ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st November 2026

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All Saints Day

Today, November 1st, the feast of All Saints is a distinctive day in our Catholic list of feast days. The Church has a very precise process, called canonisation through which it feels confident to say that somebody has lived a life in tune with the will of God and has now reached the kingdom of heaven.

However, the Church knows too that we can't limit the number of people who have reached eternal happiness in continuation of their holy Christian lives. They are people known to us – family, friends, colleagues and people like ourselves who have helped the thirsty, the hungry, those without clothes and shelter. The love of neighbour that, after our death leads to God's right hand. These were the gestures that carried weight with Jesus.

A holy elderly priest was once asked "how many people attended the early morning Mass today"?
He responded "*There were three old ladies, the janitor,*
several thousand archangels,
a large number of seraphim,
and several million of the triumphant saints of God".
But we always have room for one more!
We should always keep in mind the great cloud of witnesses that surround us at every Mass.

So, on this feast we remember the many good people gone before us whom we've met in life and without embarrassment pray to them to help us on our journey. May we join them one day in the communion of saints.

***All Saints' Day* is also known as All Hallows, Day of All the Saints, Solemnity of All Saints, or Feast of All Saints. It is a solemnity celebrated by the Catholic Church and various Protestant denominations in honour of all the saints, known and unknown. In Catholic theology, the day commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven.**

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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	Noeleen O'Brien (A)	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

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25th October 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €260
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €325
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration - €195
MAINTENANCE - goes towards Parish upkeep - €60

Many thanks for your continued support.

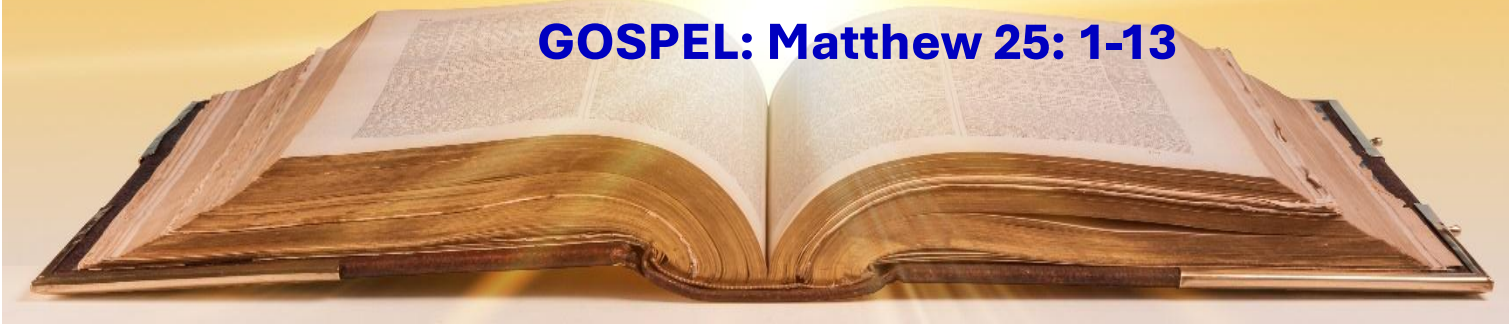
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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



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

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6: 12 - 16
PSALM: Ps. 62:2-8
SECOND READING: Thessalonians 4:13-18
GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 1-13



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

Bethany
Bereavement Support

WICKLOW GROUP

Whenever you feel ready, Bethany Bereavement Support is here to listen.

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a free, confidential listening service for adults who are grieving.

It offers a quiet and supportive space where people can speak about their loss and be listened to with understanding and compassion by trained volunteers.

NEXT MEETING DATES
Tuesday 27 October at 8pm
Tuesday 3 November at 10:45am

VENUE
The De La Salle Centre
Wicklow
A67 FX65

FOR INFORMATION
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Tidy Towns results

Congratulations to Ashford and Glenealy Tidy Towns groups who did remarkably well in this year's Tidy Towns competition. Ashford achieved 369 points an increase of 12 points on last years results and Glenealy achieved 334 points an increase of 13 points on last year's results.
Well done to all involved!

Ashford Tidy Towns group meet each Saturday morning at 10 am at the green gates in the middle of the village.
Glenealy Tidy Towns meet every 4 to 6 weeks over the winter months.
You can check out their recent activity on Facebook.
New volunteers are always welcome. It is a wonderful way to get involved in your local community.

WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

Wicklow Cancer Support

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

Have you, or a family member, been diagnosed with Cancer?

We're here to help -
All our services are free of charge

0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Email *info@wicklowcancersupport.ie*

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



Unwanted Gift Sale

in aid of
St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow
and
Wicklow Cancer Support

8th Nov

Date: Sunday 8th November 2026
Time: 10am to 3.30 pm, with Coffee & Raffle
Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town
(across from St Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town)

Pick up a Great Christmas Present and support
Wicklow Parish Church and Wicklow Cancer Support Services

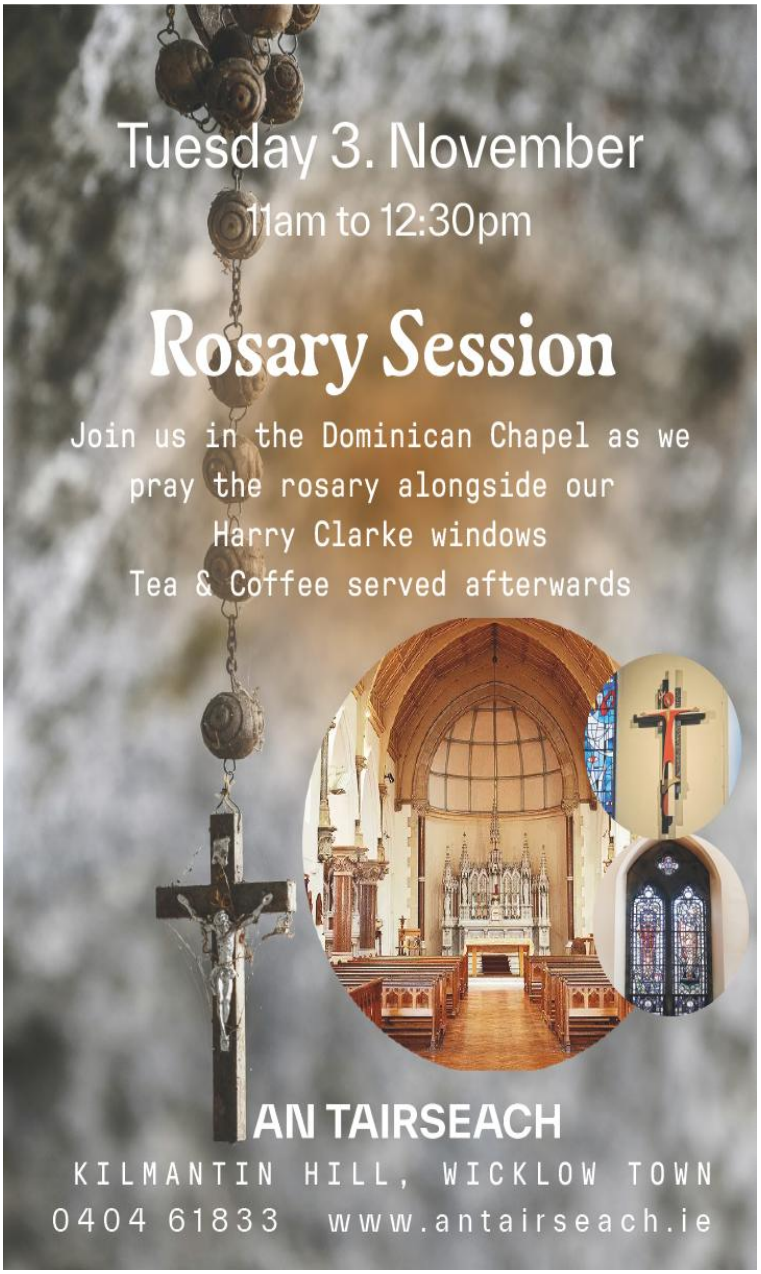


Wicklow Cancer Support

Special Christmas Room



Full of Decorations





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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