

PARISH NEWSLETTER

15th November 2020

Wicklow & Rathnew



Welcome to our Mass and a very warm welcome to everyone joining us on our webcam or parish radio.

Gospel Reflection Year A ~ Donal Neary SJ - Well Done !

Why did he hide the money? Maybe he was asked to be dishonest – to use the money for purposes that diddled others. At the time of this parable most money was made dishonestly. Today this could be like trafficking in drugs or sex, treating our migrant workers badly, paying off violence or buying in a way that diminishes others.

The servant was an honest man and suffered for it.

Did you ever feel you were being compromised by being asked to do something that you knew was wrong? A person pressured into watching internet porn, or engaging in sexual activity, or trying out alcohol? They may feel they will suffer in the future if they don't give in.

The godfathers of crime and drugs and violence have a lot to answer for. They are those that make money at the expense of others. This is one way of reading this parable: that people try to get other people to do their dirty work, and they can punish for not doing it.

The man in the end got thrown out by the greedy master – but from God he will, 'Well done, come and inherit the kingdom.'

Today we are encouraged by the man who would not do the dirty work for anyone, would not take part in schemes that damaged others, and is the one who really 'did well.'

Can you imagine when you or someone you know went 'against the tide?' Imagine Jesus saying to you, well done. What might it be for? Lord, may I be faithful to you always

Some people will only "love you" as much as they can use you. Their "loyalty" ends where the benefits stop...

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Sincere sympathy to the family of -

Mary Fitzgerald late of Seaview Heights



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~14th & 15th November

6.00pm Vigil Theresa O'Neill - 1st Anniversary

May & John McDonald

11.30am

Tom Fitzgerald - Months Mind,

John O'Shea - 1st Anniversary, Pat Marah,

Mick & Martin Vickers, Mick & Mary Bouchier,

Julia Breen, Dorothy Dickenson, John Dooley,

Fr Senan Dooley

16th ~ 20th November

Monday - Tom Fitzgerald - Months Mind Mass

Tuesday - Pat Marah (A)

Wednesday - Iris Stephens

Thursday - Rita Tormey RD

Friday - Thomas, Catherine, Vincent, Andy, John & Mark

Kavanagh, Sheila & Jimmy Berry,

Rev Anthony O'Farrell c.s.sp

Next Weekend ~ 21st & 22nd November

6.00pm Vigil Elizabeth Giffney - Months Mind Mass

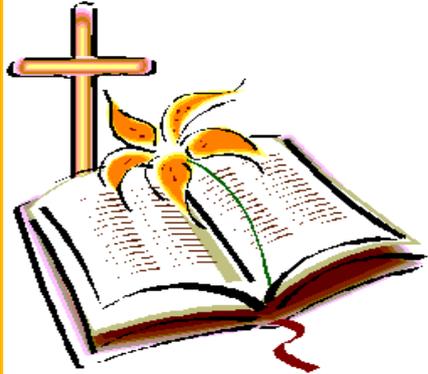
Carmel & Nick Lawlor

11.30am

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 08/11/2020

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 940
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 400
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 2740

Many thanks for your continued support.



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 22ND NOVEMBER 2020

First Reading : Ezekiel 34: 11-12., 15-17

Responsorial Psalm 22

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians : 15: 20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE.....

The current situation in regard to Church collections is particularly alarming. The Common Fund (Priests salaries) and Share collections during Mass have decreased dramatically with the Common Fund down 68% between March to September and the Share Collection down 75% for the same period. The current lockdown will exasperate matters further. Even after the reopening of Churches for public worship, numbers who will be able to attend Masses will remain well below normal levels.

As a Diocese we rely financially principally on the generosity of parishioners, especially Mass-going parishioners. That generosity has always been extraordinary. We know how, even in the current pandemic, many parishioners are willing to give - to support their priests and the charitable activities of the diocese. The generosity of parishioners is exemplary and heartening and deserves to be fostered and appreciated by enabling the processes of making offerings as straightforward as possible.

At the same time, we are all acutely aware that the reduction in parish income and in the remuneration of priests is taking place when families are undergoing similar, if not even more dramatic, reductions in income. In such a situation, priests are naturally reticent in talking about collections. We have to take an innovative and urgent look, together, at shaping a new infrastructure for the diocese to generate sustainable income.

In this letter I wish to address the question of Standing Orders. Our suggestion is that we offer a *Standing Order Form* to as many parishioners as possible, asking them to support the collections at Sunday Mass with a monthly amount. What we are proposing means asking for a monthly Standing Order which would replace the cash gifts they would ordinarily make at Mass each Sunday. The Standing Order amount will be divided into 60% for the Common Fund and 40% for Share, which reflects the current provision.

I appreciate many parishioners may already have an existing Standing Order for the Family Offering for their parish. Avoiding cash collections, already a fact of financial life, is now also a public health priority.

To help you in this process, we have sent each parish Standing Order forms for distribution to parishioners & A legacy gift brochure to encourage further support, which are now available at the main church door. If you are interested in supporting the 1st & 2nd collections please fill in a standing order form and return to the Parish Office. Thanking you as always for your support.



PARISH WEEKLY LOTTO



**Congratulations to
PHILIP BONUS**

**Winning numbers for this week
9, 17, 22, 28**

**Who won the weekly lotto raffle.
Prize of €50 in the Parish Lotto!**

**Next weeks jackpot will be €4,675
If you're not in, you can't win!!**

Please note..... There are a few players who have been omitted from the last few draws due to renewal of cards or lost cards, if you wish to continue to play please re-submit the new card details on the login page of our parish fundraiser or get in touch with the parish office.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS ~ 2021/2022

St Patrick's, Holy Rosary & St Coen's National Schools, our three local Catholic schools will be enrolling Junior Infants for 2021/2022. Enrolments will be accepted between the 3rd & 27th of November 2020, from 9.30am - 3pm. More details of the Admissions Policies and Application forms are available on the individual school websites.

PARISH LOTTO

Many thanks to all our supporters of our Parish Lotto. The Lotto is coming up to a year old very soon and we wanted to update you all on its success. Thankfully it has all gone very well and on average is bringing in between €1,200 & €1,500 a month which will amount to €14,400 to €18,000 per annum. This money is used for repairs and necessary works in the parish and your help and support is very much appreciated. We hope that with your continued support, we can continue to build and expand within the parish.

RNLI CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The RNLI would appreciate your support with their Christmas Raffle appeal. They are having smaller raffles in local places in the town and one of these places is the Parish Office. Lines are €2 each and available in the reception area of the Parish Office.

ARE YOU Feeling anxious, overwhelmed, sad or worried? If you would like helpful tips for a more tranquil heart, please call Deirdre at "Your Mindset", 086 6698418.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BEREAVED

Will be on Friday 20th November at 7.30pm. Unfortunately we cannot have people to the actual Mass, but invitations have been issued, and we hope that you can join us online. Other people will have also experienced the loss of close family during the year; if you wish for them to be included at the Mass please leave the name/names into the Sacristy or Parish Office before Tuesday 17th November. Everyone is very welcome to join us online and remember their deceased family and friends.



*All the flowers
of all the tomorrows
are in the seeds
of today.*

