



# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The Ascension of the Lord ~ Year C

1st June 2025

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### *Gospel Reflection ~ The Ascension of the Lord ~ Donal Neary SJ*

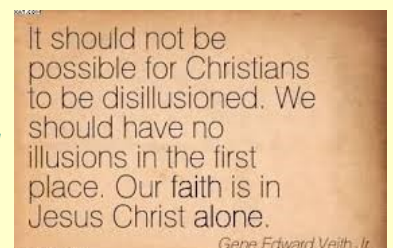
In the famous crucifix of San Damiano, the Lord ascends with a smile on his face. It is over, his mission is accomplished, and he has conquered death, and is now with us all days to the end of time. His earthly mission is accomplished, but not his mission of love for his people. He is with us now.

Jesus often talks of joy, often the joy of God in forgiving a sinner. The big joy of God seems to be mercy, and even in the memory of his own death Jesus finds joy. In the chapel of the home of St Francis Xavier in Navarre, the crucifix is of the 'smiling Jesus'. He smiles not in comfort and ease, but in love and sacrifice.

While we think today of the loss of Jesus, we are invited to rejoice as he leaves one way of being with us – on earth, to another way of being with us – from heaven. He both awaits us there and helps us get there, the mystery of the Divine Son who is one of us. The mystery goes farther that we are invited and called into sharing this life of his on earth, for in each of us is the life of Jesus. Who makes his home in us.

This is background of the prayer of St Teresa of Avila: his life of his on earth, for in each of us is the life of Jesus, who makes his home in us.

*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on this world,  
yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world...  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*



Gene Edward Veith Jr.

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**For all enquires and bookings**



**As part of the Pilgrim Year of Hope,  
there will be a Parish Pilgrimage to  
Glendalough on Thursday 5th June.**

**Mass in Glendalough at 10am  
Time for private prayer or walk  
Tea/Coffee in Laragh at 11.30am**

**Lifts available—please call or text 087 2342 355**

## **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**



## **Novena to the Holy Spirit**

**Our dedicated period of prayer,  
reflection and planning for the  
renewal of the Church  
in the Archdiocese of Dublin.**

**The Novena will take place in the nine  
days from 1st – 9th June beginning on  
the Solemnity of the Ascension of the  
Lord, through Pentecost and continu-  
ing to the Feast of St Columba on  
Monday 9th June.**

**On the 5th of June  
the Novena prayers will be part of the  
Pilgrimage to Glendalough**

### **Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

*for the renewal of the Church  
in the Archdiocese of Dublin*

Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us  
Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us  
Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us

Open our eyes to see God's grace around us  
Open our ears to hear God's voice within us  
Open our hearts to welcome God among us

Send us out with joy to live the Gospel  
Send us out with peace to act as one  
Send us out with love to build up hope

Archdiocese of Dublin

*Building Hope through  
Prayer, Reflection and Planning*

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6.00pm ASHFORD	Dick Melia (A), Lily Melia, Jack Pettit	Patrick Ferguson (MM) Donal Kavanagh (A)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10.30am GLENEALY		

## ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

### 25th May 2025

<b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 280
<b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 375
<b>2ND COLLECTION/SHARE</b>	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€ 300
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	- goes towards Parish upkeep	€ 85

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11**

**PSALM: 103: 1,24,29-31,34**

**SECOND READING: Romans 8: 8-17**

**GOSPEL: John 14:15-16,23-26**

### Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

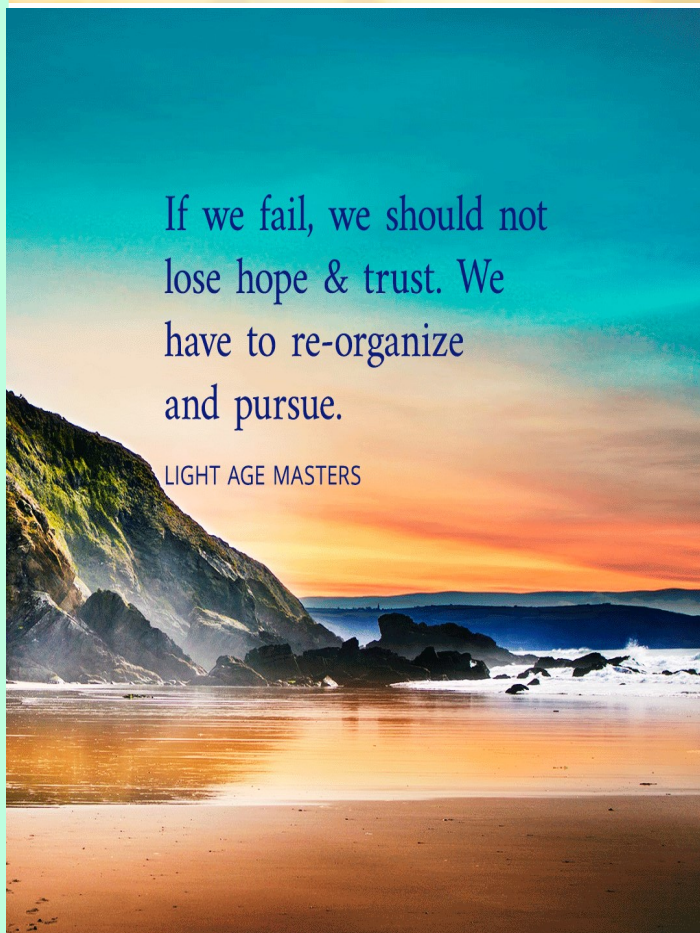
<b>Wicklow</b>	<b>First Saturday</b>	<b>2pm</b>
	<b>Third Sunday</b>	<b>1pm</b>
<b>Rathnew</b>	<b>Fourth Saturday</b>	<b>2pm</b>
<b>Ashford</b>	<b>First Sunday</b>	<b>12pm</b>
<b>Glenealy</b>	<b>Third Saturday</b>	<b>12pm</b>
<b>BBK</b>	<b>Second Saturday</b>	<b>2pm</b>

**Next Ashford Meeting is on**  
**Thursday, 26th June at**  
**7.30pm in the church.**  
**Please ring the Parish**  
**Office (61699) to book**  
**your place at the meet-**  
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**Office (0404-61699)**  
**to confirm your attend-**  
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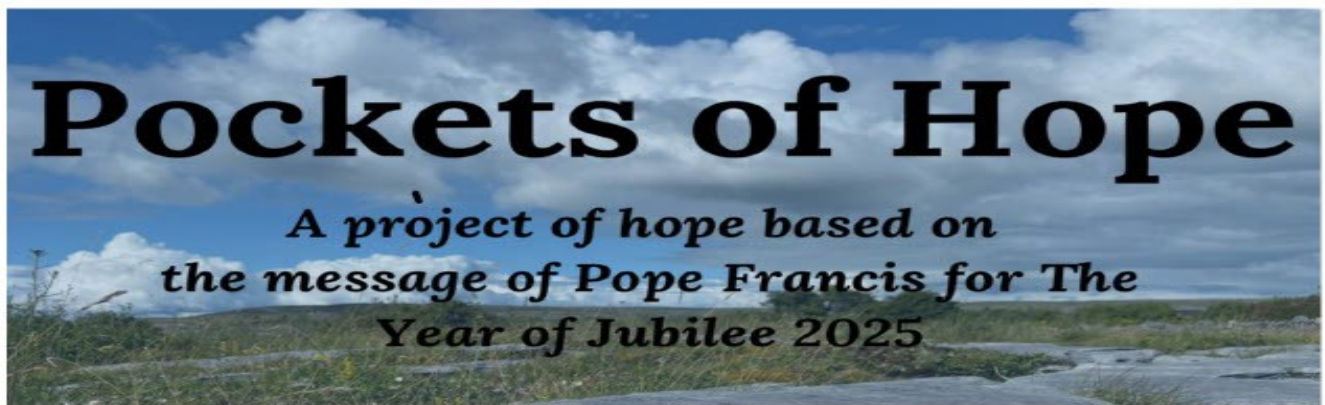


If we fail, we should not  
lose hope & trust. We  
have to re-organize  
and pursue.

LIGHT AGE MASTERS







Hopelessness can often be a characteristic of many lives today. This is not difficult to believe as with increasing secularism, war, violence, lack of social cohesion, the lack of care for our planet and general brokenness, it can be a real challenge to be a person of hope. In response to our plight Pockets of Hope is a project created by Fr. Alan Hilliard and designed by Mary-Aoife Ong which is based on the writings of Pope Francis in the document *Spes Non Confundit* (Hope Does Not Disappoint) which is the theme for The Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. Pockets of Hope draws on the imagery of the Burren Landscape on the western shore of Ireland. The display aims to highlight how hope can be discovered even amidst the most bleak of landscapes.

**Our selection of Pockets of Hope reflection posters which will be on display in the Holy Rosary Church Ashford from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.**

You are invited to complete your own mini pilgrim journey as you contemplate each message of hope and let God speak to you through the reflections. This is a selection from the complete set of forty-two posters which are on display in the Dublin Churches. It allows the pilgrim journey through the document, contemplating its rich and life-giving narrative for today's world. It is the desire that many people in Ireland can be filled with the gift of Hope through this project!

## Mass & Blessings of the Graves - 2025

Barndarrig Cemetery: Tuesday, 1st July @ 7.30pm

Three Mile Water Cemetery: Monday, July 7th at 7.30pm

Castletimon Cemetery: Monday, July 14th at 7.30pm

Rathnew Cemetery: Wednesday 16th July at 7.30pm

Glenealy Cemetery: Saturday 19th July at 3.00pm

Killoughter Cemetery: Tuesday 22nd July at 7.30pm