

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

5th October 2025

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### *Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Gift of Faith*

Interesting that **J**esus says we don't need much faith - only the size of a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds in his time. Does he really mean this?

**H**e seems to be saying that faith does not depend on us. It is a gift from **G**od which grows throughout our lives '*fanned into a flame*', as in the second reading. We need to have confidence in the faith we have rather than always berating ourselves that it is little. In the Christian parish and community there is often more faith than we realise.

In a parish,

- \*we have the people who serve the sick and the poor;
- \*those who pray a lot and those who worship;
- \*those who reflect on faith and question.
- \*There are the families where faith is expressed in many different ways.
- \*Every moment where we come in touch with the world beyond ourselves, whether directly religious or not, is a moment of faith.

**W**e can trace the history of our own faith and remember personal moments that strengthened the faith. These can be varied - prayer, love, works of justice, the beauty of creation, times of illness and death, sacramental life. What is important is that they are personal moments between us and **G**od, which are privileged times of the growth of the mustard seed of faith.



*Lord, I believe, strengthen my belief.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of*

*Andrew (Andy) Dunne Ballymerrigan, Rathnew*

	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

### 28th September

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 345  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 315  
**2ND COLLECTION/SHARE** - Goes towards Diocesan Administration - €190  
**MAINTENANCE** - goes towards Parish upkeep - €155

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)



**FIRST READING: Kings 5: 14-17**

**PSALM: Ps. 97: 1-4**

**SECOND READING: Timothy 2:8 –13**

**GOSPEL: Luke 17: 11-19**

## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

The parish offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children who are attending non Catholic Schools.

Parents who wish to present their child for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation are invited to enrol them for a two year programme of preparation.

**FINAL ENROLMENTS TAKING PLACE FOR THESE CLASSES**  
**DURING PARISH OFFICE HOURS 10AM –12.30PM**  
**MONDAY –FRIDAY**

**PLEASE NOTE: The weekend of the 11th and the 12th of October,**  
**NO mass in Ashford, Britas Bay, or Kilbride. Masses are as usual in**  
**the other Churches Glenealy, Barndarrig, Wicklow and Rathnew.**



## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

<u>Ashford:</u>	1st Friday after Mass
<u>Wicklow:</u>	Mondays & Thursdays after Mass
<u>Kilbride:</u>	1st Thursday at 7pm (Divine Mercy)
<u>Brittas Bay:</u>	Tuesdays at 9am

**Next Ashford Baptism Meeting is on Thursday, 23rd October at 7.30pm in the church. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.**

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](mailto:info@wicklowcancersupport.ie)

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.  
Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.



**GROW** run peer support groups in Wicklow on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 to 4.30 in De La Salle Parish Centre.

They are self referral and no charge for anyone struggling with depression, anxiety, low mood or just the stresses of life. They offer a tried and tested method of self help and personal growth. Experience new hope and meaning through working on issues together in a peer support setting

**MEETINGS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.**  
Ring Trish for further info on  
**086 0129 082**

And see [Grow.ie](http://Grow.ie) to listen to stories of Hope and Recovery.

## 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**

## **Congratulations to all couples planning their marriage.**

**REMEMBER ...to give 3 months notice to the parish where you live. Your local parish is responsible for organising the paperwork necessary for the Sacrament of Marriage irrespective of where the wedding will take place.**

**Be sure to get in touch with the Parish Office to make arrangements to complete wedding papers at least 3 months before the date of the proposed wedding.**



### **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](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com).**

**We look forward to hearing from you.**

## **ASHFORD & GLENEALY ~ PARISH - CONTACTS**

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**PARISH OFFICE WICKLOW 0404 -61699**

**Office opening times Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**

**For all enquires and bookings**

**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.....**

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