

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Wicklow & Rathnew



Welcome

A very warm welcome to everyone joining us on our webcam or parish radio.

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Monday - Friday : 10am - 12.30pm

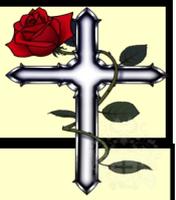
'The Church has left the Building'

One of the many 'WhatsApp' messages doing the rounds lately has been the one with a picture of the devil boasting to God that because of the Coronavirus he had managed to close all the churches. God's reply was 'on the contrary: we have just opened new churches in the people's homes'. While it may be a joke, there is truth in it. There has certainly been an enormous change in our way of 'being church' or 'being parish' since this all began seven weeks ago. Who could have foreseen a celebration of Holy Week or Easter without public ceremonies and Masses? And yet, through the wonders of technology, we have managed to establish churches in our homes. By means of livestreaming, we can still connect with each other and still take part in the Mass and communal prayer. It's not as good as being together but it is something to be glad about in these difficult and anxious days. It has been made very clear to us that God is not confined to a church building nor faith confined to a particular place. Like the early Christians who met in their homes for the prayers and the breaking of bread, the Spirit of Jesus is still with us in these difficult times, consoling us and guiding us. After the Resurrection, the disciples of Jesus stayed behind closed doors in fear, waiting for God's Spirit to come upon them at Pentecost. We are waiting for better days too; waiting for a time when we can gather again, meet our family and friends, have a meal together, pray and share the Eucharist together. How long will it be? We just don't know. But let's be patient and hopeful. We may be 'locked in' in our houses but let's not allow ourselves to be 'locked in' in ourselves. We can still be outward looking, keeping in touch with each other by phone or letter, text message or email. And most of all by prayer. Let us continue to be faithful, as the early Christians were, to prayer and the breaking of bread.



Fr Pat and Fr Donal

Mass Intention List



Sunday 3rd May

Mary Duffy & Aileen Cussens both Months Minds, Seamus Murphy - 1st Anniversary, Essie Byrne, Colin Quinn, Nan & Eddie Fennessy, Dr Jack Meehan, Ellen Dunne, Noel & Niall Mooney, Marcella & Edmond O' Reilly, Baby Mia Ronan & deceased members of the Ronan Family

Due to Mass cancellations all of the weekend intentions will be remembered at one Mass on Sunday, which will be broadcast live on the webcam at 11.30am

Weekly Daily Masses-10am -Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May

Broadcast live

- Monday - Dermot Herron- died last week
- Tuesday - Kay Quill - RD
- Wednesday - Seamus Murphy
- Thursday - Amy Shaw - RD
- Friday - Deceased members of the Courtney, Johnson & Cleary families

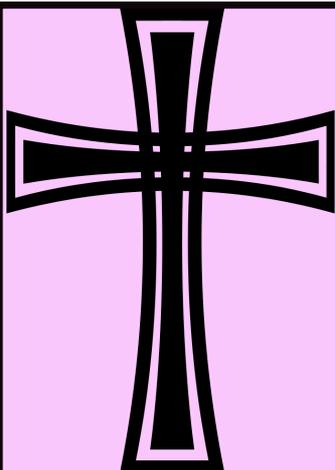
Next Weekend 10th May

Jordan Quinn, Mick Marah, Michael & Chrissie Kinsella, Tom Kehoe, Ann Roche, Thomas, Kathryn & Ashling Delahunt

Sincere sympathy to the family of -

Brigidh Supple (née O'Kelly) - Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow Town and formerly Annamoe, Co. Wicklow

Ita Crotty, who died in Dublin and formerly from New Park Road, Wicklow



MASS TIMES

Mass is live on the Webcam at 10am Monday to Friday. Church doors will be closed for the Mass, but will re-open after it (approx. 10.30am) until 7.30pm/8pm.

The 11.30am Mass on Sundays will also be streamed live, but again its closed to the public Holy Hour continues on Wednesdays from 8pm - 9pm.

This allows parishioner's to visit for private prayer or to light a candle, but please be aware of social distancing while in the church and if you are over 70, please adhere to government guidelines and continue to cocoon. Stay safe everyone.

Daily Mass is also on RTE News Now (channel 200 or Sky 521) at 10.30am, for those who wouldn't have access to the internet in their homes.

Dear Parishioner,

Many thanks to all of you who are supporting us at the moment, through your kindness and with your prayers, letters, emails and financially. We really are most grateful.

We do understand that there may be changes in peoples financial situations, but if at all possible we are asking people to continue to support us, and our Parish.

Due to the reduction of Masses, there is also a reduction of financial support for the Parish. Like some other Churches in the Dublin Diocese, we have introduced cashless donations with the addition of the GOOD BOX, which is situated at the main door of the church.

This is a very simple addition to our Parish and can be used as a TAP & GO. There is a €3 pre-set option on the box but this can be changed by swiping the screen. It may take a couple of days to leave your account and these donations do stay in our Parish.

We also have a "Donate" button on our website which will allow you to make a donation to the parish envelope collection, the first collection, the Share collection or the Easter Dues. It's a very simple procedure and a receipt is sent to the Parish on your behalf.

Alternatively, you can drop your weekly envelope into the parish office any week-day morning or into the letterbox beside the porch door of the office. Please mark other normal donations as Common Fund - (Priests Salaries) or Share - (Diocesan Administration). If any Parishioner would prefer to change to Direct Debit at this time, please get in touch with the office and we would be happy to send you out the form.

As usual we really do appreciate all your support during these very challenging times.

VOLUNTEERS..... We have a number of very kind and willing Parishioners who are volunteering to help out people who may need to socially isolate themselves or are worried about leaving their homes at the moment. These people are prepared to shop, collect prescriptions, walk dogs etc. If anyone needs any form of help please contact the Parish Office any morning and we will be happy to put someone in touch with you.

**CHILD SAFEGUARDING
OFFICER**

Telephone number

087 123 805

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Can you use a sewing machine? Would you like to help our frontline staff?



We need some volunteers to sew some scrubs, for our frontline workers. Fabric and pattern are supplied. Leave your details with the office on 61699 and we can pass them on.



Congratulations to PADDY MAHER



**Who won the weekly lotto raffle prize
of €25 in the Parish Lotto
Next weeks jackpot will be €2,575**

**OUR PARISH LOTTO
Winning numbers for this week
1, 17, 21, 29**



There are some Apps/ Websites available online that may be of benefit to Parishioners in providing Daily Prayer & other resources while we are in the current situation:

Pray as you Go; The Magnificat; Catholic Ireland; Radio Maria, along with our own local website & webcam.

To all of our First Communion & Confirmation candidates

We hope that you are all keeping up your school work while enjoying this time with your families. A very special welcome to the children from Gaelscoil who were due to make their First Holy Communion this Sunday.

Unfortunately due to the Corona Virus, we are all in a very different world at the moment. We know that you are all disappointed, but don't worry, we will be touch with you when the schools re- open and when we are able to return to Mass.

But, please be assured that we are remembering and praying for you all at this time, when you should have been celebrating your very special day.

As the situation is ongoing, we are starting to upload some resources for the Sacraments. So, for the next few weeks, there will be a weekly work sheet based on the Sunday Gospel for both First Communion and Confirmation candidates.

There will be instructions with the work sheet and it is available on the parish website & Facebook page before the weekends Mass, www.wicklownparish.ie.

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
please come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you now
as if you were already there
and I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me
to be separated from you.
Amen.

