

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

5th July 2026

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Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

A time for Rest

The invitation of Jesus to find peace in his presence is one of the most popular of his sayings. He is contrasting his message with the burdensome law, which somehow had lost the heart of religion, over-emphasising the externals of laws and rituals. He is not devaluing laws and rituals but putting them in their place. He offers an invitation that everyone can hear; and at many times of life we really need to hear it. These may be times of illness, bereavement, anxiety, depression and/or worry. It is an invitation to come into his presence, which is a loving presence. It's not just an invitation to enjoy a restful time, but to rest in the presence of love.

Any notion we have of Jesus that is harsh is false: he is 'gentle and humble in heart'. This is the atmosphere he asks us all to spread. 'Once you have received the refreshment and comfort of Christ, we are called in turn to become refreshment and comfort for our brothers and sisters, with a meek and humble attitude, in imitation of the Master' (The late Pope Francis, July 2014).

The church is a place of rest for the weary; the place where we find encouragement in the ordinary situations in our lives, where we are called to respond to those who suffer through poverty, homelessness and many other unjust social situations that are part of our world, near and far.

*Take into your hands, Lord, the burdens in my life;
help me to trust in you.*



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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	NO MASS	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

28th June 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €140
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €165
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- €235
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- €85

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



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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55: 10-11

PSALM: Ps. 64: 10-14

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 18-23

GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 1-23 (shorter form* 13: 1-9)



Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - No Baptism meeting in July.
Next meeting 27th August at 7.30pm in the Parochial House.
 Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your
 attendance at this meeting.

WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT



**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.



Bethany

Bereavement Support

Wicklow Group

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a 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.

Meetings are held in the De La Salle Centre,
Wicklow A67 FX65.

Upcoming meetings:



Tuesday 7th July at 10:45 am



Tuesday 28 July at 8:00 pm

You are welcome to attend,
or to make contact for a chat.



Tel: 086 835 9148

Mass Schedule B and C.

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule B: 27/28th June 2026, 11/12 July, 25/26 July

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule C: 4/5 July, 18/19 July, 1/2 August

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)

PETERS PENCE COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who contributed to last week's Peters Pence collection - the total amount received was €235

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.

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, visors medals, cards and much more. There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards & 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

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

**Faith is unseen but felt,
faith is strength when we feel
we have none, faith is HOPE
when all seems lost.**

Catherine Pubifer



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