

# 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 & Máí 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 Quinn*
- 10.30am* Eddie Michaels (RD), John Lawlor (RD)
- 12.00pm* Richard Davis (MM), Ann Roche (A), Jack Meehan (A), Colin Quinn (A), Martin 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'Riordan, Amelia Harris
- Thursday* *NO MASS — EUCCHARISTIC 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**

<b>ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	<b>€1895</b>
<b>1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	<b>€1220</b>
<b>2ND COLLECTION/SHARE</b>	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	<b>€1025</b>

*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 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 Thursday, 8th May 2025, at 8pm in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre*

## PARISH CONTACTS

**Fr Aquinas Duffy : 0404 67196 // Fr Gerard Deegan : 0404 67133**

**Parish Office: 0404 61699**

[parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com)

**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 Diocesan 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?**              Wednesday 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 **Wednes-  
day 7th May at  
7.30pm in the Parish  
Centre, Wicklow.****

**We look forward to see-  
ing 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](mailto: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**

**Wicklow Male Voice Choir**

+

**Duhallow Choral Society  
(Cork)**



**United in song for Pieta  
Fatima Hall Wicklow  
May 17 at 7.30**

**Tickets: Earls + Choir/Lions members**

**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 offer-  
ing/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.***

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 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

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

## SPIRITUAL FOOD



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and expect your body to be healthy.  
You can't just do God once a week and  
expect your spirit to be healthy either.

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