ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

2nd November 2025

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Your word is a lamp for my feet and light for my path ~ Martin Hogan

It is perhaps fitting, that November is the month when we reflect upon more personal experiences of loss, the loss of significant people in our lives, people who have journeyed with us, who gave us love and whom we loved in return. The commemoration of All Souls is a day when we do that in a special way.

On this day, we feel a sense of communion with our faithful departed. As followers of a risen Lord, we believe that our faithful have not just departed from us but have also returned to God, from whom they came. We understand death as a door through which we pass back to the source of our being, the Creator of all life. We also believe that our loved ones, in passing over into God, do not break their communion with us. Even though they have departed from us, they remain in communion with us and we remain in communion with them. A vital stream of life continues to flow between our deceased loved ones and ourselves. The faith and love that bound us together in this life still binds us to them when they pass over into the next life. In the gospel reading, Jesus gives her son back to the grieving widow. One of the ways we expressed our love for our loved ones in this life was by praying for them. Our loved ones who have died can still be touched by the love that finds its voice in prayer. Prayerful remembrance is one of the ways we continue to give expression to our loving communion with them. Such prayer helps them and can also help us. None of us will have had a perfect relationship even with those we have loved the most. When someone close to us dies, there is always some unfinished business. Praying for our loved ones can help to heal whatever may need healing in our relationship with them. As a result, our communion with them can deepen after their death until it comes to fullness at the moment when we too pass over from this life and are united with them in God's love at that great banquet of life portrayed in today's first reading.

Although nothing is more painful than the loss of a loved one in death, our faith gives us this hope-filled vision in the face of death. St Paul says that 'hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us'. Our hope is grounded in God's love for us now, a very personal love that is poured into the hearts of each one of us through the Holy Spirit

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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 (née Healy) 1st Anni.	Johnny McDonald
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH
26th October

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €300
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €485
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - Goes towards Diocesan Administration - €280
MAINTENANCE - goes towards Parish upkeep - €100

Many thanks for your continued support.

An Tobar Nua

We provide confidential counselling nationwide via telephone and Zoom. Our service is donation-based, because we do not want finances to prevent anyone from receiving support.
If any parishioners, are struggling with grief, anxiety, depression, or other life challenges, please know that we are here to help.

Phone: 091 562 175
Email: counselling@antobarnua.com

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Next Ashford Baptism Meeting is on Thursday, 27th November at 7.30pm in the church. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

Congratulations to all couples planning their marriage.

REMEMBER …to give 3 months notice to the parish where you live. Your local parish is responsible for organising the paperwork necessary for the Sacrament of Marriage irrespective of where the wedding will take place.
Be sure to get in touch with the Parish Office to make arrangements to complete wedding papers at least 3 months before the date of the proposed wedding.

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.

Wicklow Cancer Support

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 parishofficewicklow@gmail.com.
We look forward to hearing from you.

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Providing support & a social outlet for older people

DRAW RESULTS October 2025

		Winner	Seller
1st	€300	Tommy Cullen	Oona McKiernan
2nd	€150	Maisie Kelly	Ann Lyons
3rd	€100	David Grant	Oona McKiernan
4th	€50	Betty Doyle	Catherine Barrett

Thank you for your ongoing support

Registered Charity Number (RCN) 20200036

PARISH SHOP

The Parish shop is situated in the lobby of the parish office.
It has been restocked with new candles, cards and some new general stock, grave candles & ornaments. Drop in and have a browse, baptism candles small baby gifts, angel gifts, rosary beads, car medals, visor medals, cards and much more. There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards and ordinary cards available. Shop open same time as office from 10am till 12.30pm.

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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