

PARISH NEWSLETTER

31st May 2020

Wicklow & Rathnew



Welcome

*A very warm welcome
to everyone joining us on
our webcam or
parish radio.*

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Monday - Friday : 10am - 12.30pm

PARISH OFFICE -- is open Monday to Friday from 10.30 till 12.30 for general enquiries, to book Masses, buy Mass cards, to collect envelopes etc. Please note that along with the few printed newsletters in the Church, the newsletter is also available on the Parish website every week, under the News section. Just a reminder that St Patrick's & St Joseph's Church are open everyday for private prayer or to light a candle from about 10.30am onwards.

Weekly Envelope Collection

Weekly envelopes for the year June 2020 to May 2021 are currently available for distribution to homes by parish volunteers.

Many thanks to the volunteers for their help but mostly thank you to all who contribute to the support of the parish either through the envelope collection or by standing order each week throughout the year.

Your continued generosity and support of the parish is very much appreciated.

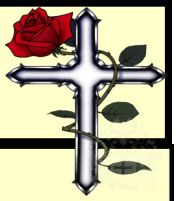
Thanks to those who have signed up to the 'Tax Back' scheme which has made a huge contribution to parish funds at no extra cost to the donors. Any donations that exceed €250 in a calendar year are eligible for a tax rebate of up to 40% to the parish.

All of the money donated in the weekly envelopes or by standing order is used for the running of the parish. This is the only money that stays in the parish. The monies given in the other collections are for the payment of the salaries of the priests of the diocese (First Collection) and for the 'Share' fund which supports the services provided by the diocese (Second Collection).

If you are new to the parish and do not already receive a box of weekly envelopes and would like to do so, or if you would like to set up a standing order or avail of the 'Tax Back' scheme, please contact the parish office. If you haven't received your box of envelopes, please let the office know and we will ensure delivery of same.

Once again, sincere thanks for your generosity over the past year and look forward to your continued support in the future.

Mass Intention List



Sunday 31st May

Baby Bella Monaghan - 1st Anniversary, Derek Hollingsworth, Neil Shanahan, Michael Witter, Frank, Francis, Martin & Lena Doyle, Jim Rowan, Tom Nagle, Alice Quinn,

Due to Mass cancellations all of the weekend intentions will be remembered at one Mass on Sunday, which will be broadcast live

Weekly Daily Masses-10am -Monday 1st June to Friday 5th June

Broadcast live

- Monday - Stephen O'Rourke (A)*
Tuesday - John Phillips (A) Robbie & Mary Carter - Wedding Ann
Wednesday - Ann Earls - 80th BR, Liam Moore (A), Teresa Synnott BR & grandson Peter Farrell (A)
Thursday - Michael Byrne (RD), Peter & Susie Byrne celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary & remembering their children & grandchildren.
Friday - Altar List of the Dead.

Next Weekend 7th June

Eddie Coffey, Peter & Peggy Finnegan, Tony & Peggy Gillespie, Charlie & Carmel Byrne, John Connolly, George Byrne, Thomas, Margaret, Sean & Joey Doyle, Monica O'Rourke, Joseph & Sarah O'Rourke, Kate, Michael, Esther & Paul Doyle & deceased members of the Doyle family, Paddy Ryan & deceased members of the Ryan & Dooley families

TROCAIRE BOXES - can be returned to the Parish Office any morning during the week between 10.30am & 12.30pm.

MASS TIMES

Mass is live on the Webcam at 10am Monday to Friday. Church doors will be closed for the Mass, but will re-open after it (approx. 10.30am) until 7.00pm

The 11.30am Mass on Sundays will also be streamed live, but again its closed to the public Holy Hour continues on Wednesdays at the new time of 7.30 to 8.30pm. Devotions to the Sacred Heart, Monday to Friday evenings at 7.30pm for the month of June.

This allows parishioners to visit for private prayer or to light a candle, but please be aware of social distancing while in the church and if you are over 70, please adhere to government guidelines and continue to cocoon. Stay safe everyone.

Daily Mass is also on RTE News Now (channel 200 or Sky 521) at 10.30am, for those who wouldn't have access to the internet in their homes.

Fr Donal Neary, S.J *Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew* www.messenger.ie/bookshop/

Spirit Alive

Someone dies and we say he kept his spirit alive to the end; or we say that 'his spirit lives on'. A word we talk of easily. It's something elusive, you can't pin it down. It comes from somewhere. Maybe from parents, a spirit of endurance or being able to make it through tough time; or from our prayer and faith. We talk of good team spirit, or of a person who kept joyful and courageous to the end. Today is the feast of the Spirit of God, alive, active and joyful.

The flame of the Spirit of love is the flame of God. The tongues of fire over the apostles and the followers of Jesus were flames of love, the Spirit of God that would burn on the inside forever. Pentecost is the flame of God's own love, given to his followers to mark the birth of the community, the body of Jesus, the church.

It is the spirit of forgiveness always, a gift of the first Pentecost. Did this blow in our own country during the visit of the British queen, when the Good Friday Agreement and other peace agreements were Signed, when the call came for a new reconciliation among people hurt badly in the times of the troubles?

Compassion, mercy, forgiveness and a hope for justice for all are gifts we ask from the Spirit who blows among us strongly today.

On each inbreath, pray

*'Come, Holy Spirit', live in me and in all of us
as you lived in Mary and the apostles.*



ST VINCENT DE PAUL— are appealing for donations which can be returned by
Phone: 0818 176 176 **or** Website: svp.ie/donate, **or** by post to SVP House, East Region 91/92 Sean McDermott St., Dublin 1, DO1, WV38 **or** locally at the Parish Office, please mark envelope clearly for SVP.

**CHILD SAFEGUARDING
OFFICER**

Telephone number

087 123 805

To all of our First Communion & Confirmation candidates

We hope that you are all keeping up your school work while enjoying this time with your families. A very special welcome to the children from **De La Salle Class & Montessori School** who were due to make their Confirmation this Sunday.

Unfortunately due to the Corona Virus, we are all in a very different world at the moment. Please be assured that we are remembering and praying for you all at this time, when you should have been celebrating your very special day.

As the situation is ongoing, we are starting to upload some resources for the Sacraments. So, for the next few weeks, there will be a weekly work sheet based on the Sunday Gospel for both First Communion and Confirmation candidates.

There will be instructions with the work sheet & it is available on the parish website & Facebook page before the weekends Mass www.wicklowparish.ie The Mass is broadcast live at 11.30am every Sunday.



Congratulations to DERVELA EARLS



Who won the weekly lotto raffle prize of €25 in the Parish Lotto

OUR PARISH LOTTO

Winning numbers for this week

6, 19, 28, 30



There are some Apps/ Websites available online that may be of benefit to Parishioners in providing Daily Prayer & other resources while we are in the current situation: Pray as you Go; The Magnificat; Catholic Ireland; Radio Maria, along with our own local website & webcam.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - unfortunately our parish pilgrimage to Lourdes has to be cancelled for this year. Anybody who has paid a deposit will be refunded in full.

ASHFORD PARISH - now have a **DONATE** button on their website to facilitate those who would still like to contribute and support the parish & clergy. Please see their website www.ashfordglenealyparish.com

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
please come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you now
as if you were already there
and I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me
to be separated from you.
Amen.

DEVOTIONS FOR JUNE

On behalf of the priest of the parish we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all who joined us in praying the Rosary for an end to the coronavirus during the month of May.

As our churches still remain closed for public worship, for the moment, we would like to invite you, at the same time, 7:30pm, Monday to Friday, to join with us by means of the parish radio and online for devotions to the Sacred Heart.

We hope you can join with us as we prepare ourselves for the reopening of our Church.