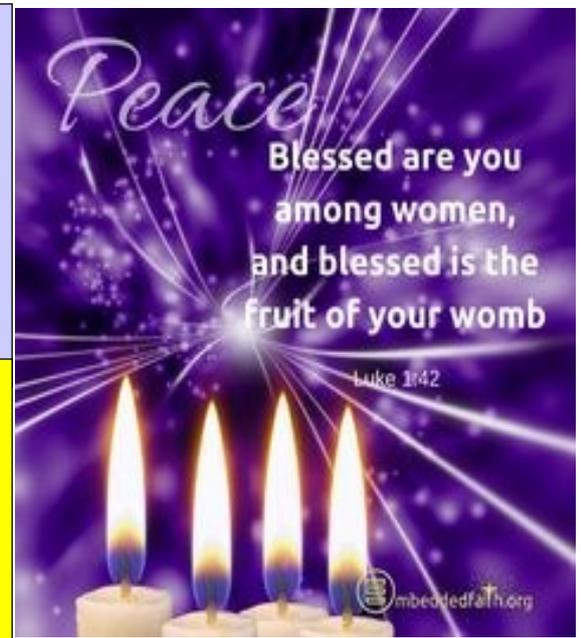


PARISH NEWSLETTER

20th December 2020
Wicklow & Rathnew
Fourth Sunday of Advent



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

CHRISTMAS ARRANGMENTS

Please see the Christmas schedule leaflet at the doors of the Church with the full details on it. Unfortunately all places for our Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses have been fully booked up, but they will be available live online on www.wicklowparish.ie.



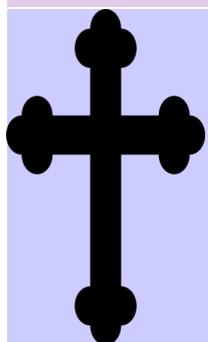
ECUMENICAL SERVICE

In place of our traditional Carol Service this year, we will have an Ecumenical celebration of Christmas with scripture, poetry and music. We are delighted to welcome our local Methodist and Church of Ireland congregations to join us, live on the webcam at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23rd December. This promises to be a lovely lead into our Christmas celebrations in what has been a very different year.

CHURCH WORKS Apologies for any inconvenience caused by the current works going on in the Church. There is quite a problem with both dry & damp rot at the moment, and unfortunately these works are very necessary to ensure the safety of the structure of the building. It will be ongoing for the foreseeable future. Please be patient with us - it will be worth it.



PARISH OFFICE will be closing on Tuesday 22nd at 1pm and will re-open on Thursday 7th January 2021 at 10.00am.



*Sincere sympathy to the families of -
Mary Heaney late of Darragh Park
Kitty Donnelly late of St Manntan's Park,*

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~19th & 20th December

- 6.00pm Vigil Des Doyle & Son Adrian, Liam Heffernan, Pat Byrne, Eileen Byrne, Christine Kearns BR & son Kevin*
- 7.00pm Vigil Mary Jameson, Terry, Thomas & Christopher & Ann Corkish*
- 8.00am Deirdre O Reilly*
- 10.am Henry & Maí Smith, Tommy & Bridie Cleary, Helen, Jack, Jean & Thomas Murphy, Tom & Molly Cummins*
- 11.30am Ben Mahon - Month's Mind, Dora Gault - 1st Anniversary Bernadette Waldron, Michael Victor Devlin, Peter Byrne, Rose O'Neill, Pat Kavanagh, Marie Kenny, Denise Flahive, Michael, Esther, Kate & Paul Doyle, Michael & Mary Knowles DM of the family, Jim & Peg Costello, Michael, Sean, Theresa & Imelda Rafter, Linda Peake, Tommy, Mary-Ellen & Angela Coyle*

21st December ~ 25th December

- Monday - MaryBeth O'Connor Murphy RD*
- 7.00pm Kevin McDonald & deceased members of the McDonald family*
- Tuesday - Aidan O'Flaherty, Tommy & Margaret Hogan, Leo Devlin*
- 7.00pm*
- Wednesday - Mary Mooney & deceased members of the Mooney Family Betty & Patsy Byrne, Jordan Giannikis*
- Thursday 10am - Maurice Cuff - 50th Anniversary*

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*Christmas Eve Vigils - Parishioners Intentions*

*Friday - Christmas Day - Parishioners Intentions*

## *Next Weekend ~ 26th & 27th December*

- 10am Mass Ned, Rosanna, John & Eddie Hanlon*
- NO VIGIL MASSES ON ST STEPHEN'S EVENING***
- 8.00am Christmas Novena (1)*
- 9.00am Mary Duffy, Mathew Duffy & Caroline Hayes, Nancy Ronan*
- 10.00am Christmas Novena (2)*
- 11.30am Tom & Delia Murphy, Jim & Jo Desmond, Sean Connolly John King, Susan Ward, Nell & Phil Healy, Nancy Ronan*

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 13/12/2020

|                                     |                                        |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b> | - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese  | - € 1180 |
| <b>2ND COLLECTION / SHARE</b>       | - goes towards diocesan administration | - € 530  |
| <b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>  | - goes towards maintaining our parish  | - € 2592 |

*Many thanks for your continued support.*



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE, WICKLOW

Our local SVP held their annual church appeal collection last weekend, and as usual your support was very much appreciated. As you all know, this has been a very difficult year for a lot of people and more than ever they need your help and support.

The funds raised will be spent in the local community helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs throughout the winter and beyond.

Donation envelopes are still available in the parish centre or at the back of the church and can be dropped into the parish office between 10am & 12noon, Monday to Friday. You can contact the local conference by email at [svpwicklow@gmail.com](mailto:svpwicklow@gmail.com) or phone 086 731 4589. People can also donate directly to our Conferences at [svp.ie/donate](http://svp.ie/donate) or calling 0818 176 176.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous support throughout the years.

### RNLI CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

*Many thanks to all who bought tickets for the RNLI Christmas Raffle in the Parish Office, congratulations to the winner of our raffle -*

*Mary Murray*

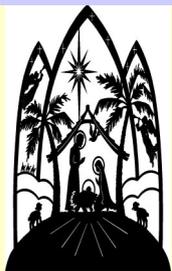
### PARISH NOVENA

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Are available in the parish office at €3 each, these are suitable for both the living and dead, and the names of the intentions will be included in nine masses over the Christmas season. There are several cards to choose from with scenes from both Wicklow and Rathnew churches and also the Abbey. There is also a pack of 4 Christmas cards for €4 available and all proceeds are for the Parish

### CHRISTMAS DUES : COMMON FUND

Christmas Dues envelopes are available at the Church doors. These Dues are vital for the continuation of all priests salaries in the Dublin Diocese and also includes sick and retired priests. This collection is totally dependent on the generosity and support of all of our parishioners throughout the whole diocese, and particularly during this year, where, all priests have taken a substantial salary reduction. We are extremely grateful to our parishioners in this parish who have always been very supportive and generous towards us priests and also this collection, and we sincerely hope that you will continue to do so, during this time and in the future. Again, a sincere thank you to each and everyone of you who continue to support us.





# PARISH WEEKLY LOTTO



**Congratulations to  
SIOBHAN TEEVAN**

**Winning numbers for this week  
1, 2, 26, 28**

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

**Next weeks jackpot will be €5,000  
If you're not in, you can't win!!**



## Our Fundraiser PlayStation 5 Draw –

**The winner of the PlayStation 5 is from Gaelscoil na gCloch Liath (Greystones) and will receive this prize in time to put it under the tree for Christmas.**

## Parish Christmas Draw -

**The winners of the draw are  
David Doyle Christmas Hamper  
Nick Healy Christmas Hamper  
Teresa Mahon Christmas Hamper  
Sandra Dunne Christmas Hamper**



## CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

### ST JOSEPH's RATHNEW

Every Monday & Tuesday after the 7pm Masses.

### ST PATRICK's WICKLOW

Every Wednesday & Saturday from 11am till 12noon.  
Also, on Christmas Eve from 10.30am until 12.30pm.

**NOT FORGOTTEN MEMORY CHRISTMAS TREE** - is a new campaign to encourage each neighbourhood and community to put up a tree as a new tradition, every year to support bereaved neighbours in their community. Bereaved people often feel lonely at Christmas and stay silent in their grief as those around them celebrate. The Not Forgotten Memory Tree is a visible sign of comfort, support and a gesture towards bereaved neighbours showing them that they are not forgotten and that their community is thinking of them and supporting them at Christmas.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People** ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm by calling **0818 222 024**, and will remain open over the Christmas period.

**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.....