

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

3rd November 2024

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

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Gospel Reflections What is Religious? Donal Neary SJ

We often ask people what is most important to them in life. Various words come to mind - family, faith, love, and peace of mind, money or others. Jesus is asked something like this in the conversation of today's gospel. His most important word is love – anything in the religious tradition of the time is secondary to love of God and love of the neighbour.

In August 2012 a survey indicated that the Irish are among the least religious people of Europe. This came out of a sample of 1,000 people and indicates something to do with religious understanding and practice. Maybe though we could challenge that we are most religious, not necessarily when we are in church or praying, but also when we are at our most loving and caring, or concerned for justice.

True religion is that, and is especially true when it cares for the needy. Jesus' heart went out mostly to people like that in his own time, especially any group who were outcast like people suffering from leprosy.

This can be the same today. He is the one on the side of the needy, and most on our side when we are most needy. This is the meaning and the reason for the Christian community – to be bearers of love in our world. We are all being called to share our treasures, values, environments and even new discoveries like vaccines with those who need them as much or even more than we do.

So maybe in Ireland we are much more religious than the survey shows! When we love, in the smallest and biggest ways, among the family, neighbourhood and wider world, then we are religious in the name of Jesus.

*Recall moments when you thought you were most 'religious' and soon after were internally critical of other's efforts.
Lord, may I find your love in everything I encounter this week.*



	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD		Dylan Lynch (A)
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

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27th October 2024

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 250
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 510
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 240
MAINTENANCE - goes towards Parish upkeep - € 70

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check
catholicireland.net / sacredspace.ie / universalis.com

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17: 10-16

PSALM: 145: 7-10

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

GOSPEL: Mark 12: 41-44

Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow	First Saturday	2pm
	Third Sunday	1pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2pm
Ashford	First Sunday	12 noon
Glenealy	Third Saturday	12 noon
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm

Next Ashford Meeting is on 28th November at 7:30pm in the Church.

Next Wicklow Meeting is on 14th November At 8:00pm in the de la Salle Pastoral Centre.



The Annual Mass for Deceased from the Parish of Ashford and Glenealy will take place this year in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Ashford on Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 7.30 PM.

All families, who have lost a loved one in the last year, will receive a letter.

If anyone would like to include a relative, friend or someone with strong association with parish, who died in the last twelve months please contact the Parish Office in Wicklow 0404-61699 or email parishofficewicklow@gmail.com before 5/11/2024

World Peace

We pray for peace in our hearts, in our homes, in our community and in our troubled world, especially in the Middle East and in Ukraine.

We pray for those who are suffering, displaced and fearful because of war. Make us instruments of your peace and messengers of hope to those who are troubled.

Congratulations to Ashford GAA which is celebrating 140 years plus the 50th Anniversary of winning the County Final in 1974.

Tap and Go

During the month of September 2024 the Tap and Go machines in Ashford Parish collected €262.00 from 15 transactions. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share.

The Share collection over the weekend of 14th and 15th September was for Cross-care and €2.00 from the above went there.

Christmas O Holy Night LIVE

The Three Tenors LIVE

IRELAND'S GREATEST VOICES

Direct from National Concert Hall

AMAZING CHEERFUL ENTERTAINERS!



Conor Gibbons/ Philip Klubicka/ Paul Feery

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 8 PM
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, WICKLOW TOWN

Popular Favourites
from The Dubliners to Andrea Bocelli

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW ON SALE €30

Parish Office Wicklow
Earl's Newsagents Abbey St.

Hear the Hits: Caledonia/ Christmas 1915
Silent Night/ The Prayer/ Bring Him Home/
The Parting Glass/ Nessun Dorma

The Sunday Independent called them 'FABULOUS...
The entire audience was moved by their soulful performance'
All The Songs You Love! Absolute Joy!
www.threetenorsireland.com

Special Guests: Local Children's School Choir



Fr Donagh O'Shea
will lead a morning of
meditation and reflection
on **Saturday, 09 November 2024**
from **10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.**
at **Balally Parish Centre**
(Eircode D16 E032).

Donagh will speak to the theme
'Meditation: Falling Awake'.
All are welcome,
no previous experience necessary.
See

www.christianmeditationireland.ie

Unwanted Gift Sale

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



Date: 17th November, 2024

Time: 10am to 3pm

Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre
Wicklow Town



Special Room

*Full of Bags,
Purses, Hats, Scarfs*



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

Confirmation Commitment Mass

Ashford: Saturday 2nd November 6pm

Glenealy: Sunday 3rd November 10:30am

Communion Enrolment Mass:

Ashford: Saturday 9th November 6pm

Glenealy: Sunday 10th November 10:30am

Your contribution to the Church is your
appreciation for your parish. If you would like
to become a regular contributor to the
Parish, please fill in this slip and return to
Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

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"For God gave us a
spirit not of fear but
of power and love
and self-control."

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

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