



PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st August 2021

Wicklow & Rathnew

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Welcome

to our Mass and a very warm welcome to everyone joining us on our parish radio & online.

Donal Neary S.J.

Gospel reflections

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The 'I' Word

Jesus is a man of the 'I' word – and not in a boastful way. He speaks of the bread in the desert, the manna which nourished the people in their wanderings. He builds on their belief in a bread from heaven, but now that he himself is the bread. The bread gives life to the soul. He is this bread.

Our Christian faith is centred on a person, not on a book. The gospel is the book of life because it is the book of Jesus. Jesus is our life because he comes from God. So we call this at times the bread of heaven.

What more ordinary ways can heaven and earth be linked than in the most ordinary of foods? In another country he might have said he is the 'rice' of life. It means that in the ordinary events of our lives, God is very near in Jesus. He makes his home in us as the bread we eat becomes part of us.

The same with love – our faith links always human and divine love, and human love of all sorts is a share in the divine life of love. Can we really believe this? That the next time you really love your child, your friend, your spouse or anyone in your love-life, you are bringing them a bit of God!

That is one of the main reasons why we want to live in love. That we link heaven and earth, divinity and humanity, Jesus and ourselves. Then the 'I' of Jesus becomes the 'we' of his earthly body and presence now.

*Breathing in and out –
let the word 'love' echo in your mind and heart
on the inbreath and the outbreath.
Lord, thy kingdom come!*

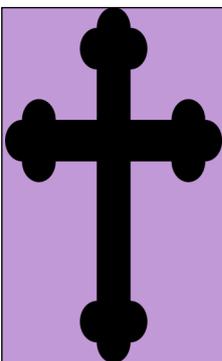


Sincere sympathy to the families of ...

Edward (Ned) Heffernan late of St Dominic's Road

Tom Crean late of St Patrick's Tce Rathnew

Margaret (Peg) Doyle late of St Patrick's Tce Rathnew



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 31st July & 1st August

- 6.00pm** Paul Jameson & Mary Kavanagh- both 1st Anniversaries
Mary Fitzgerald, deceased members of the Kennedy
& Thompson family
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- 9.00am** Liam Walsh
- 10.00am** Augustus & Mary Cullen
- 11.30am** Fr Henry Doherty & George Henry - both 1st Anniversaries
Joan Delahunt, Noel Gallagher, Billy Brady &
deceased members of the Brady family.

2nd - 6th August

- Monday** - Iris Stephens, Mary Gallagher, Christine Kearns
- 7.00pm** **NO MASS - BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tuesday** - Christina & Michael Kinsella
- 7.00pm** *Special Intention*
- Wednesday** - Tom O'Mahony
- Thursday** - Michael Lambert
- Friday** - Altar List of the Dead
- 7.00pm** *Altar List of the Dead*

Next Weekend ~ 7th & 8th August

- 6.00pm**
- 7.00pm** James Doyle
- 9.00am**
- 10.00am** Richard Murphy, Mary & Frances Cullen, Con O'Rourke
- 11.30am** Susanna, James & Billy Dickenson

Please note that the Masses in green type are in St Joseph's Rathnew



WEEKLY LOTTO RESULTS CONGRATULATIONS

GERALDINE LYNCH

WEEKLY €50 RAFFLE WINNER
THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE
1, 4, 16, 25

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE €1,125

Remember if you aren't in you can't win!
Join by texting the word
WICKLOW to 51444
or go to the website below:
www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow

SUMMER OFFERINGS

The Archbishop has asked that all parishes have a Summer Collection to supplement the Common Fund, which has been seriously depleted due to Covid.

While the churches were closed, donations to the Common Fund were less than half of the normal amount with the result that there isn't enough monies to pay the salaries of the priests in the Diocese and to support those sick and retired priests in nursing homes.

This envelope is a once off Summer donation similar to the Christmas & Easter Dues, and will most probably become part of the annual contributions like the Dues envelopes.

There are special envelopes available at the Church doors and we would be very grateful for any donation.



PARISH VISITATIONS ~ FIRST FRIDAY CALLS

On the First Friday of every month our priests visit Parishioners who are sick or housebound. During these visits, they have a chat, hear confessions and bring Holy Communion. There is also regular Masses in the Day Care Centre, Blainroe Nursing Home and Knockrobin Care Home.

During non Covid times, our Eucharistic Ministers also visit the homes of those who are housebound every Sunday with the Blessed Sacrament. They always visit in pairs and provide a simple little prayer service, followed by Communion. They would normally leave the Newsletter and Sunday Mass leaflet with the Parishioner to allow them keep up to date with the parish.

This is a wonderful service provided by the Ministers and is greatly appreciated by those whom they visit.

As well as visiting the homes of individuals, the Ministers of the Eucharist provide a Prayer/ Communion service in the Day Care Centre on a monthly basis and in Blainroe Lodge every Sunday

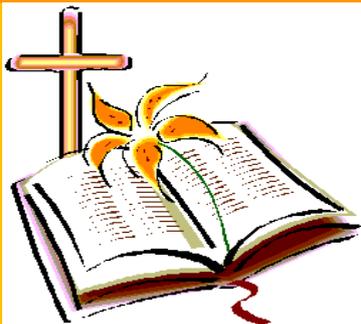
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If you know of someone who would appreciate any of these services please get in touch with the Parish Office in order to include them on the current list. This service is also available on a short term basis, for those who may be just out of hospital or those who are unable to get to the church for whatever reason. This Ministry is a separate one from the weekly or weekend Ministers of the Eucharist - if you feel that this might be of interest to you and you would like to volunteer to be either a driver or a Minister of the Eucharist for the Sick and Housebound, again, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

There is full training available before anyone commits to this Ministry.

Your help would be appreciated and you would be very welcome to join this team!

Many thanks to the sponsor of our newsletter  
McCrea's Funeral Home, Dublin Road, Phone 0404 69000, 24 hours  
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### NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 8TH AUGUST 2021

First Reading : 1 Kings 19 : 4 - 8

Responsorial Psalm: 33:2-9

Second Reading : Ephesians 4: 30, 5-:2

Gospel: John 6: 41-51

To reflect on the readings please check [catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 25/07/2021

|                              |                                        |          |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------|
| 1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND | - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese  | - € 680  |
| 2ND COLLECTION / SHARE       | - goes towards diocesan administration | - € 400  |
| ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION  | - goes towards maintaining our parish  | - € 2705 |

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

### St Patrick's Conference Wicklow



**01 855 0022**

#### CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Telephone number 087 123 8054

WICKLOW & RATHNEW

#### FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

St Patrick's Church at 10am

St Joseph's Church at 7pm.

The GRAVES were blessed in Rathnew cemetery on Wednesday 21st of July in the early evening with no public attending.

### PARISH CONTACTS

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Office opening times -

Monday - Friday : 10am - 12.30pm

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 to Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....



*God is always within.
Feel God working in your heart,
through your heart,
and as your heart.*

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