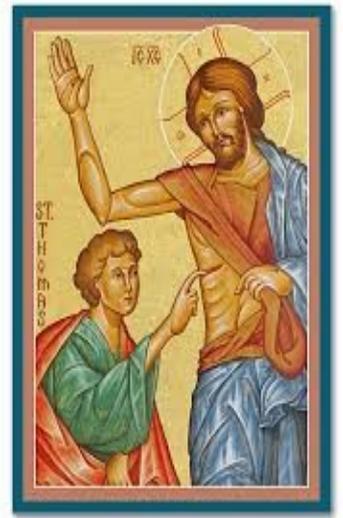




PARISH NEWSLETTER

11th April 2021
Wicklow & Rathnew



Welcome

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

Donal Neary S.J.

Gospel reflections

www.messenger.ie/bookshop/

Only faith

Jesus spoke in short sentences and summed up a lot of life in a few words. His final beatitude is in the gospel today – Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. You can unpack that little phrase and in it you realise that faith is about things that cannot be proved, that it is not easy and that it brings a blessedness to life. It also includes ourselves – the ones of this year who still believe.

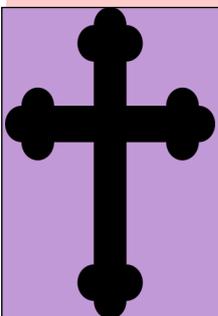


Something is only by faith when everything else fades off. Our loved ones die and only faith assures us that they are alive with God. Only faith assures us that Jesus is present in the mystery of the bread and wine at our Mass. Only faith assures us that he is with us when two or three gather and only faith assures us that what we do for others we do for him. Faith assures us of some of the best things of life; finally that we come from God and go to God.

Thomas found difficulty with all this. Jesus dealt gently with him, pointing out the wounds of his body and inviting him to touch them. But Thomas never needed to touch the holes in Jesus' hands and feet. He was told that an even better happiness was to believe without touch or sight. He found faith now in the risen Lord, and the faith itself was Jesus' final gift to Thomas.

We need to take time and let faith grow within us. This can be in prayer, in faith-conversation and in allowing ourselves sit quietly and be in the presence of God. In the busy world, this may be difficult, but no day is diminished by time spent in silence and in quiet, knowing we are richly blessed when we grow our faith in God.

Lord, I believe in your presence, with me and within me. Strengthen my belief.



Sincere sympathy to the family of.....
Yuliyana Ivananova Koleva late of Glebemount,
Wicklow Town & Bulgaria

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 10th & 11th April

6.00pm Bill Scott, Kathleen Brennan, John & Noírín Hírrel,
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
Families, Tommy Earls*

12th ~ 16th April

Monday - Cormac & Maisie Niland

Tuesday - Sean Kelly

Wednesday - Special Intentions

Thursday - Special Intentions

Friday - Tom Porter

Next Weekend ~ 17th & 18th March

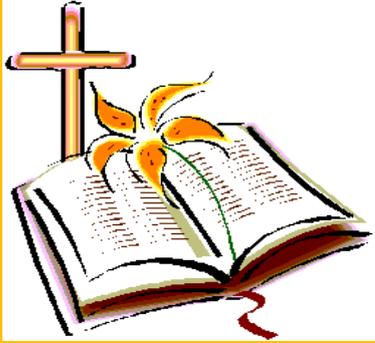
6.00pm Alice, Paddy, Michael & Mary Sexton
Kathy Cox RD

11.30am Malachy & Alice Dunne, Kit & Ron Hagan,
Betty Fitzpatrick, Philomena & Harry Briscoe,
Johnny & Paul Murphy, Una Lockhart (RD in Canada)

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: up to 04/04/2021

- 1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € not counted
- 2ND COLLECTION / SHARE** - goes towards diocesan administration - € not counted
- ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € not counted

Many thanks for your continued support.



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 18TH APRIL 2021

First Reading : Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm 4:2, 4, 7,9

Second Reading : 1 John 2: 1-5

Gospel: John 24: 35-48

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

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

ROSARY & BENEDICTION

will continue on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 7.30pm including the Holy Hour on Wednesday evenings.

TROCAIRE BOXES

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

BAPTISMS - unfortunately, under the current circumstances, we are unable to make arrangements for Baptisms. As soon as restrictions are lifted, we hope to be able to arrange dates.

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**Office opening times -**

**Monday - Friday : 10am - 12noon**

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**Geraldine Egan**

**David Earls**

**Dolores Hanlon**

**Sally Deehan**



*Lillian Timmons*

*on winning the Parish Lotto Jackpot of*

**€2100.**

**THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS**

**3, 8, 19, 22**

**Next weeks jackpot will be €650**

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

### 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, [malejourney.ie/rites/mrop-2019](http://malejourney.ie/rites/mrop-2019) or phone 087-176 3729 or

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