Mick, Maureen & Dennis Marah

10.30am Christina Roche (A))

12.00pm Noeleen Shortall & Winifred Lambert (A)

#### **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW:**

27th April 2025

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration
€1895
€1220

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 13:14, 43-52** 

**PSALM: 99: 1-3, 5** 

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

**GOSPEL: John 10:27-30** 

# Baptisms in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow First Saturday 2pm
Third Sunday 1pm
Rathnew Fourth Saturday 2pm

Ashford First Sunday 12 noon Glenealy Third Saturday 12 noon

BBK Second Saturday 2pm



Please note : The next meeting will be on <u>Thursday, 8th</u> <u>May 2025, at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre</u>

## PARISH CONTACTS

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

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Office opening time Monday - Friday: 10am - 12.30pm
For all enquires and bookings

#### **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:** Tuesdays at 9am



Four students from Coláiste
Chill Mhantáin will be going as
Volunteers on the Dublin
Diocesean Pilgrimage to
Lourdes in September.

They will be holding a Church door collection in Wicklow this weekend - 3rd/4<sup>th</sup> May to fundraise for this trip.

They would be very grateful for your support.



Learning to live the Sunday Gospels

Where? 'An Tairseach',

**Dominican Ecology Centre** 

What time? 10.45 - 12 noon

(including a cuppa)

When? Wedneday mornings

• Wednesday - May 7th

• Wednesday - May 14th

• Wednesday - May 21st

• Wednesday - May 28th

**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.



Please join us to say the Rosary to commemorate the apparition of Our Lady in Fatima at the Grotto in Wicklow on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm.

Candles will be sold on the day.

# Living with Inner Peace in Today's World

A talk on Tuesday 20th May 7.00pm - 8.30pm at An Tairseach Ecology Centre, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow

Topics will include:

Calming Anxious Thoughts
Contentment in Daily Life
Tools & Tips to make a positive difference

With 40 years' experience of work in caring professions and a profoundly enlightening spiritual path, Bernadette will gently share her insights

Pre-booking is essential as places are limited Cover charge €5 only

To book your place contact Bernadette by phone on 087 132 8579 or by email at bernadette@healinghelps.ie

Meeting of the Members of the Amalgamated Parish Pastoral Council.

As a further step in pooling our resources, and thereby strengthening our Parish Partnership, the first meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Wicklow.

We look forward to seeing you there. Interested in arranging flowers for the altar but not feeling confident enough to do it?

The parish is hoping to organise a short course in flower arranging with a view to expanding the current team

 if you would like to learn more about this please give your name in to the parish office.



The Rosary will be said each evening at the Grotto in Rathnew every evening for the month of May at 7.30pm - weather permitting. We look forward to seeing you there.

# 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.

Wicklow Tennis Club is supporting Trócaire 'Gifts of Change Sustainability Project'

Tennis Tournament was on Friday 2nd May

Fundraising for
Water Systems
in the Developing World
You too can support this great
cause by accessing the
QR Code below.
Thank you in advance for your
support.





#### Unit 2, First Floor, Rear of Boots Pharmacy Abbey Street, Wicklow

Have you, or a family member, been diagnosed with Cancer?

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.

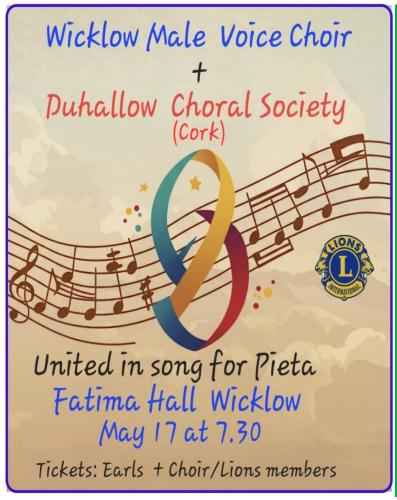
#### WICKLOW COPD GROUP

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

### Tap & Go

We have a new Tap & Go machine in Wicklow Church. When you 'Tap' you now get the opportunity to put in your name, telephone number or email address. This in turn allows the parish to accumulate all donations from the tap device, and from family offering/Share/Common Fund or dues collections. Your information is only required once. Therefore, for all combined donations over €250 the parish can claim the tax back. Please choose a quiet day when the church is not busy to insert your contact details.



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Parish Lotto Results for 01/05 / 2025
NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK

16 24 25 30

The winner of the €50 weekly raffle prize is:

# Philomena Lalor

Next Week's Jackpot will be: € 1,650

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 Parish Office or Sacristy
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You can't just do God once a week and expect your spirit to be healthy either.

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