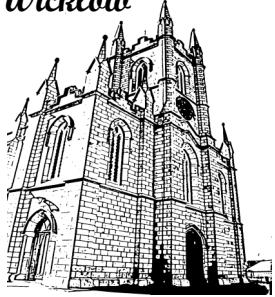


St Patrick's  
Wicklau



# Parish Newsletter

*A very warm welcome to all those who have moved into our Parish recently*

St Joseph's  
Rathnew



**Very Rev. Tim Hannon PP**  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 1st January-New Year's Day**  
**6.30(vigil)** Sean Flood (Months Mind)  
**8.00am** Deceased Members of the  
Redmond, Mangan & O'Brien Families  
**10.00am** John & Martin Bohan &  
deceased Members of the Bohan  
& Macken Families  
**11.30am** Peggy Byrne  
**Monday 2nd January**  
**8.00am** Mass for the Parishioners  
**10.00am** Joe Cumiskey  
**Tuesday 3rd January**  
**10.00am** Willie Olohan  
**Wednesday 4th January**  
**8.00am** Ned Harrington  
**10.00am** Thomas & Eileen Hayes &  
Norma Titley  
**Thursday 5th January**  
**10.00am** Tom & Delia Murphy  
**6.30pm** Robert & Bridie Grant  
**Friday 6th January Feast of the Epiphany**  
**8.00am** Altar List of the Dead  
**10.00am** Altar List of the Dead  
**6.30pm** Barry Rice (Months Mind) &  
his mother Dolly and his brother Gordon  
**Saturday 7th January**  
**10am** Bridget & Edward Cox &  
Graham Roberts

**To book a mass, you must contact the sacristan.**

## PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open from 9.15am to 2pm, Tuesdays to Thursdays and 9.15am to 12.45pm Fridays. Its located in the Abbey Grounds and can be entered through the green gate on Abbey Street or the double gates opposite Nel Keenan's. Please call for any enquiries or information.

## NEWSLETTER NOTICES

Any items for the newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday evening at the latest.

## PARISH SHOP

A wide range of religious items for all special occasions are available in the shop along with a beautiful selection of signed Mass Cards for €3. Individual masses €10 (Cards also available in the Parish Office)

## BAPTISMS IN ST PATRICK'S

**1st & 3rd** Sunday of each month at 12.30pm. Please collect a form and make the arrangements with the Parish Office. At least **two weeks** notice must be given in all cases.

## CONFESSIONS -ST PATRICK'S

Saturday's After the 10am Mass  
Before the 6.30pm Vigil

## WEEKDAY MASSES IN ST JOSEPH'S

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**  
**Mass at 10am**  
**Tuesday & Thursday Mass at 7pm**

## BAPTISMS IN ST JOSEPH'S

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Saturdays at 12.00 noon by appointment only with the priest. Phone for details.

## CONFESSIONS—ST JOSEPH'S

After the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday and on request.

## CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

**Telephone: 087 123 8054**

## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

**1ST READING:** Numbers 6:22-27  
**2ND READING** Galatians 4:4-7  
**GOSPEL:** Luke:216-21

## HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

World day of Peace. The church asks us to look to Mary, who was faithful to the world and we pray for those parts of the world in disharmony and at war.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

**HELPLINE NO: 086 731 4589**  
**saintpatrickswicklauconference@gmail.com**

## MARRIAGES

Three months notice is required by both the Church and State. To book a pre-marriage course contact **ACCORD at 01 478 4400**

## PARISH RADIO SYSTEM

Broadcasts 10am Mass Mon-Fri and 11.30am on Sunday. Radio's are available to purchase in Sean Olohan's shop

**MABS: (Money Advice & Budgeting Service)** Arus Lorcaín, Castle Park, Arklow— 0402 91200.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties or need advice MABS is a free, confidential & independent service for people in debt or in danger of getting into debt.

## DIARY DATES: Wicklau & Rathnew

**6th Jan: Feast of the Epiphany**

**27th Feb: Parents talk in HRS in preparation for Reconciliation & Holy Communion**

*The  
Priests of the Parish  
Wish  
All Parishioners  
a Very Holy and  
Happy Christmas  
and  
Every Blessing  
for  
the New Year*

**CHURCH CLOSSES AT 4.30PM  
FOR  
THE WINTER MONTHS**

**THIS NEWSLETTER IS  
KINDLY SPONSORED BY  
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**A Huge Thank You to.....**

Niall McCrea, Undertakers, Wicklow Town for sponsoring our Christmas Tree,  
To the team of men who give up their time during Christmas week to erect our wonderful crib.  
To Flannery's Funeral Home, Wicklow Town who have sponsored our altar flowers this Christmas.  
To the Egan ladies for spending hours laminating mass sheets.

**CHRISTMAS CALANDERS & DUES ENVELOPES** are all available at the back of the church, please feel free to take them home with you.

**PARISH OFFICE**

Will reopen on Thurs 5th Jan 2012 at 9.15am.

**ST PATRICK'S PRAYER MEETING**

Meetings will resume on Tues 3rd Jan 2012.

**LECTIO DIVINA - SACRED READING**

Praying with the Scriptures will commence on Wed 11th January, 2012 from 10.45am to 12noon, at the Dominican Ecology Centre and all are very welcome

**NEEDED.....**Ministers of the Eucharist for the 10am and 11.30am Sunday masses. If you think you might be interested in joining the current team of Ministers and these masses suit you please contact Debbie in the Parish Office for more information.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**

Continue on the first Saturday of every month in St Patrick's Church at 9.30am, all are very welcome to participate

**ROASARY**

Mondays to Saturdays at 9.45am in Church

**WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE**

Is now located at Morton's Lane.  
For further info call .... **0404 32696**

**WICKLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

Anyone over 55 is very welcome to join us, why not come along and see what we're about?  
Any applications for the committee must be submitted to the secretary before the end of December. Wishing all members a peaceful and happy 2012.  
[www.wicklowactiveretirement.org](http://www.wicklowactiveretirement.org)  
New members are always welcome.  
**Contact 67906 or 086 874 1812**

**ART FOR FUN**

Sr Pauline McGrath is presenting "Art for Fun". Through the use of various media, participants will be lead to explore their own creativity. Starting on 10th January 2012 from 2pm to 4pm, at the Dominican Ecology Centre. Cost €130 - 13 lessons—includes materials. Some places still available. Contact 67328 for further information.

**THE KNITTING & STITCHING GROUP**

Will be starting on Wed 11th Jan 2012 from 2pm to 4pm. Come along and bring your knitting and or sewing and join others who are open to share skills and enjoy time to create together. Donation of €5 to cover the cost of room and a cuppa, at the Ecology centre

**RAY OF HOPE**

Wicklow /Arklow Family Support Group. Are you affected by a family members involvement with DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ? Ray of Hope is a support group to help family members cope. Meeting every Thursday, from 7pm-9pm, in Lower Main Street Arklow, 087 364 0657 (2pm-8pm, Mon to Fri)

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

**First Collection:** This collection pays our local priests, and helps support the priests of the Diocese, including those who are retired or sick.  
**Second Collection:** This collection helps maintain and build the poorer parishes in the Diocese and also goes towards the administration within the Dublin Diocese.  
**Envelope Collection:** This is the main source of income in the Wicklow/Rathnew Parish, and the only money retained by the parish. It covers all administration and general expenses. It pays for church & grounds maintenance, sanctuary cleaning, repairs, insurance etc.  
**This collection is vital for the upkeep of the parish.**

**PARISH SHOP**

is located at the back of the Church and has a wide variety of books, medals, candles and religious objects in stock. The 'Irish Catholic' and other Catholic papers are available in the shop every week. We also have a new CD to help people who have been bereaved. We are open after all Masses you are welcome come in and browse.

**BINGO** continues every Monday night in the Abbey Room, Grand Hotel & Wednesday nights in Rathnew. Both start at 8pm, and both groups need you're support

**And finally.....**

*"cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right"  
"an optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in, a pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves"*

Request for Box of Envelopes for St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow/St. Joseph's Church, Rathnew (delete as appropriate)  
Name.....  
Address.....  
..... Phone.....

**Fill in and return to: The Presbytery, Rathnew; Parish Office or the Sacristy.**