



PARISH NEWSLETTER



9th May 2021
Wicklow & Rathnew
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome

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

WELCOME BACK

We are delighted to welcome you back to public worship from this Monday, 10th May. It's been a long time since we last celebrated public Mass. Thank you for staying in touch throughout the lockdown and for all the messages of encouragement we received. It was great to be able to maintain an online community by means of the webcam, the website and the parish radio but it will be so much better to have you back in the church with us again.

A few things to keep in mind as we prepare to re-open:

As before, we will be depending on our volunteer stewards to help with seating arrangements and sanitising. Your cooperation with the stewards will be greatly appreciated and please continue to wear face masks while in the church, both for your own safety and those around you.

Numbers in St Patrick's will be capped at 80 (in two separate 'pods' - 50 in the front of the church, entering by the side door on Our Lady's side and 30 at the back, entering by the main door).

Please try to come early to facilitate seating arrangements and be aware that, if maximum numbers are reached, any extra people will have to wait outside the church.

From Monday, you will be free to join us for 10am Mass each morning and you will also be welcome to attend Rosary in the evening (Monday to Friday at 7.30pm for the month of May).

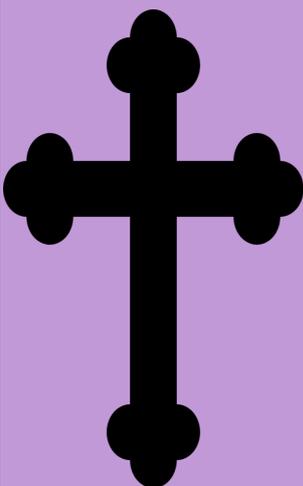
Those who are able to come on weekdays might consider leaving space at the weekends for those who are only free on Saturdays and Sundays. We will be resuming our normal weekend schedule of Sat 6pm and Sun 10.00 and 11.30 from next weekend.

RATHNEW: return to Mass in Rathnew will be gradual, starting with the resumption of the 9.00am Sunday Mass from Sunday 16th May. Maximum number permitted in Rathnew will be 40. We hope to resume the evening Masses in Rathnew (Mon, Tue and Sat) from the beginning of June.

Some people may understandably be hesitant about coming back to church for a while: we will, of course, continue to have our online service via webcam for those who wish to continue to join us from home.

Many thanks for your cooperation. Looking forward to seeing you very soon.

Fr Donal & Fr Pat



*Sincere sympathy to the family of
Jean Gaynor nee Kilcoyne late of Dublin
formerly from St Laurence's Road
Anthony Phelan brother of Theo Phelan.
Patricia Carton late of Darragh Park*

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 8th & 9th May

- 6.00pm *Jordan Quinn, Essie Byrne, Nora Clarke, Thomas Power & deceased members of the Power & Kelly families, Mary-Ann Duffy*
- 11.30am *Fr Anthony Farrell - 1st Anniversary, Mick Marah, Oisín & Dympna Cooney, Catherine Gaffney, Liam Whyte, Thomas Delahunt, Kathryn O'Byrne, Ashling Delahunt*

10th ~ 14th May

- Monday - Catherine O'Donnell RD, Bernie Hacker*
- Tuesday - Tom Kehoe & Special Intention*
- Wednesday - Gareth Dunne*
- Thursday - Teresa Kavanagh*
- Friday - Special Intention*

Next Weekend ~ 15th & 16th May

- 6.00pm *Mark Coster - Months Mind, Coley Murley, Willie Earls & grandson Adrian Doyle, Patrick & Rosanna Phillips & deceased members of the Phillips & Hayden families.*
- 9.00am
- 10.00am
- 11.30am *Noeleen Shortall, Winifred Lambert, Don Marah, Maeve & Vivienne Moloney, deceased members of the Thornhill family.*

TROCAIRE BOXES can be returned to the Parish Office any morning during the week between 10am & 12 noon.

PARISH OFFICE open Monday to Friday from 10am till 12noon for general enquires, mass bookings, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 02/05/2021

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 480
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 240
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 2030

Many thanks for your continued support.



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 16 TH MAY 2021

First Reading : Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: 46

Second Reading : Ephesians 4: 1-13

Gospel: John 16 : 15-20

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

Donal Neary S.J.

Gospel reflections

www.messenger.ie/bookshop/

The One Commandment – Only One

This gospel is like a vision statement or a mission statement from Jesus. About finding joy in listening to Jesus, how to live the good life in love one another, how to love oneself in the love of God, and in directing our lives to bear fruit that will generate love.

It is so central that it is read at many really important moments of a Christian life. It is one of the most popular readings at a wedding, linking the love of God and human love at such a special time.

Jesus' love was to lay down his life. in a specific way. Our love lays down our life often in small, unforgotten ways. Hours spent with a sick child or parent, years caring for someone ill, leaving home on missionary assignments; giving up something for children. The message is a big challenge in simple ways for most of us.

Isn't it a joy to know that the most enjoyable mystery of life – love, is the only commandment of God? This shows us that God is on our side: His commandment is to do what we want most to do and experience – to love and be loved. Even when the love costs us something.

*Recall a time when you felt you were really loving someone.
Become aware that you were then very near to God.
Thank you, Lord, for love given and received in my life.*



SACRAMENTS - there is a letter posted on the website from the Archbishop about **First Holy Communion & Confirmation dates**. You will see from that letter that we are not in a position at the moment to arrange dates. But hopefully as the current situation improves— we will be able to do so later on in the year. We will however still be arranging for the preparation of the Sacraments.

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

SHANE CARROLL

WEEKLY €50 RAFFLE WINNER

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS

8, 9, 21, 22

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE

€1100

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

PREPARING A MAY ALTAR IN YOUR HOME

PARISH CHALLENGE.

We invite you to prepare a May altar in your home following an old tradition of honouring the Blessed Virgin in homes during the month of May.

What do we need?

create a space - a small table, shelf area, bookcase
a cloth white or blue/ a statue or image of the Blessed Virgin
Mary, a candle, flowers will be added on Saturday 1st May -
look in the garden or near your home. Then each day of May
pause to pray alone or together for Mary's protection and
intercession in these times.



Why not send us in a picture of your May Altar, send it to
parishofficewicklow@gmail.com and we'll pop them up on the website for May

For the month of May -
The Rosary will be
recited every Monday
through to Friday
during May at 7.30pm - why not
join us online at wicklowparish.ie.
We will continue with Holy Hour
on Wednesday evenings which
will also include the Rosary.
All are very welcome to join us
online.



BAPTISMS

After the recent announcement from the government allowing churches to re-open from Monday 10th May, we are now in a position to make arrangements for Baptisms. We are, however, only permitted to have one family at a time and only with very limited numbers. We will be resuming the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday 16th May. We will continue to monitor the situation and may have to make changes depending on the demand for the Sacrament.

To arrange a Baptism please contact the office.



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.....

Pray, then let it go.
Don't try and manipulate
or force the outcome. Just
trust God to open the right
doors at the right time.
Amen