



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th April 2021

Wicklow & Rathnew



*Welcome*

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

## EASTER 2021

And where is Jesus, this strange Easter Day?

Not lost in our locked churches. Any more, than he was sealed in that dark sepulchre.

The locks are loosed, the stone is rolled away. And he is up and risen, long before.

Alive, at large, and making his strong way. Into the world he gave his life to save.

No need to seek him in his empty grave

He might have been a wafer in the hands of priests this day

Or music from the lips of red-robed choristers, Instead, he slips away from church,  
Shakes off our linen bands, To don his apron with a nurse, he grips and lifts a stretcher,

Soothes with gentle hands, the frail flesh of the dying

Gives them hope, breathes with the breathless,

Lends them strength to cope.

On Thursday we applauded.

For he came and served us in a thousand names and faces. Mopping our sickroom floors.

And catching traces of that Coronavirus, which was death to him.

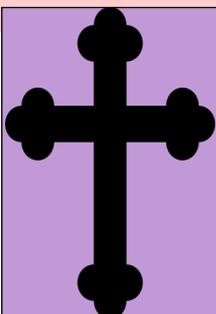
Good Friday happened in a thousand places. Where Jesus held the helpless and died with them.

That they might share his Easter in their need. Now they are risen with him.

Risen indeed!

*By Malcolm Guite*

Hear this poem on <https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2020/04/12/easter-2020-a-new-poem/>



*Sincere sympathy to the family of.....*

*Thomas (Tommy) Merrigan late of Seaview Heights*

*Michael (Dyke) Duffy late of The Bank Rathnew*

*Philomena Cahill late of Monkton Row & Co Laois*

# Mass Intention List



## *This Weekend ~ 3rd & 4th April*

6.00pm **NO VIGIL MASS**

9.00pm **Blessing of Paschal candle**

11.30am John Wilson & Cora Lawless - both Month Minds  
Nancy Gill, Fr Tom Scully, Aileen Cussen - all 1st Anniversaries  
Michael Earls, Edward Lawless, Teresa Synnott & Godson Peter  
Farrell, Jack Fox & deceased members of the Fox & Robinson  
Families, John & Eileen Nolan, Agnes Malone, John & Ellen  
Malone, John & May McDonald, Bill & Alice Farrell. Jimmie  
Kenny, John Byrne BR

## *5th ~ 9th April*

*Monday* - Imelda Kelly, Tommy Snell BR

*Tuesday* - Iris Stephens, Michael Hanson, Bill Stephens

*Wednesday* - James & Mary Grant, Lillian Kelly, Catherine Keane  
& deceased members of the Keane & Reidy family

*Thursday* - Phil Bullard

*Friday* - For the intentions of Bobby & Mary Carter

## *Next Weekend ~ 10th & 11th March*

6.00pm Bill Scott, Kathleen Brennan, John & Noírin Hirrel,  
Seamus Dunne

11.30am Sheelagh Brady & Jimmy Fitzpatrick -both Months Mind  
Mary Duffy - 1st anniversary, John Scanlan, Anna & Patrick  
Byrne, Teresa & Dick Turner & deceased members of the Turner  
& O'Donnell family

## EASTER GREETINGS

A favourite piece of music that I play every Easter is called 'Song of the Resurrection' by an Irish group called Fuaimlaoi. It tells the Gospel story of the Resurrection but not in an upbeat triumphant way. It sounds more solemn than joyful, but for me it captures perfectly the mood of the first Easter Sunday when the women went to the tomb in the early morning. They were grieving. They had seen for themselves the horror of the crucifixion a couple of days earlier. And even though they found an empty tomb and heard an astonishing message that 'he is not here; he is risen', there was still a sense of loss. Joy would come – but not immediately. They had to come to terms with the fact that everything had changed; life would never be the same again. Joy replaces mourning – but joy might be slow in coming.

For all of us who have lost someone we love, we may recognise that feeling. No matter how strong our faith that our loved ones are safe in the arms of God, we still have to face the reality of life without them. We learn to live with that loss. Hopefully we learn to feel joy again and faith helps us to move forward with hope. But there is still an empty place at the table and a pang of loss when we remember how life used to be.

The Easter story we celebrate this week promises hope and new life. The resurrection is not about going back to the way life was before: it invites us to look forward to a new and fuller life – which is beyond our sight for now. So like the Gospel women, we have a song of hope to sing but we still carry the scars and trauma of loss. The risen Jesus still bore the wounds of his suffering, the wounds that Thomas touched to prove they were real. Easter is a realistic celebration: it promises hope and joy but recognises that there is a journey to be made first.

As we journey together through these difficult times I offer, on behalf of all who are part of the parish, heartfelt thanks to all who have helped in any way when the days were difficult and the going was tough. For all the kind words, acts of generosity and selfless acts of service; for all the prayers offered and candles lit; for keeping hope alive in this our 'family of faith' – thank you. And a happy Easter to all.

*Fr Donal*

*'The Marys went, oppressed by care, with ointments mixed and spices rare, his blessed body to prepare' – Song of the Resurrection by Fuaimlaoi*

## PARISH OFFICE

*The Parish Office is closed for Easter and will re-open on*

*Thursday 8th April at 10am.*

*Wishing all visitors to our office a very happy and peaceful Easter.*

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

## OUR WEEKLY LOTTO RESULTS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

### DERVELA EARLS

### OUR WEEKLY €50 RAFFLE WINNER!

### 3, 8, 21, 30

## EASTER RAFFLE RESULTS

### 1ST prize - Samsung Smart 50" TV

### SINEAD LANE

### EXTRA LOCAL PRIZES OF €50 WINNERS

### Monika Sztenderska, Geraldine Egan, David Earls, Dolores Hanlon, Sally Deehan

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: up to 28/03/2021

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 650
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 300
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 2925

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 11TH APRIL 2021

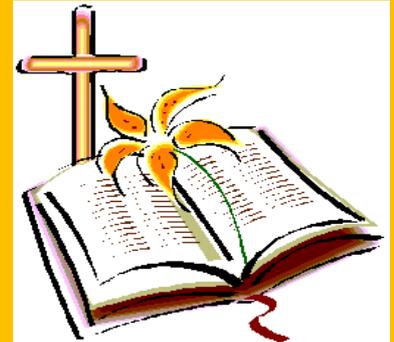
First Reading : Acts 4: 32-35

Responsorial Psalm 117

Second Reading : 1 John 5: 1-6

Gospel: John 20: 19- 31

To reflect on the readings please check catholicireland.net /



## Men's Rites of Passage, Kiltegan 18th – 22nd August 2021

Nowadays, the question of what it means to be a man can be perplexing, and to be a man of faith in Ireland today can be very difficult. Most men have a longing for the support and guidance of other men in their journey towards masculinity, maturity, and a deeper experience with the divine. Living a shallow unexamined life is an empty experience. Opening the door to this journey can start with the Men's Rites of Passage (MROP), a five-day deeply spiritual experience that builds on the classic patterns of male initiation through profound rituals and teachings. It is the kind of experience that can help awaken men to the adventure and mystery of their own masculinity, their potential for leadership, and their life's purpose. Join with other men on this journey in Kiltegan, Co Wicklow, 18-22 August 2021. For more information, phone 087-176 3729 or go to [malejourney.ie/rites/mrop-2019](http://malejourney.ie/rites/mrop-2019)

