

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st February 2026

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### *Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew*

Today's gospel was described by the late Pope Francis: '*This is the new law, the one we call the "the Beatitudes."* It's the Lord's new law for us' (February 2016). It highlights attitudes of the heart rather than just a set of rules to be followed.

We do not stay just with the words of Jesus. His life and teaching was a commentary on this sermon. Jesus invites us to watch how the sermon is lived out in his life. All the qualities – being poor in the spirit, able to mourn our losses and work for peace – are qualities of the human person. This is how we know our need for God, our need for each other. Even in his risen life he was the humble one who could listen to the doubts of his disciples and guide them to further faith, each in his or her own way.

The church is called to live these qualities, which lead us to the compassion of Jesus and to bring compassion in our lives. Compassion and understanding come from listening deeply to others, especially their joys and sorrows.

Compassion also grows in prayer – by asking for it, and by watching the compassion of Jesus in his life.

Someone working with young people once said that '*an ounce of compassion is worth a ton of exhortation.*' Marriage, friendship and family life are all enriched by the quality of compassionate listening.



*Some time today notice now you are feeling:  
share that with Jesus in prayer.*

*Notice too how these feelings affect  
how you are with others during the day.*

*Thank you, Lord, for your compassion for me in all times of my life.*

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Office opening times Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

**For all enquires and bookings**

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6.00pm ASHFORD	Sr. Angela Hender D.C. 1st. Anni. Cecil Ward Jack & Frances Ward Dick Fitzpatrick	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10.30am GLENEALY	Alice Quinn (A) Noel Quinn (A)	

## ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

### 25th January 2026

<b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €170
<b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €435
<b>2ND COLLECTION/SHARE</b>	- Goes towards Diocesan Administration	- €310
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- €95

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

<u><b>Ashford:</b></u>	1st Friday after Mass
<u><b>Wicklow:</b></u>	Mondays and Thursdays after Mass
<u><b>Kilbride:</b></u>	1st Thursday at 7pm (Divine Mercy)
<u><b>Brittas Bay:</b></u>	Tuesdays at 9am



If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,  
please check...

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 58: 7 – 10**

**PSALM: Ps. 111: 4 – 9**

**SECOND READING: Corinthians 2:1 – 5**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13 - 16**



**Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Thursday 26th February  
at 7.30pm in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish  
Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this  
meeting.**



**Accord will hold its annual collection on the  
14th and 15th February, at all masses. It will replace  
the Share Collection.  
Please support.**

**LECTIO DIVINA  
(GOSPEL REFLECTION)**

Starting again on Wednesday the  
4th of February.

Where: An Tairseach centre,  
Dominican Convent, Wicklow.

TIME: 10.45 A.M- 12 NOON.

We read the Gospel for the following  
Sunday and Reflect on what the Gospel  
message is for each of us. No need to  
bring anything as we use the Mass  
missalette which we have available.  
All welcome.

If a morning meeting doesn't suit you,  
you may be interested in considering  
coming to our meetings during Lent which  
will move to Wednesday evenings Starting  
on Wednesday 18th of February. Time :  
7.30pm- 8.45 pm in the An Tairseach  
centre.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



**Unit 2, First Floor,  
Rear of Boots Pharmacy,  
Abbey Street, Wicklow**

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**0404 32696 or 086 821 6694**

Email [info@wicklowcancersupport.ie](mailto:info@wicklowcancersupport.ie)

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.  
Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.





## Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are  
one of the largest Groups in  
Ireland

**Tuesday morning  
meetings 10.45am.**

Follow us on our facebook page: **Wicklow  
Active Retirement**

If you would like to join active retire-  
ment or find out more, please do feel  
free to ring Pauline on 087 227  
6760

*You will be sure of a Céad Míle  
Fáilte*



Dominican College Wicklow  
Transition Year Students 2026  
Presents

# CAMP ROCK THE MUSICAL

**WEDNESDAY 4TH,  
THURSDAY 5TH  
& FRIDAY 6TH  
FEBRUARY, 2026**

FATIMA HALL, WICKLOW TOWN  
SHOWS NIGHTLY AT 7.30PM



Adult €18. Student €10  
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appreciation for your parish.  
If you would like to become a regular  
supporter to the Parish, please fill in this slip  
and return to the Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

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The Lord is my light and  
my salvation; whom  
shall I fear? the Lord is  
the strength of my life;  
of whom shall I be  
afraid?

PSALM 27:1