



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

23rd May 2021

Wicklów & Rathnew  
Pentecost Sunday



*Welcome*

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

**BAPTISMS** - We regret to announce that following directives issued by the Government this week, we have to postpone all Baptisms until further notice. Apologies to all the families that are affected by this action and have already re-booked their Baptism. But, unfortunately this situation is out of our control.

**Donal Neary S.J.**

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**Gospel reflections**

## Spirit of Unity



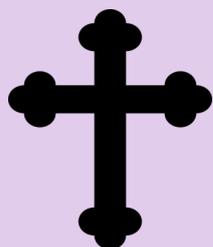
The effect of the Holy Spirit at the first Pentecost was to create unity – the incident of people understanding different languages should not be taken literally, but that some deep divisions among people can be overcome by the Spirit of God. Many of the gifts of the Spirit in the second reading are about a deep unity among us – trust, love, patience. These and other gifts of the Spirit bring unity at a deep level in families, friendships, all kinds of relationships and communities.

The effects of disunity can lead in the end to murders, violence and wars. No wonder Jesus prayed so often for unity, and his Spirit would unite us.

Disagreements may happen in the best of relationships, and lead often to peace in the end. Dividedness never leads to peace and is never from God.

Another unity of Pentecost was the reconciliation between Jesus' natural family and the new family of the apostles. Another gospel account says that in the upper room were people like James, his family 'brother', and Mary his mother, who was the uniting love of all Jesus' followers.

*On the inbreath, breathe in the Spirit of God, the wind that blows where it wills. Come Holy Spirit; Fill our hearts. Bring your peace and unity, To our world. May your kingdom come and your will be done. Amen.*



*Sincere sympathy to the family of ...*

*María Byrne late of Mount Carmel Ave*

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

# Mass Intention List



## *This Weekend ~ 22nd & 23rd May*

- 6.00pm** *Mary O' Rourke & deceased members of the Maguire family  
Tom O'Neill, Ann, Lily & Timmy Kelly, Thomas, Margaret,  
Sean & Joey Doyle, George Byrne, Kathleen O'Brien  
Noeleen Doyle nee Keddy*
- 9.00am** *Leo Devlin (BR), Art Dickenson*
- 10.00am** *Matthew Turner, Charlie Howes, Henry John Hubbard (BR)*
- 11.30am** *John Hogan, Kathleen Michaels, Yvette Davis, Donald,  
Gina & Grainne McCormack, Margarida Francisco*

## *24th ~ 28th May*

- Monday** - *Michael & Christina Byrne*
- Tuesday** - *Margaret Burke & Phyllis Milmow, deceased members  
of the Kavanagh & Burke families, Tommy O'Sullivan*
- Wednesday** - *Maeve Teevan*
- Thursday** - *Dylan Murphy*
- Friday** - *Eamon Deehan, Mary Butler*

## *Next Weekend ~ 29th & 30th May*

- 6.00pm** *Joseph & Catherine Carr, Patrick Carr, Patrick Cullen,  
Anne & Michael Barry, Lily & Monica Cullen/Armstrong,  
Maura & Clare Byrne*
- 9.00am**
- 10.00am** *Marie O'Brien - 1st Anniversary, Charlie Howes*
- 11.30am** *Jim Rowan, Michael Witter, Joe & Ellen Wynne,  
Molly & Ben O'Reilly & deceased members of the Wynne  
& O'Reilly families*

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: 16/05/2021

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| 1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND | - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese  | - € 1065 |
| 2ND COLLECTION / SHARE       | - goes towards diocesan administration | - € 600  |
| ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION  | - goes towards maintaining our parish  | - € 4070 |

*Many thanks for your continued support.*



### NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 30TH MAY 2021

First Reading : Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Responsorial Psalm: 32

Second Reading : Romans 8: 14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28 : 16-20

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

**RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES - We are delighted to welcome all our Parishioners back to Mass. Like our last re-opening we will have stewards at the doors and there will still be restrictions within the Church. These restrictions are for everyone's safety as not everyone will have received their vaccines yet. So, once again, we will be requesting that people wishing to attend Mass will arrive early as numbers will be limited, sanitise hands on entry to Church, follow the stewards instructions and to continue to wear face masks while in the church.**

## The Abbey Grounds

Dear parishioners, a few months ago I spoke about a plan put forward by Wicklow County Council to take on the running of the Abbey Grounds and to enhance them for use as a public park for the people of the town. There was a huge response from people, largely positive to the basic idea, but many expressing reservations about the ongoing maintenance of the grounds after the initial work is done, as well as concerns about the preservation of the Abbey ruin as an important sacred site. Some expressed fears that the grounds would be used for housing or turned into a car park for the town.

Having carefully considered all points of view, and after extensive discussions with the Council and the diocese about the concerns expressed, an agreement in principle has been reached that the transfer of ownership can go ahead, subject to planning permission being granted. The transfer of ownership will be subject to very strict conditions, among them being the following:

That the grounds can only ever be used for community and charitable purposes. If this condition is not adhered to the ownership reverts to the Parish of Wicklow.

The Council will establish a management committee to oversee the running of the grounds. The parish can nominate two people to take part in that committee.

The Council will commit to maintaining and securing the historic Abbey ruins in good condition and with respect as a religious site.

I appreciate that not everybody will be happy with this decision, and it is not one that has been taken lightly, but, having taken all points of view into consideration, I am happy that this is the best outcome for the parish and the people of Wicklow Town. I will update you further when I have more information.

*Fr Donal*

Many thanks to the sponsor of our newsletter  
McCrea's Funeral Home, Dublin Road, Phone 0404 69000, 24 hours  
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## OUR WEEKLY LOTTO RESULTS

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

**EIBHLIN KINSELLA**

**WEEKLY €50 RAFFLE WINNER**

**THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS**

**1, 2, 4, 8**

**NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT WILL BE**

**€1,325**

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

### WICKLOW SAVINGS CLUB

Are delighted to announce that they have resumed in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre on Monday afternoons from 1.30pm till 4pm. This is a great way to save for Christmas. You can save as little or as much as you want. Why not drop in and check it out, the Savings team would be delighted to meet you.



**MARIAN PILGRIMAGES** have released their pilgrimage schedule for 2021 & 2022 to Lourdes, Medjugorje, Fatima, Italy & The Holy Land For more information or to register your interest please visit [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie) or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159



**For the month of May - The Rosary will be recited every Monday through to Friday during May at 7.30pm - why not join us in Church or online at [wicklow-parish.ie](http://wicklow-parish.ie). We will continue with Holy Hour on Wednesday evenings which will also include the Rosary. All are very welcome.**

### ADORATION TEAM

*The purpose of the Adorations Team is to make sure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended during Exposition - Wednesdays 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.*

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.....

**Love yourself first,  
because that's who  
you'll spend the rest  
of your life with.**

