

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

2nd August 2025

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### Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Love not Wealth

You can look around a lot and the gospel today makes sense. It points at how we can get caught up in what we own and what people have. It's about possessions and how they take us over- or how we react when we lack what we once had. We enjoy wealth but we have a mixed reaction to it.

Saint Ignatius mentioned three obstacles to our faith - *wealth, honour, and pride*. He saw from his own experience that people wanted wealth so that they would be highly thought of:

- ~ it can be the right school,
- ~ the right address,
- ~ the right bank,
- ~ the right job.

We have pride in what we have, but as we know, things can change very quickly.

- ~ Shares go up and down;
- ~ you may become ill or die.

The battle is between being rich in the sight of the world and/or being rich in the sight of God.

The opposites of these obstacles are simplicity, integrity, and humility. Humility is pride in who we are - children of God, brothers and sisters to each other, and accepting ourselves just as we are. We need nothing outside of ourselves to make us feel good about ourselves. This too is simplicity.



What we have is a gift, given to us for the good of the world, the community, the neighbourhood, not just for the good of ourselves.

And in the end, what matters is that we are judged on love not on wealth. Or if we have had wealth, we will be judged on what we did with it. It can lead us away from God very easily. Do we live like him?

Lord,  
May your kingdom of justice and peace come on earth today.



*Sincere sympathies to the families of  
Laurence O'Donoghue late of London, England  
and formerly Kilnamanagh Beg, Glenealy*

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6.00pm ASHFORD	Stephen O'Connor (A)	Joseph Doyle 1st Anniversary
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10.30am GLENEALY		

## ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

### 27th July 2025

<b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 235
<b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 100
<b>2ND COLLECTION/SHARE</b>	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€ 220
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 25

*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: Wisdom: 6-9**

**PSALM: 32:1, 12,18-20,22**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12**

**GOSPEL: 12: 32-48**

# PARISH FUNERAL TEAMS

The diocesan wide Building Hope Programme emphasizes co-responsibility with priests and laity working together to serve the mission of the church.

Every parish in the diocese is required to have a fully trained funeral team.

Our Funeral team provides a Ministry of Consultation, Care & Compassion. They are fully trained volunteers, who give of their time and resources freely. They represent our parish to provide a seamless, discrete, practical support at this most difficult time.

Our Funeral Team provides assistance to the priest as they accompany the grieving family through the journey that is the funeral rite. This assistance includes; providing help with the preparation of the liturgy, prayers in the home or funeral home, in the church on the day of the funeral and in the graveyard praying the prayers of committal.






## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

**Next Ashford Baptism Meeting is on Thursday, 28th August at 7.30pm in the church. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.**


**JubileeCamino**  
Men's Hike - Carlingford to Newry  
Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>



**Mass. Adoration. Fraternity.**

**Cost: €70** (Lunch, Dinner, Bus)  
Strictly an over 18yrs, Catholic male event.

Contact [op.evangelisation@gmail.com](mailto:op.evangelisation@gmail.com) for further details  
Organised by Dominicans and Friends [www.dominicans.ie](http://www.dominicans.ie)



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**For all enquires and bookings**



As part of the Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope 2025,  
The Pockets of Hope will be on display in Glenealy Church for the  
month of July. Everyone one is invited to make there own  
mini-pilgrimage as they review the Pockets of Hope and consider  
what message they get from them.



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.

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 though 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!

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  
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