

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Easter Sunday Year A

5th April 2026

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### *Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew* Alleluia - for singing, not for humming!

The reason for the joy of Easter is that Christ is risen - the women who came to the tomb found their joy in this. They may have found joy also in a beautiful dawn in the garden, or in their friendships, but the joy of Easter is a joy of faith, which nothing need take away.

The joy of the resurrection is a joy in giving the life we have received from God: *'Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others'* (Pope Francis).

The Alleluia is for singing, not for humming; it is to be heard from the voice of the heart, and should lift the hearts of those who hear:

*'Jesus Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'*

We often see great joy in the middle of huge poverty: often the poor can live for the present moment and enjoy it to the full. Sometimes in the middle of illness we find a peace we don't know from where it comes. The grace of the risen Jesus can touch our lives at any time. Let's not be like Christians 'whose lives seem like Lent without Easter' (Pope Francis). Having lived through the joyful season of Lent, our hearts are wholly lifted now in joy received and joy given.

*Breathe in and out: on the inbreath echo the word 'joy'; on the outbreath echo the word 'thanks'.  
Risen Christ, raise our lives in joy.*



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For all enquires and bookings

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6.00pm ASHFORD		<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10.30am GLENEALY		

## ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

29th March 2026

<b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €370
<b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €375
<b>2ND COLLECTION/SHARE</b>	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- €225
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- €60

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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



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

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43**

**PSALM: Ps. 117:1-2,16-17,22-23**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 1-4**

**GOSPEL: John 20: 1-9**



**Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Thursday 23rd April at 7.30pm  
in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office  
(0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.**



**Thank You to all  
our Volunteers!**  
*As we celebrate*

## **Easter Time**

*We want to thank all the volunteers in all the churches, who continuously lend a hand and work so hard to make our parishes so vibrant and welcoming.*

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*“Volunteers aren’t paid - not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!”*

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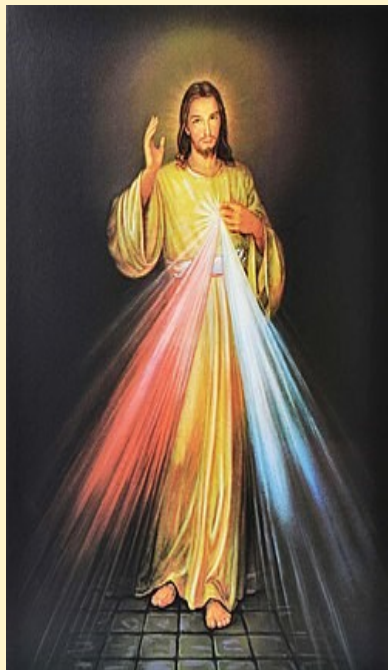
**THANK YOU ALL FOR BUILDING  
HOPE IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY.**

**Please note that on the weekend of the 11/12 April 2026, Schedule C of masses will operate. There will be no vigil Mass in Ashford on Saturday 11th April and no masses on Sunday 12th April in Kilbride or Brittas Bay. There will be masses in**

**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)**

# Divine Mercy Sunday, 12th April 2026

## Holy Hour of Divine Mercy



On the first Sunday after Easter, the Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy. To commemorate this great Feast, there will be a Holy Hour of Mercy. Confessions start at 2.45 pm, followed by the Holy Hour at 3 pm in Saint Mary's Church, Barndarrig (A67 K282).

Jesus said to St. Faustina: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."

Come and join us as we offer prayers of devotion to the Divine Mercy, placing ourselves in the wellspring of God's merciful love.

"Jesus, I trust in You."

*Please remember to turn off the mobile.....*

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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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