



PARISH NEWSLETTER

15th August 2021

Wicklów & Rathnew

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Welcome

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

Gospel reflections The Word of God is Living and Active ~ Martin Hogan

Today's feast celebrates the good news that because Mary belonged to Jesus in a special way throughout her earthly life, she now shares in a special way in his risen life. This feast does not celebrate a privilege of Mary alone, because where Mary now is, God wants all of us to be. We are all destined to share fully in the Lord's risen and glorious life. In the words of Saint Paul in today's second reading, 'all will be brought to life in Christ'. The opening words of today's first reading from the Book of Revelation has been understood as an imaginative depiction of Mary's glorious life, 'a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown'. Yet, at the same time, that first reading also brings home to us that Mary's glorious destiny belongs to us all.

Whereas the woman in that reading has been heard as referring to Mary, the woman can also be understood as an image of the church. The reading depicts a conflict between the woman and the dragon. The dragon's seven heads would have suggested the seven hills of Rome. At the time this book of Revelation was written, the church was under great pressure from the Roman society to worship the Roman emperor as the agent of the Roman gods. Because the members of the church refused to do so, they were always at risk of persecution. The woman, the church, is trying to give birth to Christ in that Roman world, but the dragon, the evil power that is behind the Roman Empire, stands ready to devour this child, this Christ who claims to be the ruler of the nations. It is an image of the church confronted by forces that are opposed to God's purpose for the world. The woman signifies both Mary, who gave birth to Jesus, and the church who continues to give birth to Jesus in every age through the lives of its members.

Mary, in that sense, is an image of the church and, so, when we look to Mary, we can learn a lot about ourselves as church. In Luke's gospel, from which our gospel reading is taken, Mary is portrayed as the ideal disciple. She embodies what we, as church, as disciples of the Lord, are called to become. Mary not only shows us our ultimate destiny, but also what it means to be a disciple of the risen Lord now. In the gospel reading, Elizabeth addresses Mary as 'the mother of my Lord'. In that regard, Mary is unique. However, Elizabeth then goes on to declare Mary blessed because she believed the promise made to her by the Lord. In that regard, we can be like her. She was a woman of faith; she entrusted herself to the Lord's word, 'let it be to me according to your word'. We are all called to entrust ourselves to the Lord's word so that it shapes our lives, as it shaped the life of Mary. In that gospel reading, Mary shows us what a life shaped by God's word looks like. She went as quickly as she could to her older cousin Elizabeth, whose need was greater than Mary's. It was a journey of love. Here was Mary's faith expressing itself in the loving service of someone more vulnerable than herself.

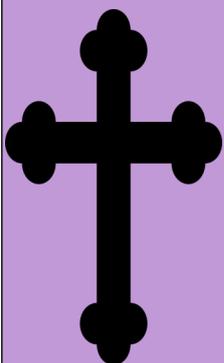
Sincere sympathy to the families of ...

Sally Scully (nee Kelly) late of St Laurence's Park

Phil Delaney (nee O'Reilly) late of Kilpoole Hill

Vivienne Jarrett late of Arklow & Knockrobin

Eamonn Byrne late of Convent Road



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 14th & 15th August

6.00pm *Sheila Roche*

7.00pm *Michael (Turkey) Doyle - 1st Anniversary*

9.00am *Special Intention*

10.00am *Betty Dunne - 1st Anniversary, James Breen,
Hughie Gaffney, Billy Winters*

11.30am *Veronica Carroll - 1st Anniversary,
Mick Marah, Stella Clarke (nee Byrne)*

16th - 20th August

Monday - *Mary Conway - Months Mind, Iris Stephens*

7.00pm *Special Intention*

Tuesday - *William & Dorothy Sweeney*

7.00pm *Special Intention*

Wednesday - *In grateful appreciation & thanksgiving to all
who supported us, over the funeral of our Dad - Pat O'Rourke
RIP, those who sent cards, flowers and helped us during a very
sad time.*

Thursday - *Patrick & Dorothy Murphy*

Friday - *Alistair McDonald*

Next Weekend ~ 21st & 22nd August

6.00pm *Margaret Healy, Chris Curran*

7.00pm

9.00am

10.00am

11.30am *Denis Fitzpatrick - Months Mind, Eugene Tighe,
Clodagh-Anne McElligott, Theresa Dunne & deceased
members of the Dunne family.*

Please note that the Masses in green type are in St Joseph's Rathnew



WEEKLY LOTTO RESULTS
CONGRATULATIONS

CHRISTINE FLOOD

WEEKLY €50 RAFFLE WINNER
THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS ARE
4, 5, 8, 16

NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE €1,325

Remember if you aren't in you can't win!
Join by texting the word
WICKLOW to 51444
or go to the website below:
www.ourparishfundraiser.ie/parish/wicklow

SUMMER OFFERINGS

The Archbishop has asked that all parishes have a Summer Collection to supplement the Common Fund, which has been seriously depleted due to Covid.

Whiles the churches were closed, donations to the Common Fund were less than half of the normal amount with the result that there isn't enough monies to pay the salaries of the priests in the Diocese and to support those sick and retired priests in nursing homes.

This envelope is a once off Summer donation similar to the Christmas & Easter Dues, and will most probably become part of the annual contributions like the Dues envelopes.

There are special envelopes available at the Church doors and we would be very grateful for any donation.



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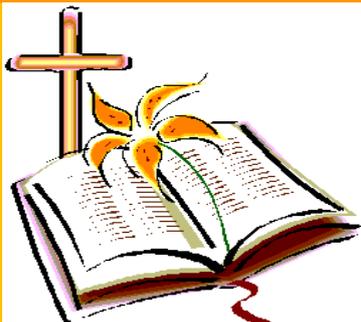
If you have concerns or queries about COVID-19
call ALONE's dedicated support line everyday, 8am - 8pm.
To volunteer your help, visit www.alone.ie

ADORATION TEAM

The Adoration Team is there to provide a continuous presence during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, which takes place on Wednesdays from 10.30am till 12 noon. So, for this purpose, two team members are rostered to be there all the time. If you would like to join the team, please leave your contact details in the sacristy or with the Parish Office.

We welcome in Baptism Will Redmond, Rory Murphy, Aodh Byrne, Lily O'Neill, Levi Moorehouse-Neto, Hollie Doyle, Liam Earls, Jake Cosgrove, Alea Kenny, Dawson Walsh, Jack Ryan, Georgia Duffy-Gough, Fiadh Ní Riain, Asher Hoad, Kye Hoad, Hudson- James O'Toole, Seanan Dunne, Willow Hodgkinson-Cummins, Adah Glynn, Levi Ignatious, John O'Brien, Reilly Doyle, Paddy Small, Travis Hutchinson, Charlie Jameson, Sophie Chandler, Max Nichols, Kyra Miskellon-Felton, Emily Franey, Lucy Harrington, Esme Roche, Patrick Clarke, Rowan Dickenson, Frankie Carroll, Emma McKenna, Tomás Corkish, Emily Byrne, Óisín O'Broin, John Ivers, John O'Brien, Ryan Kinsella, Zach Byrne, Layla Stapleton, Ashley McDaid, Reilly Stapleton, Kaiya O'Connell-Sinclair, Emilia Collinge, Ava Walsh, Mollie Doyle, Robert Felton, Chloé-Éda O'Neill, Conlaoch Sheelan-Murphy

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NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 22ND AUGUST 2021

First Reading : Joshua 24 : 1-2, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm: 33:2-3, 16-23

Second Reading : Ephesians 5: 21-32

Gospel: John 6: 60-69

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 08/08/2021

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 875
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 425
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €2245

Many thanks for your continued support.

St Patrick's Conference

Wicklow

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WICKLOW & RATHNEW

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**Office opening times -**

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

*Always pray to have  
eyes that see the **best**,  
a heart that *forgives*  
the worst, a mind that  
*forgets* the bad, & a soul  
that never loses **faith**.*

