



PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st february 2021
Wicklow & Rathnew



Welcome

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

Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflection www.messenger.ie/bookshop/

What my Lent does for others

Every Lent is a new beginning; sometimes beginnings are welcomed, other times half and half! We welcome Lent as a time to make our faith fresh, but we know from other Lents that it's hard to keep going, and it's for a long time! We might ask ourselves what Lent is really for.

The focus of Lent is not on what we give up but on what we are given. We focus our minds on the self-giving love of Jesus which we will celebrate in Holy Week. We allow ourselves believe in this love. Often it's difficult to believe in the tender love of God. This conquers all else in the world; it is given in the mercy and compassion of God.

Lent pours the grace of forgiveness into our world, needed individually and as a people. We need to know that God is bigger than any of our sins, wars, violence and hatred. God wants his kingdom to come now. Lent is our time of saying 'yes' to a partnership with God in saving the world from the effects of evil and sin.

Maybe we can ask what our Lent does for others than just what we are doing for Lent. It is a time of renewal, then it shows in love, forgiveness and care of others in our lives

Pray a bit every day, read a bit of the gospel every day, do something good for another every day – this is the way to share in the saving love of God. Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free, you are the Saviour of the world.

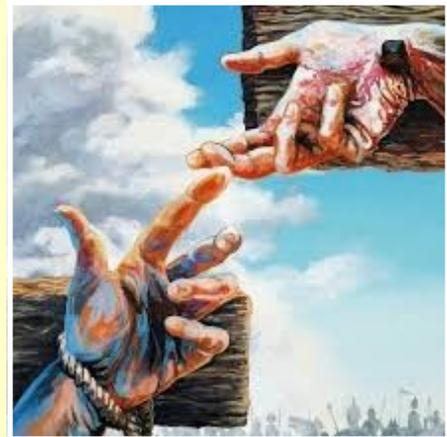
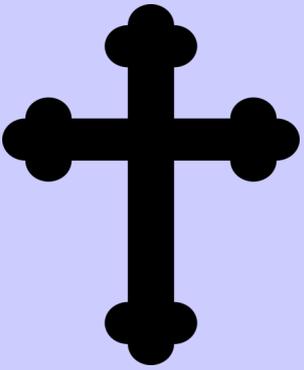


Image - Jesus forgives the repentant thief



Sincere sympathy to the families of
Josie Vickers late of Quarantine Hill
John Gannon late of Glenvale Park
Maura (Molly) Kelly late of De La Salle Court
Mary Kinsella late of Seaview Heights

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 20th & 21st February

6.00pm Sally Cahill -Months Mind, Teresa Copeland -1st Anniversary, Albert, Elizabeth, Peter (Barney) & Patrick White & deceased members of the White & O'Brien families, George Duffy deceased members of the Duffy & Callaghan families

11.30am George Byrne, Joey Doyle, Rodney Duffy & Jenny Mary Duffy, Frances Roberts, Kathleen & Jim Conway Gerry Nolan

22nd ~ 26th February

Monday - Mary & Paul Rice & Valerie Byrne, Paddy Curran

Tuesday - Thomas & Margaret Barry, Michael & Anne Barry, Thomas & Anne Barry

Wednesday - Michael O'Rourke, Margarite O'Reilly, Mary McPartland

Thursday Joe Roberts RD, John & Molly Moore, Nancy Ryan

Friday Eileen & Patrick Rowan

Next Weekend ~ 27th & 28th February

6.00pm Sally Murphy, George Newsome

11.30am Kieran O'Reagan RD, Jack & Nellie Flynn

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: up to 07/02/2021

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 250
2ND COLLECTION / ACCORD	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 130
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 1910

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 21ST FEBRUARY 2021

First Reading : Genesis 22:12, 9-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm 115

Second Reading : Romans 8 :31-34

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10

To reflect on the readings please check [catholicireland.net /](http://catholicireland.net/)
[sacredspace.ie /](http://sacredspace.ie/) universalis.com



As we are unable to attend our normal Lenten Masses we will be doing services slightly different this year.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS -

On Friday evenings instead of the Rosary, we will have the Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.

LECTIO DIVINA FOR LENT -

continues on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm until 8.30pm on ZOOM. Please leave your name and email with the Parish Office and a link will be sent for the Zoom meeting.

TROCAIRE BOXES - are available in the Church and the Parish Office, please take one home with you

IDEAS FOR THE 40 ACTS CHALLENGE

Do something that costs you nothing but brings someone else joy: a walk, a view, a book.

Think of a fun evening plan that will bring someone else joy as well as you. Plan it, and get inviting, when it is safe to do so.

Give something that costs you, and isn't particularly joyful, but brings joy to someone else.

Go shopping. And drop off a package in a donation box in your local area.

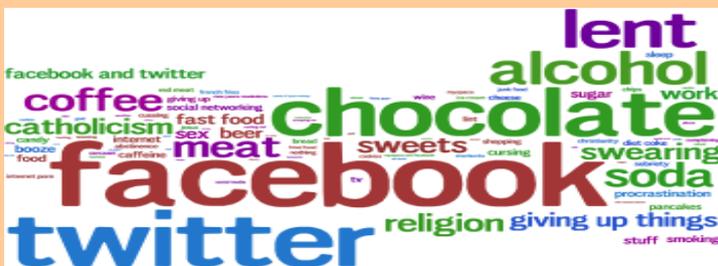
Find out about giving blood and make a one-off trip. Start giving blood regularly and give blood as often as you can.

Spend some quality time listening to a friend or family member. Why not have breakfast or lunch together today? Remember social distancing at the moment.

Strike up a conversation with a colleague or classmate who you haven't ever sought out friendship with. Make sure the first three questions are about them.

Be present with quality listening. If someone has shared their worries with you recently, follow up with them and try not to jump in with advice before it's due. If you're up for it, take some courses to help you get better at listening.

Make a pot of money – a Giving Account, or a literal pot of cash – for you to use only on generosity. Decide to give an amount of money, into that pot, be specific - for example - donate "Tuesday's coffee money" into that pot, even if it's only a couple of pennies.



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PARISH WEEKLY LOTTO

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
ELAINE HARTE
OUR WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER!**

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS

9, 13, 21, 27

Next weeks jackpot will be €1375

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

PARISH RADIOS APPEAL

If anyone has a Parish Radio lying around their house, can you please drop it into the Parish Office as we have some parishioners looking for them at the moment.

We can also collect them if necessary.

ROSARY & BENEDICTION

will continue on Monday & Wednesdays at 7.30pm including the Holy Hour on Wednesday evenings. On Fridays, there will be Stations of the Cross for Lent

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2021

One of the big changes we are dealing with in the parish is coming up with a new way of planning, preparing and celebrating the sacraments that have traditionally been school-based. The move away from school-based sacraments has been talked about for a long time but the reality of Covid 19 has speeded up the process.

At this stage, with all the disruption there has been due to Covid 19, it is not possible to give any firm dates for when the sacraments may be celebrated. They will almost certainly not be happening at the traditional time this year; however, they will happen at some stage and it is important that for those who want to take part we at least begin the process of preparation.

All candidates who wish to take part in the Sacraments will be expected to participate in both the school and parish-based preparation. If you wish to enrol your child for the sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation our new on-line enrolment system, is now open on our Parish website – www.wicklowparish.ie go to the homepage and follow the instructions there to complete the form. If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office on 61699.

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.....

BE SO HAPPY THAT WHEN
OTHERS LOOK AT YOU, THEY
BECOME HAPPY TOO.

