

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st November 2020

Wicklow & Rathnew



# Welcome

*to our Mass and a very warm welcome to everyone joining us on our webcam or parish radio.*

## Gospel Reflection ~ Martin Hogan

A lot of people do not like large gatherings. They find big crowds exhausting. Today's feast, however, is precisely about crowds of people. The first reading expresses it well, 'a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language'. Today is the feast not just of a few chosen saints, but of all saints. Today we honour all the saints, those who are formally canonised and those who are not.



If our vision of humanity is shaped exclusively by the media we might be tempted to think that there are a lot more villains out there than saints. It is reassuring to be reminded by today's feast that there exists a huge number of saints, impossible to count. In the words of the letter to the Hebrews, we are surrounded by a 'great cloud of witnesses'. None of us can live as the Lord wants us to live purely on our own. We need the good example of others to inspire us and to show us what is possible. Today's feast declares that we are surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses, if only we could recognise them. Some of these people have already passed beyond us and are now 'standing in front of the throne of the Lamb', in the words of today's first reading. Many of them, however, are our companions on the journey of life. They do not look at all like the statues in our churches. They are very ordinary, yet they are also very special. These are the people we are grateful to have met and to have around.

The feast of All Saints encourages us to believe that any one of us could be part of that huge number, impossible to count. In that sense, today's feast is about every one of us. John, in today's second reading, is speaking about all of us when he declares that 'we are already the children of God', and that, in the future, 'we shall be like' God. We are all destined for sainthood. God intends that all of us would be conformed to the image of God's Son. For most of us, that will only come to pass fully beyond this life. Yet, because we are already sons and daughters of God through Baptism, we are called to grow now towards that wonderful transformation that awaits us. The road to sainthood begins here, wherever we happen to find ourselves. In today's gospel reading, Jesus shows us what that road to sainthood looks like. In the Beatitudes, Jesus painted a portrait of himself, the living saint par excellence. He was also painting a portrait of the person that we are all called to become. The Beatitudes give us different facets of the person of Jesus, while at the same time showing us different ways in which we might reflect the person of Jesus.

# Mass Intention List



## *This Weekend ~ 31st October & 1st November*

*6.00pm Vigil Nancy Scallan RD*

*Alice, Paddy, Michael & Mary Sexton*

*11.30am Mary Gallagher - Months Mind,*

*Charlie & Maura Byrne*

## *2nd November - 6th November*

*Monday - John Mitchell, Special Intention*

*Tuesday - Thomas Tormey (A)*

*Wednesday - Michael O Reilly snr, Michael O Reilly Jnr,  
Donal & Peggy Cullinane*

*Thursday - Bridie Higgins*

*Friday - Altar List of the Dead*

## *Next Weekend ~ 7th & 8th November*

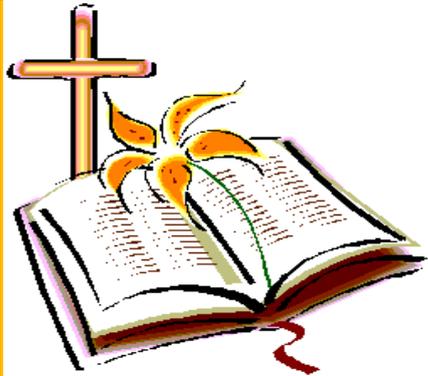
*6.00pm Vigil Tony O'Brien - 1st Anniversary,  
. Jack Burke - 80th Birthday Remembrance,  
. Anne O' Neill, Kathleen, Seamus & Eleanor Caulfield,  
. Eileen O'Rourke, Seamus & Molly Jameson*

*11.30am Brigid & Thomas Redmond & deceased members of  
the Redmond family*

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 25/10/2020

<b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € not counted
<b>2ND COLLECTION / SHARE</b>	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € not counted
<b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 2080

*Many thanks for your continued support.*



### **NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 8TH NOVEMBER 2020**

First Reading : Wisdom 6: 12-16

Responsorial Psalm 62: 2-8

Second Reading : 1 Thessalonians : 4 : 13 - 18

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

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

### **UPDATED GUIDELINES**

During these challenging times, when, unfortunately, we can't have public Mass, we have put some other measures in place to keep us all in touch with each other.

The daily Masses will continue online, Monday to Friday at 10am from St Patrick's Church, and we are continuing with the Saturday vigil Mass at 6pm and the Sunday morning Mass at 11.30am.

We have **ROSARY & BENEDICTION** on Mondays & Fridays at 7.30pm and **HOLY HOUR INCLUDING ROSARY & BENEDICTION** on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. All of these services will be available online at [www.wicklowparish.ie](http://www.wicklowparish.ie)

**There will be no Mass in St Joseph's Church Rathnew.**

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday mornings from 11am – 12noon and on request.

**FUNERALS:** Numbers are now limited to only 25 people attending.

**CHURCHES:** will be open for private prayer during the day time.

**PARISH OFFICE:** will be open from 10am until 12 noon, Monday to Friday for general enquiries, to buy Mass cards, collect envelopes etc.

**MISSALETTES/NEWSLETTERS:** will be available at the Church doors from Fridays at lunchtime to allow people collect them in time for the weekend Masses.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** a heartfelt thanks for all of your support over the past few months, we hope that we can continue to count on your support over the next few weeks. Donations/weekly envelopes may be left into the Parish Office/ post box at parish office door or boxes in the church which are emptied regularly.



## PARISH WEEKLY LOTTO



**Congratulations to  
CON HOGAN**

**Winning numbers for this week  
4, 8, 9, 28**

**Who won the weekly lotto raffle.  
Prize of €50 in the Parish Lotto!**

**Next weeks jackpot will be €4,550  
If you're not in, you can't win!!**

Please note..... There are a few players who have been omitted from the last few draws due to renewal of cards or lost cards, if you wish to continue to play please re-submit the new card details on the login page of our parish fundraiser or get in touch with the parish office.

### SCHOOL ENROLMENTS ~ 2021/2022

St Patrick's, Holy Rosary & St Coen's National Schools, our three local Catholic schools will be enrolling Junior Infants for 2021/2022. Enrolments will be accepted between the 3rd & 27th of November 2020, from 9.30am - 3pm. More details of the Admissions Policies and Application forms are available on the individual school websites.

### PARISH LOTTO

Many thanks to all our supporters of our Parish Lotto. The Lotto is coming up to a year old very soon and we wanted to update you all on its success. Thankfully it has all gone very well and on average is bringing in between €1,200 & €1,500 a month which will amount to €14,400 to €18,000 per annum. This money is used for repairs and necessary works in the parish and your help and support is very much appreciated. We hope that with your continued support, we can continue to build and expand within the parish.

Congratulations to all our couples who celebrated 25, 40, 50, 55, 60 & 65 wedding anniversaries this year. The recording of the Mass and the photographs will be on the website under recordings for a couple of more weeks and available to download. Many thanks to all who sent in photos and to those who organised the Mass.

### ANNUAL MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BEREAVED

*Will be on Friday 20th November at 7.30pm. Unfortunately we cannot have people to the actual Mass, but invitations will be issued over the next week, and we hope that you can join us online. Other people will have also experienced the loss of close family during the year; if you wish for them to be included at the Mass please leave the name/ names into the Sacristy or Parish Office before Tuesday 17th November. Everyone is very welcome to join us online and remember their deceased family and friends.*



**Tough times never last,  
but tough people do.**

Robert H. Schuller