

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

6th July 2025

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Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Hand over to God

In the smallest of the details of our love and the biggest, God is near. God is near with love and also with care. We might think of it as a powerful care - power not for himself but for us.

God's Power enables us to do what we can't do ourselves, like people in AA who hand their lives over to the higher power each day. Sometimes we find when we are at our lowest God is at his strongest in our lives.

Augustine wrote that *'when we love ourselves least, God loves us most.'*

Where do we find him, or rather where does God find us? God is present in all things - we don't have to go to Church or read the bible to find God, as God is present to us in many ways.

God is in all of creation - love and friendship, a sunset or sunrise. His hand is in our food and drink, our work, study, reflection and insights. He is ever present in our efforts to live well, to stay clean of drugs, alcohol or crime. God is in the midst of real life and in the centre of the soul, is a space where nobody can enter without our welcome and invitation, and where God dwells.

When we see Jesus in action we know the kingdom is very near.

At Christmas we welcomed the kingdom, in the love for the poor, in the miracle of human birth.

At Easter we welcomed the kingdom as the place of eternity, of victory over death and pain, of justice over injustice. All the time welcoming the kingdom, whose real power is love and whose hope still today, is the coming of justice and peace.

Lord, may your kingdom come, and your will be done on Earth.



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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		

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29th June 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 405
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 405
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- PETERS PENCE COLLECTION	€ 375
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 80

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

PSALM: 68

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-20

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

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 July
at 7.30pm in the church.
Please ring the Parish Office
(0404-61699) to confirm your
attendance at this meeting.



Archdiocese of Dublin

Summer Dues

Thank you for
supporting your priests

**SUMMER
DUES
APPEAL
2025**



Mass & Blessings of the Graves - 2025

Barndarrig Cemetery: Tuesday, 1st July @ 7.30pm

Three Mile Water Cemetery: Monday, July 7th at 7.30pm

Castletimon Cemetery: Monday, July 14th at 7.30pm

Rathnew Cemetery: Wednesday 16th July at 7.30pm

Glenealy Cemetery: Saturday 19th July at 3.00pm

Killoughter Cemetery: Tuesday 22nd July at 7.30pm

Peter's Pence is the Popes annual collection for his charities. This collection depends on financial contributions from the faithful to the Pope. It is used for various needs, including humanitarian initiatives, social projects, and support for the Holy See. Many thanks to all who supported this collection last weekend - it amounted to €375 for which we are very grateful.



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

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.



As part of the Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope 2025, The Pockets of Hope will be on display in Glenealy Church for the month of July. Everyone one is invited to make there own mini-pilgrimage as they review the Pockets of Hope and consider what message they get from them.



Hopelessness can often be a characteristic of many lives today. This is not difficult to believe as with increasing secularism, war, violence, lack of social cohesion, the lack of care for our planet and general brokenness, it can be a real challenge to be a person of hope. In response to our plight Pockets of Hope is a project created by Fr. Alan Hilliard and designed by Mary-Aoife Ong which is based on the writings of Pope Francis in the document Spes Non Confundit (Hope Does Not Disappoint) which is the theme for The Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. Pockets of Hope draws on the imagery of the Burren Landscape on the western shore of Ireland. The display aims to highlight how hope can be discovered even amidst the most bleak of landscapes.

You are invited to complete your own mini pilgrim journey as you contemplate each message of hope and let God speak to you through the reflections. This is a selection from the complete set of forty-two posters which are on display in the Dublin Churches. It allows the pilgrim journey though the document, contemplating its rich and life-giving narrative for today's world. It is the desire that many people in Ireland can be filled with the gift of Hope through this project!

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

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