

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
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD	Sr. Angela Hender D.C. 1st. Anni. Cecil Ward Jack & Frances Ward Dick Fitzpatrick	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	Alice Quinn (A) Noel Quinn (A)	

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH **25th January 2026**

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

Many thanks for your continued support.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Ashford: 1st Friday after Mass

Wicklow: Mondays and Thursdays after Mass

Kilbride: 1st Thursday at 7pm (Divine Mercy)

Brittas Bay: Tuesdays at 9am



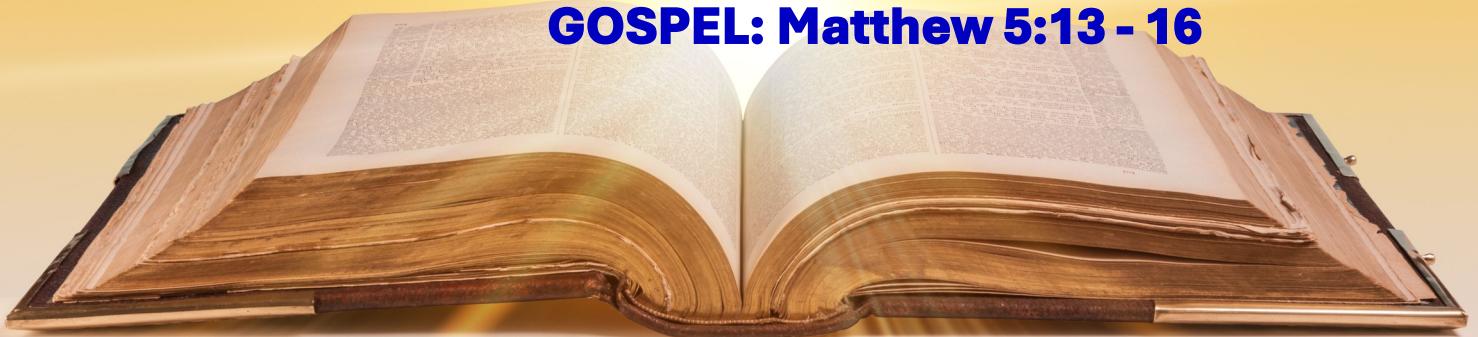
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...

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.

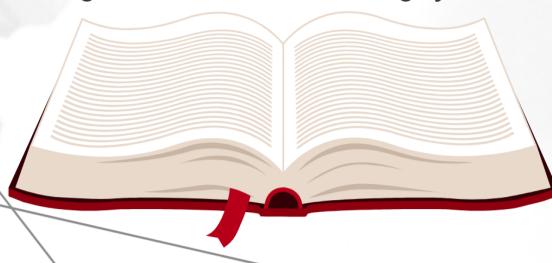
TIME: 10.45 A.M- 12 NOON.

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 missalettes 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.



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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 retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring Pauline on 087 227 6760

You will be sure of a Céad Mile Fáilte

Your contribution to the Church is your 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

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Dominican College Wicklow

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

FATIMA HALL, WICKLOW TOWN
SHOWS NIGHTLY AT 7.30PM

Adult €18. Student €10
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE
AND ONLINE AT GR8EVENTS.IE



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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