



Parish Newsletter

6th January 2019

**Wicklow & Rathnew
Barndarrig, Brittas Bay & Kilbride**

A warm welcome to anyone visiting our Parish at the moment, and also to those joining us on our webcam.

Deadline for receipt of items for newsletter is Tuesday at 10am.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS

First Reading : Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11
Responsorial Psalm : 103: 1-4, 24-25, 27-30
Second Reading : Titus 2: 11 - 14, ; 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

To reflect on the readings please check
catholicireland.net / sacredspace.ie / universalis.com



DIARY DATES:



10th Jan: Baptism Meeting at 8pm
12th Jan: Confirmation Preparation Mass
13th Jan: Communion Preparation Mass
19th Jan: Confirmation Preparation Mass - Rathnew
26th Jan: Communion Preparation Mass - Rathnew
27th Jan: Communion Preparation Mass

PARISH CONTACTS

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Opening Times:

Monday: CLOSED ALL DAY
Tuesday - Friday : 9.30am - 12.30pm

CHILD SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Telephone numbers:

BBK PARISH: 086 827 7544
WICKLOW/RATHNEW: 087 123 8054



**WICKLOW /RATHNEW /ASHFORD / GLENEALY
BETHANY, BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

Bethany volunteers are trained to listen with understanding and empathy.

**ARE YOU GRIEVING? WOULD IT HELP TO
TALK? BE LISTENED TO?**

Open Meeting on Last Tuesday of every month 8pm in De La Salle Pastoral Centre. Contact details on noticeboard

PARISH OFFICE

*Will re - open on Tuesday 8th
January 2019, at 9.30am.*



St Patrick's Conference Wicklow

01 855 0022

**& St. Kevin's Conference
Brittas, Barndarrig, Kilbride**

085 732 3881

*Sincere sympathy to the family of..
Juliana McCaughey late of
St Manntan's Close*

May she Rest in Peace



Mass Intention List



Mass intentions are subject to change, due to funerals. To book a Mass in Wicklow Church, please contact the Sacristan after any Mass, to book a Mass in Rathnew Church, please contact the Parish Office. Masses in Rathnew are in green type. Masses in BBK are in blue type. RD - are Individual Masses from our Parish Mass Cards

This weekend...

Saturday 5th January 6.00pm
Richard & Beth Gill, Ann Dunne

7.00pm

7.00pm

Sunday 6th January

9.00am

9.00am

10.00am Bridie & Robert Graham

10.30am

11.30am Barney Cullen - 1st Anniversary, Peggy Byrne, John King, Susan Ward, Brendan O'Connor, Rita Vickers, Bill, Jacinta & Ita Wright, Mike & Beth Malone.

Weekly Daily Masses...

Monday 7th January

10am Christmas Novena

***7.00pm**

Tuesday 8th January

10am Christmas Novena

***7.00pm**

Wednesday 9th January

10am Special Intention

Thursday 10th January

10am Christmas Novena

Friday 11th January

10am Christmas Novena

Next Weekend...

Saturday 12th January 6.00pm

Sheila & Frank Jameson

***7.00pm**

***7.00pm**

Sunday 13th January

***9.00am**

***9.00am**

10.00am Nevin Thornton

10.30am

11.30am Dick Kavanagh, Maureen & Nicholas Byrne

ROSARY ~ Mondays to Fridays at 9.30am in St. Patrick's Church.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ~ Continues on Wednesdays in St. Patrick's Church 10.30am to 12 noon, usually finishing with Benediction. In Brittas Bay Church on Fridays from 10am until 3pm

HOLY HOUR ~ continues on Wednesday evenings in St Patrick's Church at 8pm

ST PATRICK'S PRAYER MEETING ~ are now on their Winter Break and will resume meetings in February. All are very welcome to any of these events.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES
APRIL - OCT 2019: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

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Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to attend an introductory meeting before booking a date for the baptism. At this meeting you will be given all the necessary information about the Sacrament of Baptism and the commitment required of the parents who request it for their child. The next meeting will be on

THURSDAY - 10TH JANUARY 2019 AT 8PM
IN THE DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE

Parents will also be expected to attend a second meeting in the days leading up to the actual Baptism



WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,
Rear of LEONDARD & MULVEY (BUTLERS) PHARMACY, ABBEY STREET,

0404 32696 OR 086 821 6694

We are a voluntary group set up to assist those having treatment for cancer in every way possible. We also have various other services available. If you need support, help or advise please ring us or drop in. You would be very welcome.

THE IRISH CATHOLIC PAPER
The Irish Catholic paper available in the Parish Shop every weekend for €1.80.



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.....

ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION



TUESDAYS 10.45am Coffee morning Pastoral Centre
12noon Line Dancing Pastoral Centre
THURSDAYS 2.00pm Indoor Bowling GAA Club
Walking Group, Time & Meeting place
by arrangement.
FRIDAYS 2.00pm Social Dancing Pastoral Centre
FRIDAYS 3.00pm Choir Pastoral Centre

Transport to and from the Centre for meetings can be arranged on request. New members are always welcome. More information from 087 330 2189. Follow/like us on our Facebook page - Wicklow Active Retirement Association.

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL WICKLOW TOWN (Roll No. 17576B)

AN INCLUSIVE CO-EDUCATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL WHERE ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

ENROLMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

DATES: TUES.15th & WED.16th JANUARY 2019

TIME: 9.30am – 12.30pm **VENUE:** BETHLEHEM BUILDING

TELEPHONE: (0404) 67939 **APPLICATION FORMS:**

Available from the school office in Holy Rosary Building or from the school website www.holyrosaryschoolwicklow.com

Please bring the following: Completed application form, Birth Certificate, P.P.S. Number

YOUR CHILD WILL BE VERY WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY YOU ON ENROLMENT DAY

Monday night Bingo in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre
Wednesday night in St Brigid's Hall, Rathnew



Both at 8pm and everyone is very welcome

CARD GAMES 45, 25 & BRIDGE played at my house on Monday and evenings, come along for the fun, cup of tea and chat. Phone Betty @



We welcome in Baptism.....

Jack Maxwell, Evan Roche, Olivia McWalter, Alfie O'Reilly-Reynolds, Tyler Higgins, Liam Leonard, Faye O'Connor, Alannah King, Aoife Tobin, Harley Bolger, Darren Rowlands, Dominic Rowlands, Chloe Curran, Emily Delahunt, Mia O' Gorman, Alex Lepek, Aria Clarkin, Rosie O'Neill, Dylan Walsh, Like Sheehan, Charlie Byrne, Fiadh O'Donovan, Ezra O'Sullivan, Adam O'Connor, Louis Hubbard Grace Lott, Anna Nolan, Ella-Louise Marini, Leonardo Marini, Kaci Clarke, Harvey Doyle, Billy Broe-Dineen, Alex Movila.



Happy New Year to one and all. I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas celebration with plenty of time with family and friends. There's something about Christmas that draws people together and draws us to the place we call home. For those who are lucky, this can be a time of great joy and togetherness but not everyone is so lucky. There is no such thing as the perfect family and sometimes these get-togethers can show up the cracks, making Christmas a stressful or lonely time. And yet, family is family: we share a common story with those who are close to us and it is good and important to try to strengthen the bonds that unite us.

So too in the family that we call the Church. The Christian family is far from perfect but there is something very powerful and precious and life-giving about the faith we share, a message of hope that continues to inspire, despite the flaws and imperfections of the people that make up that church. This was made so clear in the huge international gathering for World Meeting of Families in Dublin last August. What should have been a joyful celebration of our Catholic faith in the presence of Pope Francis was overshadowed by stories of scandal and abuse. These stories had been told many times before but they were all brought back into the forefront again by some elements of the media determined to discredit and undermine the efforts of the church to celebrate the joy of faith. The events themselves in the RDS, Croke Park, Knock Shrine and the Phoenix Park were full of joy and celebration, but overall the visit was overshadowed by negativity.

The fallout from the coverage of the Pope's visit to Ireland has left many Catholics feeling hurt and disappointed, wondering what has happened to the church that they love. There is no doubt that the scandal of abuse has deeply wounded the church and this has to be acknowledged. But equally, for those of us who treasure the gift of faith, we have to be able to find a way forward: to find healing for the past and hope for the future.

With this in mind, there are gatherings and assemblies taking place in parishes all around the diocese, at the suggestion of Archbishop Martin, asking people of faith to come up with ideas that might help to rebuild trust and hope and to help us to move forward with confidence to proclaim the Gospel in the years ahead. We hope to hold such a gathering in Wicklow in early February for the three local parishes of Wicklow /Rathnew, Kilbride /Barndarrig /Brittas Bay and Ashford /Glenealy. I have met with the pastoral councils of the three parishes to plan how this assembly might work and we felt that the first thing we need to do is invite suggestions from you, the people of the parishes, for your ideas as to what we can do at local level to restore hope and confidence in the church.

There are many people who no longer feel part of our church: how do we reach out to them? Does the message of Jesus Christ have any relevance for young people today? How do we teach young people to pray? How do we renew the faith we carry in our own hearts to renew the life of the church? If you have something you would like to say, please put a few words together and drop them into the suggestion box at the back of the church. And please come to the parish assembly in February; further details of time and venue will be confirmed next week.

Fr Donal