



PARISH NEWSLETTER

31st JANUARY 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/

The Power of Evil

Jesus was very aware of the power of evil that can be around us. Jesus named the spirit whatever that meant. This gave him power over the spirit. He knew evil when he met it and he overcame it, with love, power and with kindness for this man. In Jesus the good and the evil of the world met.

One big evil in us is the 'it's mine'. We learn it from childhood. We take the plate of cakes or a packet of sweets and say "all mine". We normally get over this but not always. We need the conversion from *it's mine* to *it's ours*. That's the Christian way. The environment is not ours, but for us. We have no right to kill off livelihood all over the world for our paper, our oil and our greed. Any abuse of people is the 'you are mine' syndrome. Nobody owns anyone in this earth and we belong only to God in a free way. Evil will never win out to the end. It has been conquered on the Cross, with love.

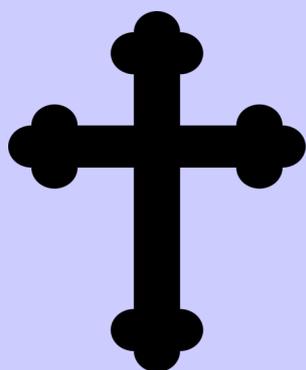
Somehow this man was possessed. Evil came into him and maybe it was not his fault. He left clean and whole, with a kindness in his heart he would never forget. The people were amazed not just at Jesus but at the change in the man who had been possessed.

What are evil desires in myself? For control of others, for greed, for whatever leads me away from love. Imagine the light of God filling the darkness in me.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Sincere sympathy to the family of

Mary Doyle late of Glenvale Park



Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 30th & 31st January

- 6.00pm* *Margaret Hodgkinson & remembering
her husband Rodney on his birthday remembrance.
Seamus O'Rourke*
- 11.30am* *Patty Byrne, Breda Merrigan,
Kathleen (Kitty) Redmond, Anne Carney
Baby Matthew Eugene O'Leary*

1st ~ 5th February

- Monday - Patrick & Bridget Mahon*
- Tuesday - Conal Higgins & family*
- Wednesday - Christmas Novena (7)*
- Thursday Christmas Novena (8)*
- Friday Christmas Novena (9)*

Next Weekend ~ 6th & 7th February

- 6.00pm* *Gillian Byrne Stanley (1st anniversary)
Billy Earls*
- 11.30am* *Jim Kellegher, Leo Cullen & deceased members
of the Cullen & Lambert families*

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW: up to 24/01/2021

1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 650
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	- € 1180
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 2075

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS - 7TH FEBRUARY 2021

First Reading : Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm 146

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

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



Congratulation to Jennifer Gormley (nee Cummiskey) who won the €5000 in Our Parish Lotto last week. Here she is with Fr Donal collecting her winnings.

UPCOMING FEASTDAYS

1st Feb: St Brigid

Renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example which led her to found a double monastery in Kildare. The St Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection.

2nd Feb: The Presentation of the Lord -Candlemas Day

This feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, his mother. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognised Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'.

3rd Feb: St Blaise

The blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. The Blessing is done using two crossed and unlighted candles, which are blessed on the memorial of St Blaise or on the feast of the Presentation on the Lord.

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**Office opening times -**

**Monday - Friday : 10am - 12.30pm**

## DURING LOCKDOWN

### TAKE THINGS SLOWLY

As a society, we put so much pressure on getting things done. Lockdown can be challenging for everyone, so it's important to put your mental health first. If you need to take some time out remember that it's OK to take things slowly; read a book, run a bath, head outside for a winter walk.

### MAINTAIN REGULAR SOCIAL CONTACT

For many of us, we've gone without face-to-face contact with our loved ones for several months. Social contact is really important for staying well. These measures, while absolutely vital to tackling the pandemic, are particularly challenging for those with mental health problems because of increased disruption/loneliness/lack of support system. Use the phone, accept the offers of help, try some form of social media to keep in touch.

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

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**"DO NOT SET ASIDE  
YOUR HAPPINESS.  
DO NOT WAIT  
TO BE HAPPY  
IN THE FUTURE.  
THE BEST TIME TO BE  
HAPPY IS ALWAYS NOW."**

*- Roy J. Bennett*

