

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ Year C

6th April 2025

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Gospel Reflection ~ Donal Neary SJ More than Forgiveness

This is a powerful story of justice and mercy. Jesus is on the side of the woman who has been accused of sin and crime. It was an unjust accusation, and the people who brought her had little good in mind.

Jesus offers more than forgiveness - he brings mercy. *Mercy forgives with compassion* and doesn't need lectures. It restores dignity to the victims of injustice like the lady in this story. It is the same in Jesus, for those who do not receive their dignity because of something they are, or something they did and are unjustly treated.

Jesus did not condemn; he turns the tables a bit. He simply says: *Anyone here without sin - take the stone and throw it.* Nobody does. In this atmosphere of darkness we need to hear something of the love and the mercy of God. Would light of mercy come into their darkness of condemnation? Would they leave their darkness into a personal space where they might have a change of heart?

This is also about the challenge to live honestly and without sin; and to be able to take steps like this woman's life, to move on. All hear this word from Jesus - *I do not condemn you.* This comes to our society and to ourselves. We need to hear this word for ourselves as often we throw stones at ourselves more than at others. What we condemn in others is what sometimes we do not like in ourselves.

*Lord may we enter this world of mercy wherever we need to.
May we hear these words always, 'I do not condemn you'*

Jesus' fiery heart of mercy



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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		
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

30th March 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 335
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 345
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€ 227
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 55

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

PSALM: 21:8-9, 17-20,23-24

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL: Luke 22: 14-23:56 or 23: 1-49

EASTER SCHEDULES

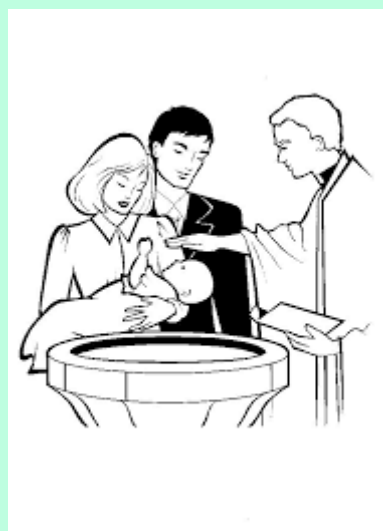
Are now available in all Churches. This booklet has all the ceremonies and Masses in all seven churches in the St Mantan's Area, for the Easter season. Please feel free to take one home for your reference.

Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow	First Saturday	2pm
	Third Sunday	1pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2pm
Ashford	First Sunday	12pm
Glenealy	Third Saturday	12pm
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm

Next Ashford Meeting is on
Thursday, 24th April at 7.30pm in the church.

Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699)



*Congratulations to all the girls & boys from Gaelscoil & St Coens NS who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the week.
The best of luck to all the students from St Joseph's NS Glenealy who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this week.*

*We hope the families all have a very enjoyable day celebrating this special time in their child's life.
Many thanks to the teachers and the parish co-ordinators for all the hard work and great effort, that they have put in during the past few months to make this a special day for all the children.*



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: Tuesdays at 9am



LOURDES



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE
Wicklow Rathnew
26 August 2025
7 Nights
€1,095 per person sharing

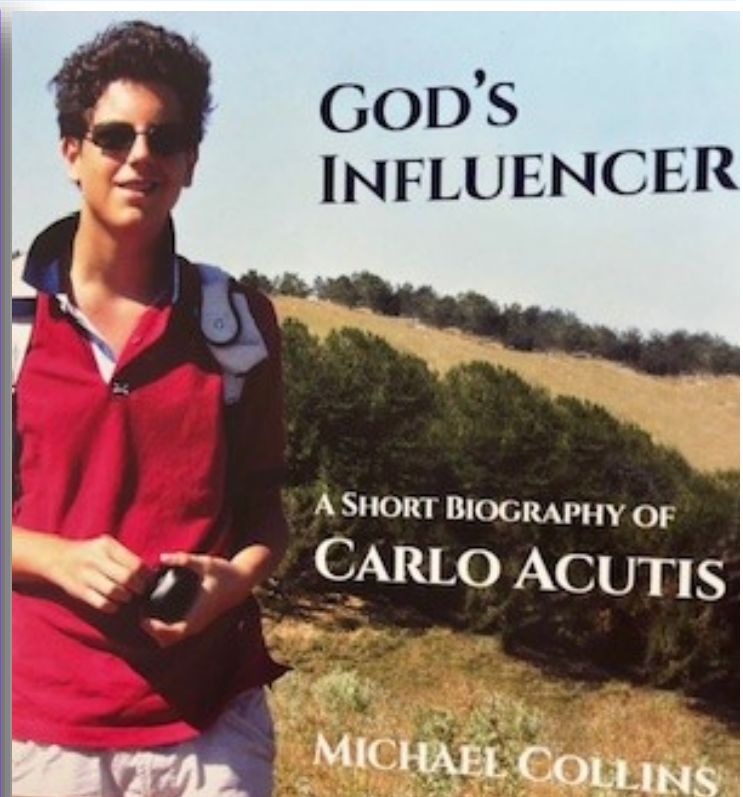
- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » 20kg bags included
- » Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- » 7 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

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 Parish Office, costing €10
 Bl Carlo Acutis to be
 Canonized April 25-27, 2025
 at the Jubilee of Teenagers.**



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Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.

Knock Pilgrimage



Pilgrimage to knock on the 21st September 2025.
Leaving the Memorial park Rathdrum at 7.30am sharp via Grand Hotel
Wicklow at 8am.
€80 per person this includes Bus, Breakfast, Dinner.
Names and payment before 1st June 2025
Contact Susan at 0876273032.

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Providing support & a social outlet for older people

DRAW RESULTS March 2025

		Winner	Seller
1 st	€300	Amy O'Doherty	Simon Marah
2 nd	€150	Mary Naughton	Ann Lyons
3 rd	€100	Brendan Brady	Ann Lyons
4 th	€50	Catherine Meaney	Ann Byrne

Thank you for your ongoing support

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*"Forgive others,
not because
they deserve
forgiveness,
but because you
deserve peace."*

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