



PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th FEBRUARY 2021
Wicklow & Rathnew

"It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light."

- Aristotle



Welcome

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

Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflection www.messenger.ie/bookshop/

Darkness and Light

The first reading is tough to hear and we admire Job. We talk of 'the patience of Job'. Job is the example and the hero of depression. He just had it bad. All had gone wrong and he felt no good, no hope, no meaning. His family collapsed, his wealth disappeared and he cursed the day he was born. He went through all of the depressions people have, but somehow kept that glimmer of light alive. He never totally lost God, and God never lost him.

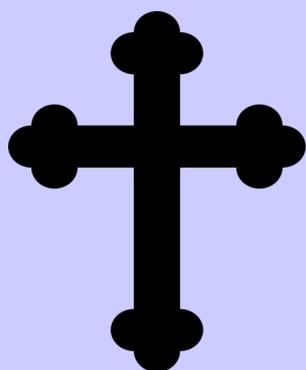
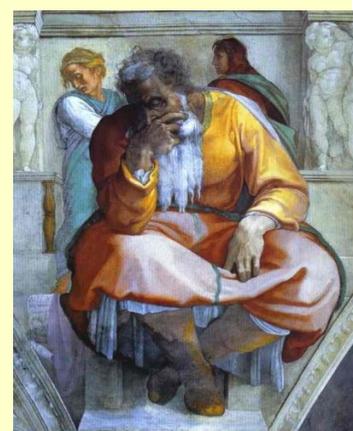
Depression is a huge illness. Many suffer; many are affected. Treatment can be of help, and the listening times of friends as well as therapy is healing.

A great priest wrote

.... At the worst of the burn out I couldn't say mass, never mind preach. Dry, empty, without light or life. Thanks again for the card you sent. It means a lot to me now. Funny, in the worst of my anxiety, nothing, no compliment, and no reassurance... meant anything to me.

There are many helps on the human level. There is the help also of faith and prayer at times. And the help of someone who, listens, sympathises, doesn't judge nor give easy cures. Love from God never ends even though it may not appear near just now. This is the Jesus of the gospel – bringing the grace of healing, of freeing from any evil, of constant love.

Imagine a time of darkness in life; picture it in its colour, and imagine the bright light of Jesus penetrate that darkness. Ask for help and give thanks for help. Give light, Good Lord, to all who live in the valley of darkness and the shadow of doubt.



Sincere sympathy to the families of

*Louise Kavanagh late of Main Street
Dennis Scanlon late of Keatingstown*

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 6th & 7th January

- 6.00pm* Gillian Byrne Stanley & Joe Crossan both 1st anniversaries
Billy Earls, Bill & Lucy Colgan,
Conal Higgins (unwell) & his family
- 11.30am* Jim Kellegher, Tony & Hannah Fayne, Leo Cullen &
deceased members of the Cullen & Lambert families,
Anthony, Nancy & Brid O'Donnell

8th ~ 12th February

- Monday* - Ann McDonald - 1st Anniversary
- Tuesday* - Joe & Katie Carr. Mary, Catherine, Patrick,
Sarah, Judith Anne Carr, Mary & Martin Carr
- Wednesday* - Thomas & Agnes Grant, Thomas Kennedy
- Thursday* Christmas Novena (8)
- Friday* Christmas Novena (9)

Next Weekend ~ 13th & 14th February

- 6.00pm* Seamus McCarthy,
Seamus, Kathleen & Eleanor Caulfield
- 11.30am* Peg Keogh - Months Mind
Michael Murphy, Anna & Patrick Byrne,
Edward Marah, John Scanlon, Anthony Doyle

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: up to 31/01/2021

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 1305
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 336
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 730

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 14TH FEBRUARY 2021

First Reading : Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Responsorial Psalm 31

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

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



UPCOMING FEASTDAYS

8th Feb: St Josephine Bakhita

The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General has designated February 8 as an annual day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking. Feb. 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000.

On February 8, Catholics all over the world are encouraged to host or attend prayer services to create greater awareness about this phenomenon. Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity, but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors.

11th Feb: Our Lady of Lourdes

February 11 is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, a name is given to the Virgin Mary in honour of the apparitions that were said to have been seen in and around Lourdes, France, by a young girl called Bernadette Soubirous. The Church canonized Bernadette as a saint several years later.

World Day of the Sick is also observed on February 11, - this day was established in 1992 by Pope John Paul II. to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was impetus for his designation of the day.

TIPS FOR COPING DURING LOCKDOWN

FOLLOW A ROUTINE

Your morning and evening routine can affect your emotional wellbeing, energy levels and motivation. Whether you're working remotely or serving as a key worker, following a daily routine will help you to stay positive and distracted.

It's good to plan how you will look after yourself. Try to follow a routine, maintain a healthy diet, get enough sleep and incorporate some physical exercise into your day if you can – whether that's doing an online workout, or even simply dancing around your home, cleaning or gardening.

PARISH WEEKLY LOTTO



THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS

9, 13, 15, 24

Next weeks jackpot will be €1150

Remember - if you aren't in you can't win!!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
CIARA FITZPATRICK
OUR WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER!**

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Office opening times -

**Monday - Friday : 10am - 12.30pm**



*The members of St. Patrick's Conference, Wicklow S.V.P. wish to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to our collection over the Christmas period. Your wonderful generosity enabled us to help many families and individuals have a better and brighter festive season. Our sincere gratitude to you all.*

**Rosary & Benediction will continue on Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays at 7.30pm including the Holy Hour on Wednesday evenings**

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

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*"Think of all the beauty still left around you and be happy."*

—ANNE FRANK