

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

2nd August 2026

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Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Of Feeding the needy Pope Francis remarked:

We find Jesus' wounds in carrying out works of mercy caring for the body of your wounded brother, because he is hungry because he is thirsty because he is naked, because he is humiliated, because he is a slave, because he is in jail, because he is in the hospital. Those are the wounds of Jesus today.

And Jesus asks us to take a leap of faith, towards him, but through his wounds in his people today We need to touch the wounds of Jesus, we must caress the wounds of Jesus, we need to bind the wounds of Jesus with tenderness, and we have to kiss the wounds of Jesus, and this literally. Just think of what happened to St Francis, when he embraced the leper. (May 2016)

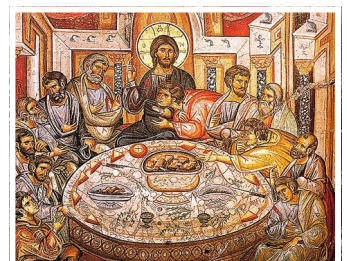
This is what is behind Jesus' wish to feed the hungry. He feeds bread for physical hunger, but the story of the gospel today is more than bread for hungry people. It is getting fully involved in the lives of those in need. It is the calling of the church: to practice the works of mercy.

Any Christian group, parish or otherwise, tries to reach out to those most in need in their area. Today the hungry need to be fed, refugees and homeless need a home, and those wounded by life need healing. The call of the church is truly to be 'the field hospital' of Jesus and his disciples in the world.

Think of someone really poor; see Jesus beside him or her.

Pray as you feel drawn.

Give us today, O Lord, and to all our world, our daily bread.



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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	NO MASS	Neville Byrne - 1st Ann
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	Jack & Dorothy O'Neill Peg, Ray & Niall O'Flaherty	NO MASS

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

26th July 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 90
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 115
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- € 180
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 10

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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



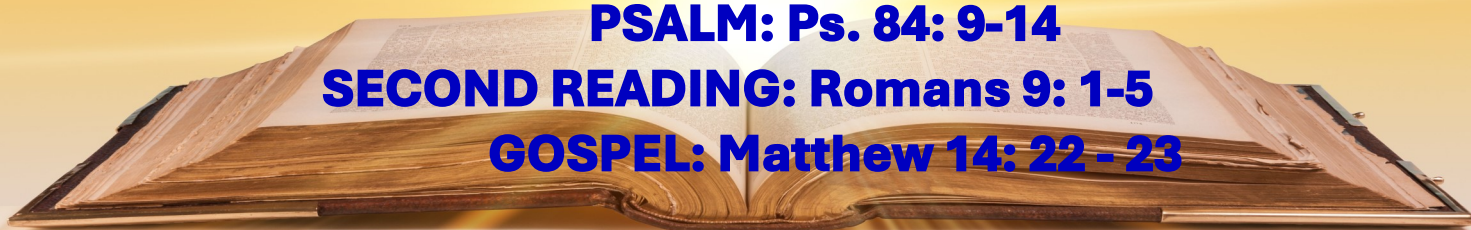
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...

FIRST READING: Kings 19:9.11 - 13

PSALM: Ps. 84: 9-14

SECOND READING: Romans 9: 1-5

GOSPEL: Matthew 14: 22 - 23



Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - No Baptism meeting in July.
Next meeting 27th August at 7.30pm in the Parochial House.
 Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

Parish envelopes

If anyone is missing a box of envelopes, please notify the parish office on 0404 61699 or email us on parishofficewicklow@gmail.com. We will be happy to sort out the issue immediately



Lifeboats

Fundraising in aid of the RNLI

**The RNLI will be having their
Annual Church Door
Collection this weekend
Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd
August.
Your support as normal would
be very much
appreciated.**



Bethany

Bereavement Support

Wicklow Group

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a 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.

Meetings are held in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.

Upcoming meetings:



Tuesday 28th July at 8:00 pm



Tuesday 4th August at 10:45 am

You are welcome to attend,
or to make contact for a chat.



Tel: 087 0060 700

Mass Schedule B and C.

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule B: 8th /9th August 2026 & 22nd/23rd August

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule C: 15/16 August & 29th/30th August

Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Barndarrig Vigil Mass	7.30pm	(Saturday)
Rathnew	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Glenealy	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)

PARISH NEWSLETTER

We would love to hear what is happening in the parish so that we can include it in the parish newsletter.

If you are organising any event or activity—non-profit—please email us with the details at **parishofficewick-low@gmail.com**



We look forward to hearing from you.

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.

PARISH OFFICE & SHOP

The Parish Office is located in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and is open Monday through to Friday from 10am till 12.30 pm for all general parish enquiries, to book masses, to arrange baptisms /wedding bookings, enquiries, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc.

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

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....



You don't choose
your family. They
are God's gift to you,
as you are to them.
- Desmond Tutu