

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

10th May 2020

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

Fr Donal Neary, S.J., *Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew*, [www.messenger.ie/bookshop](http://www.messenger.ie/bookshop)

## The Centre holds

The gospel presents Jesus as the guide in life, the 'way, truth and life'. The Christian centre is the person of Christ. Our work for Jesus and our love for people, no matter what our calling in life, flow from this. Mother Teresa was once asked why she did what she did, and she simply said 'for Jesus'. This centre always holds, it cannot be unhinged. It is a deeply personal relationship: we are led by Jesus 'one by one', known by name, not as one of a group. We follow him as one we know, not a stranger.

We study his life and times, getting to know the places and events of his life, we become familiar with the gospels and get to know him in the heart. Prayer is the way of keeping our centre of conviction and motivation strong. Freedom grows and we begin to find him everywhere.

Different types of people and spirituality stress different aspects of Jesus. The Eastern approach to Jesus is very much the 'way'; while the African is the 'life'. The European stress is the 'truth'. In Europe we need to rediscover also the joy and vibrancy of the African and Latin American expressions of faith, and also the presence of God in all life's moods and journeys of the Indian and Eastern traditions. We can get so caught up in small or even big truths and doctrines that we miss other centres of faith. All faith needs the balanced approach to Jesus – way, truth and life. Recall people who guided you well in your life. Pray for them.

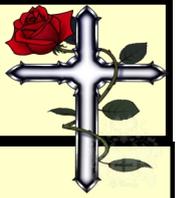
*Jesus, our way – guide me in life;*

*Jesus, our truth – teach me your meaning of life;*

*Jesus, our life – love me always.*



# Mass Intention List



## Sunday 10th May

*Jordan Quinn, Mick Marah, Michael & Chrissie Kinsella, Tom Kehoe, Ann Roche, Thomas, Kathryn & Ashling Delahunt Thomas Power, Michael Connolly Jnr and deceased members of the Power & Connolly families.*

*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 11th May to Friday 15th May*

## *Broadcast live*

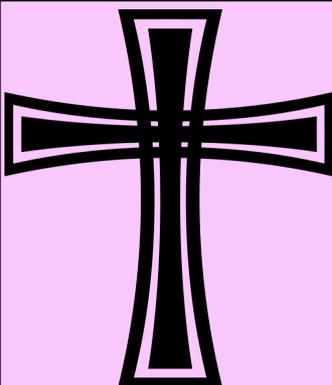
- Monday - Amy Shaw RD*  
*Tuesday - David Keevil RD*  
*Wednesday - Special Intention*  
*Thursday - Esther Pugh RD*  
*Friday - Maureen O Sullivan (Remembrance Mass)*

## Next Weekend 17th May

*Mary Duffy - Months Mind, Willie Doyle & grandson Adrian, Gareth Dunne, Coley Murley, Winnie Lambert, Noeleen Shortall, Ann, Lily & Timmy Kelly, Patrick Davis & deceased members of the Davis & Fitzpatrick Families*

*Sincere sympathy to the family of -*

*Nell Clarke nee Shannon RD originally from Ashford who died in Suffolk, England.*



# 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**

## 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 **Holy Rosary & St Coen's Schools** 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.

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.

### 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.



## Congratulations to BETTY TEAHAN



**Who won the weekly lotto raffle prize  
of €25 in the Parish Lotto**

**OUR PARISH LOTTO  
Winning numbers for this week  
9, 20, 22, 23**



**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.**

### 8 Things To Remember When Going Through Tough Times:

1. Everything can and will change.
2. You've overcome challenges before.
3. It's a learning experience.
4. Not getting what you want can be a blessing.
5. Allow yourself to have some fun.
6. Being kind to yourself is the best medicine.
7. Other people's negativity isn't worth worrying about.
8. And there is always, always, always something to be thankful for.