

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5th May 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter
RCN 20016166

Gospel Reflections

The One Commandment – Only One

This gospel is like a vision statement or a mission statement from Jesus. About finding joy in listening to Jesus, how to live the good life in love with one another, how to love oneself in the love of God, and in directing our lives to bear fruit that will generate love.

It is so central that it is read at many really important moments of a Christian life. It is one of the most popular readings at a wedding, linking the love of God and human love at such a special time.

Jesus' love was to lay down his life. In a specific way. Our love lays down our life often in small, unforgotten ways.

- *Hours spent with a sick child or parent,
 - *years caring for someone ill,
 - *leaving home on missionary assignments;
 - *giving up something for the children.
 - *Working for peace/justice for the needy
- The message is a big challenge in simple ways for most of us.



Isn't it a joy to know that the most enjoyable mystery of life – love, is the only commandment of God? This shows us that God is on our side: His commandment is to do what we want most to do and experience – to love and be loved. Even when the love costs us something.

*Recall a time when you felt you were really loving someone.
Become aware that you were then very near to God.
Thank you, Lord, for love given and received in my life.*

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For all enquires and bookings

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD	Recently Deceased – Pat Dowling	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	Fr Joseph Doran, Elizabeth, James & Esther Driver, Paul & Jackie Kelly, Ray & Martha Driver & deceased members of the Driver family.	

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

28th April 2024

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish	-	€260
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	-	€580
2ND COLLECTION / LAY COLLECTION -		€400
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	€ 75

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

First Reading : Acts 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-26

Psalm : 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20

Second Reading: 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel: John 17:11B-19

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to attend an introductory meeting before booking a date for the baptism. At this meeting you will be given all the necessary information about the Sacrament of Baptism and the commitment required of the parents who request it for their child. The next meeting will be on

Thursday 23rd May at 7.30pm
in the Church of the Most Holy
Rosary, Ashford

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.

Building Hope- Novena to the Holy Spirit 2024

We are invited to join once again with every parish in the diocese in a Novena to the Holy Spirit – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin.

The Novena will take place in the nine days from 11th/12th – 20th May beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Let us join together with other parishes across the Archdiocese, in praying and planning with Archbishop Farrell during this dedicated period 12th – 20th May. May this time of reflection, as we prepare also for the ordination of Bishop Donal Roche and the arrival of Bishop Paul Dempsey to the Archdioceses be blessed and build hope for a new future in partnership and a new way of being Church.

The Novena will be run as part of the Mass each day in Ashford/Glenealy.

Building Hope

Novena to the Holy Spirit

12th – 20th May 2024

for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin



Pentecost, by Jen Norton

Archdiocese of Dublin

Building Hope through Prayer, Reflection and Planning

Congratulations

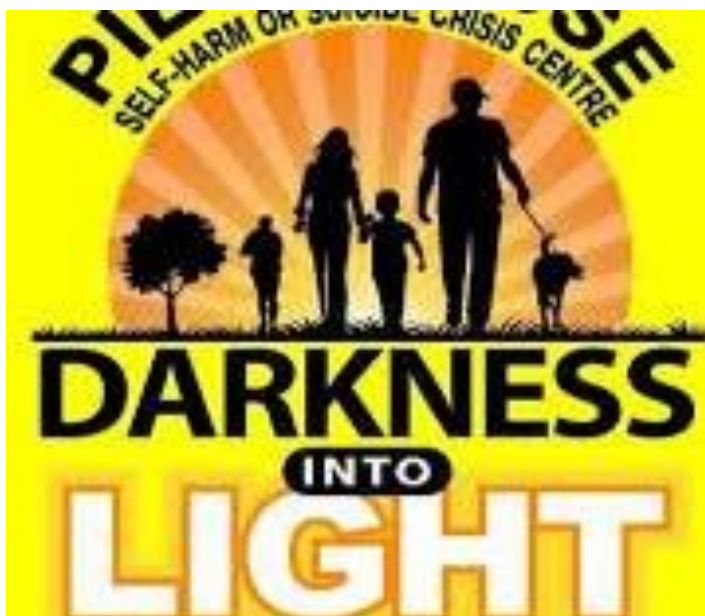
Congratulations to the children of Ashford and Glenealy National Schools who made their First Communion recently.

We keep them, their families and their teachers in our prayers.

Easter Dues Envelopes

If you have not returned your Easter Dues envelope yet, you might do that as soon as possible, please.

Thank you for your continued generous support of the parish



Darkness into Light – 4.15am on Saturday, 11 May.

Join us and give hope to people impacted by suicide and self harm.

There will be a special Mass in St Patrick's Church Wicklow on Friday 10th May at 7.30pm for all those who have lost family members or friends by suicide.

Everybody is very welcome to join us at that Mass

Shape Our Future

Support Lay Ministry

Sat 27th &
Sun 28th
April



LAY MINISTRY APPEAL

Thanks to all who supported this collection last week - a total of €400 was contributed for which we are very grateful.

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

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WICKLOW COPD

GROUP

COPD Exercise class to help improve your breathing every Monday in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre.

Fully qualified Instructors

Further information from Denis Teevan on 086 8174 703

FR DONAL'S ORDINATION AS AUXILIARY BISHOP

The parish will be organising buses to St. Andrew's Church Westland Row, Dublin, on Sunday 26th May to Westland Row for the Mass installing Fr Donal as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin.

The bus will cost €15 per person payable before travelling.

You need to book your seat through the parish office only.

Time & place of departure will be announced closer to date

"There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full."

Henry Kissinger