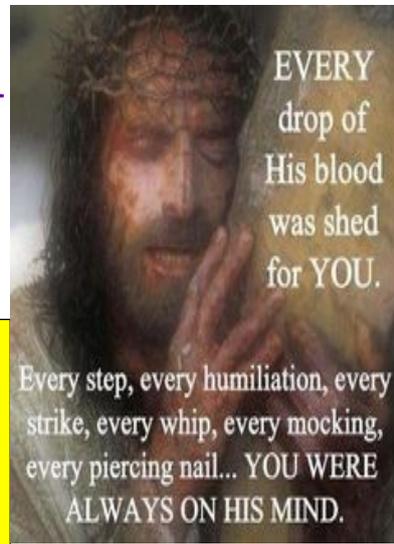




PARISH NEWSLETTER

28th MARCH 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 Reflections* www.messenger.ie/bookshop/

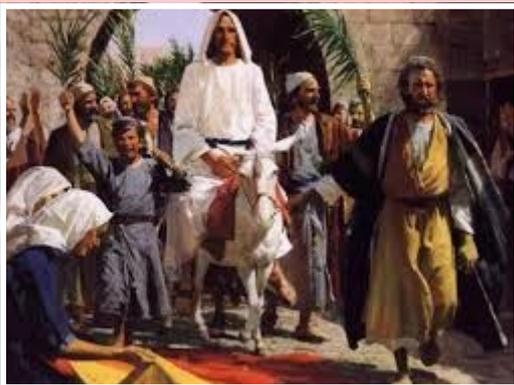
Two Parades.

There are two parades of Holy week: First into Jerusalem from Bethany on the Sunday and Jesus being acclaimed as a political saviour. People hoped he would triumph, that his followers would put him into power and all hoped he would get rid of the Romans.

The second, from Jerusalem outside the walls of the city on the following Friday, to Calvary; a man in disgrace. A man carrying his cross, crowned with thorns, mocked and bullied and tortured. And about to be killed. Like the parade to a dishonoured graveside.

He had all sorts of followers – some like camp followers, some terrorists, some people on the make for themselves, or the ones who stayed till the end, like his mother, an aunt and a few of the followers. The others were at a distance, they would come back, and would follow later to the end.

We hope to be in that second parade. Palms are for waving in triumph, then they wilt and wither. The cross is forever, for all time. The cross is his love, and as we follow in this parade we show our willingness to console him in love to the end. This is a holy week because a man like us, and one of the Trinity, gave his life.



Look at a crucifix and say, 'what will I do for Christ?' Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free; you are the Saviour of the world.

EASTER MASS CARDS

There are a beautiful set of PARISH EASTER MASS CARDS which are available now in the Parish Office at €3 each. They are a lovely way to mark the Easter season for those that you may not be able to see over the Easter break.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will close on Wednesday 31st March at 12.30pm and will re-open on Thursday 8th April at 10am. Wishing all visitors to our office a very happy and peaceful Easter.

Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 27th & 28th March

6.00pm *Thomasina Brennan*

11.30am *Pat O'Rourke - Months Mind Mass*
Jimmy Cleary, Mary Moules, Maureen O'Brien,
William Kinsella

29th ~ 2nd April

Monday - Special intention for someone who is very sick.
Shane Kinsella - Months Mind Mass

Tuesday - Parishioners Intentions - Parish cards

Wednesday - Maureen O'Brien - BR

Thursday - Holy Thursday - Morning Prayer of the Church

Friday - Good Friday - Morning Prayer of the Church

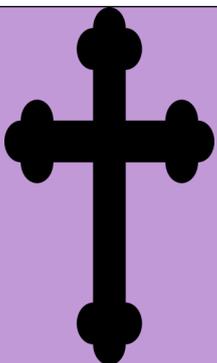
Please see the Easter Schedule for Holy Week ceremonies.

Next Weekend ~ 3rd & 4th March

6.00pm *NO VIGIL MASS*

9.00pm *Blessing of Paschal candle*

11.30am *Nancy Gill, Fr Tom Scully - both 1st Anniversaries*
Michael Earls, Teresa Synnott & Godson Peter Farrell
Jack Fox & deceased members of the Fox & Robinson
families



Sincere sympathy to the family of.....
Thomas (Tommy) Merrigan late of
Seaview Heights, Rathnew

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: up to 21/03/2021

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 600
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 330
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 2270

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 4TH APRIL 2021

First Reading : Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm 117

Second Reading : Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20: 1- 9

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



Holy Week Celebrations

Palm Sunday

28th March:

11:30am: Mass with Blessing of Palms

Palms will be available at the Church from Thur. 25th

Mon., Tue. & Wed.

29th, 30th & 31st: 10am: Mass

Monday 29th: 7:30pm Rosary & Benediction

Tuesday 30th: 7:30pm Holy Hour / Reconciliation Service

Holy Thursday

1st. April:

10am: Morning Prayer of the Church

8pm: Celebration of the Lords Supper

9pm: Watch and Pray

Good Friday

2nd April:

10am: Morning Prayer of the Church

12 noon: Stations of the Cross

3pm: Reading of the Passion followed by an Ecumenical Service available both on the Parish website & YouTube

8pm: Prayer around the Cross

Holy Saturday

3rd April:

10am: Morning Prayer of the Church

12 noon: Traditional Blessing of Food

9pm: Blessing of the Paschal Candle

10pm The Easter Vigil will be Live From Knock Shrine on R.T.E.1

Easter Sunday

4th April:

11:30am: Mass

Many thanks to the sponsor of our newsletter
McCrea's Funeral Home, Dublin Road, Phone 0404 69000, 24 hours
www.mccrea.ie - info@niallmccrea.com

OUR WEEKLY LOTTO RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO

BILLY O'REILLY

OUR WEEKLY €50 RAFFLE WINNER!

THIS WEEKS WINNING NUMBERS

7, 19, 20, 30

Next weeks jackpot will be €1,975

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

HOLY WEEK

2021 Holy Week will be celebrated online again this year.

We will have a full schedule of services available next week for parishioners.

We are suggesting to our parishioners to display their palm on their front doors or windows like we did last year and maybe develop it a bit for Holy week. It can be as simple or as ornate as you like. See the images here for some ideas.

Please photograph your palm, crosses or wreaths - send them to us and we will pop them onto our Facebook page and website for Holy Week.



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Men's Rites of Passage, Kiltegan 18th – 22nd August 2021

Nowadays, the question of what it means to be a man can be perplexing, and to be a man of faith in Ireland today can be very difficult. Most men have a longing for the support and guidance of other men in their journey towards masculinity, maturity, and a deeper experience with the divine. Living a shallow unexamined life is an empty experience. Opening the door to this journey can start with the Men's Rites of Passage (MROP), a five-day deeply spiritual experience that builds on the classic patterns of male initiation through profound rituals and teachings. It is the kind of experience that can help awaken men to the adventure and mystery of their own masculinity, their potential for leadership, and their life's purpose. Join with other men on this journey in Kiltegan, Co Wicklow, 18-22 August 2021.

For more information, phone 087-176 3729 or go to malejourney.ie/rites/mrop-2019