

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

4th October 2026

Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

The Vineyard is Ourselves!

God is all the time caring for his people and thinking of us, making sure we're not endangered when he can help it. His care for his people goes into the heart of the Trinity, one of whom becomes one of us, for our sake.

He wants us to bear fruit, as in the second reading. He will give these fruits - and wants us to value them.

In our society today, we could say that in many countries child protection and care is better today, We are more inclusive of people who differ from us and the church is open to the whole human family.

In Ireland we have more peace now than we had, but maybe not more justice, especially for our migrant people. These are some fruits. We miss out on some issues - the value of faith and community is low and sometimes in public or political life we go for the temporary and the illusory and the dramatic. The gap between rich and poor is wider than ever. We have had bad experiences of greed and financial abuse, even in the charities sector. Our care of the elderly leaves much to be demanded.

Looking at the gospel vision, we can ask how the vineyard is nourished. We find that the cornerstone of the Christian way of life is love, and the love is a person in Jesus. He is the one who will invigorate the vine ... Some will ignore him, some will follow. All of us are probably a bit in between. God sent his own Son into the vineyard of human life, not because life is perfect, but because love is. Jesus comes among us because we need him.

*Imagine a situation where people try to do well
in underdeveloped countries and are prevented. Pray for them.
Lord, may your kingdom come, here, there and now, today.*

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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	Sylvester McDonald (A) Bill & Mary O'Toole (A)	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

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27th September 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €125
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €360
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- €350
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- €60

Many thanks for your continued support.

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



QUARTERLY COLLECTION.

The quarterly Church Door collection will take place this weekend 3rd/4th October, in Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford & Glenealy church. Your support of this collection would be very much appreciated.



Society of St Vincent de Paul

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25: 6 - 10

PSALM: Ps.22

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 1-14



Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Next meeting 22nd October at 7.30pm in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.



Cross Care Annual Appeal 2026

The Cross Care Annual Appeal collection is took place on the weekend 19th & 20th of September. The Total that was collected was €430.00. A sincere thanks to one and all for your generosity to this collection



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 6 October at 10:45am
Tuesday 27 October at 8pm



VENUE

The De La Salle Centre
Wicklow
A67 FX65



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ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Providing support & a social outlet for older people

DRAW RESULTS September 2026

		Winner	Seller
1 st	€300	Mary Reilly	Ann Lyons
2 nd	€150	Bridget Noonan	Ann Lyons
3 rd	€100	Margaret & Sean Barrett	Catherine Barrett
4 th	€50	Sarah McKiernan	Oona McKiernan

Thank you for your ongoing support

Registered Charity Number (RCN) 20200036

Laudato Si'

Care for Our Common Home

"The Earth is our home, and we all share it together."

POPE FRANCIS



Protect biodiversity

Every living thing has a place and a purpose.



Conserve natural resources

Water, soil, air and energy are not limitless.



Reduce, reuse, recycle

Less waste today, cleaner tomorrows.



Tackle climate change

Care for creation means caring for future generations.



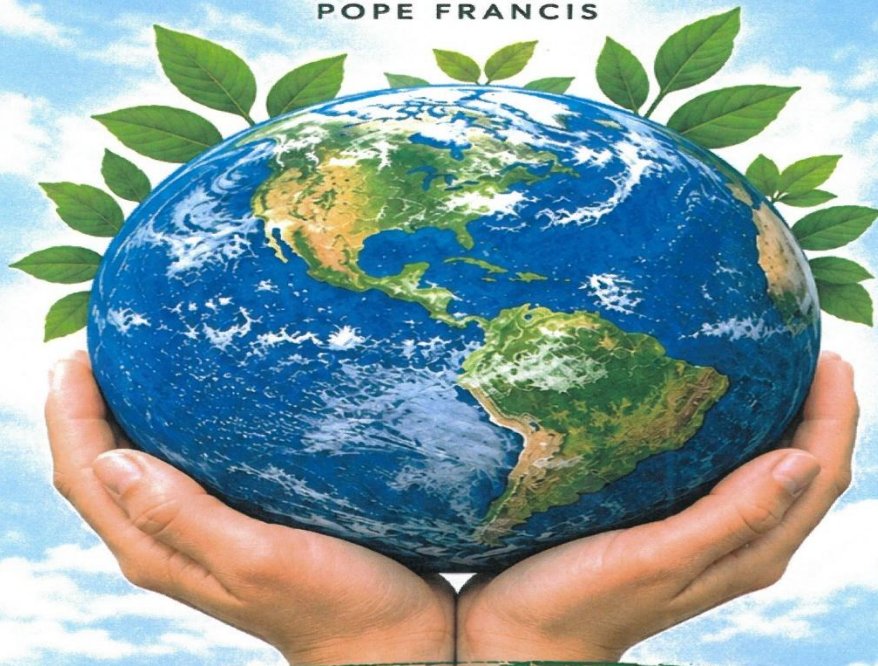
Choose sustainable living

Small actions make a big difference.



Live in harmony

A healthy planet builds healthier people and stronger communities.



*A healthier planet
is a brighter future*



In 2015, Pope Francis calls all of us to urgent action to combat the destruction that is being inflicted on earth, our common home and reminds Christians of our duty to be good stewards of creation.

More information can be found online and at
www.trocaire.org



Here are some practical ideas for what can be done in a home to help answer this call.

- Use washable - not disposable- napkins, mugs, cutlery etc.
- Install energy-saving light bulbs
- Switch off lights when leaving a room
- Don't leave electrical appliances on stand-by
- Stop using disposable plastic water bottles
- Avoid take out cups
- Enjoy more time in nature
- Wash laundry at 30 when possible
- Dry washing outside
- Avoid clingfilm - use a tub with a lid, cover bowls with a plate or a tea towel