

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

7th April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

RCN 20016166

*Donal Neary SJc*

*Growing in Faith*

*Gospel Reflections*

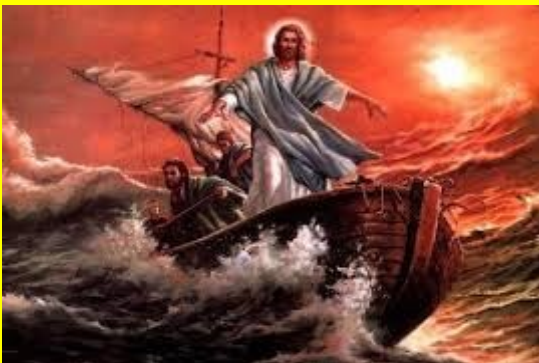
Our church community faces many big questions about the place of women, our views on sexuality, the need for consultation and for dialogue. We need to know what all of us believe, not just our leaders. We need to know how people find it to live their faith, in these areas of sexuality, justice, migration, ministry and other realities today.

Recent Synods and letters of the Pope have tried to narrow connect theory and lived faith.

There is a need to be able to grapple with the demands of today and the message of the gospel; To be able to discern our path in the peace and joy of the Easter message, knowing we don't all have to agree with each other to say to say 'my Lord and my God'.

*We are the people who are happy to believe; to show we are a community of faith and of joy, and we want to spread this faith that lives for justice and compassion.*

We will never get it fully right. But we can get it better and better if we unite with the Lord and hear each other with respect. That is our challenge at Easter. May the Lord bring the best out of our faith in bad days, and help us live with and enjoy the best of our faith in the good times. We want to make alive what is best in our Christianity.



*Thomas doubted at times;  
Can I share my doubts  
of belief with the Lord?  
Lord, I believe in you,  
strengthen my belief.*

## ASHFORD & GLENEALY ~ PARISH - CONTACTS

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

**For all enquires and bookings**

	<b>This week we remember</b>	<b>Next week we remember</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6.00pm ASHFORD		<b>Liam Kelly</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10.30am GLENEALY		

**ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH**  
31st March 2024

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

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**

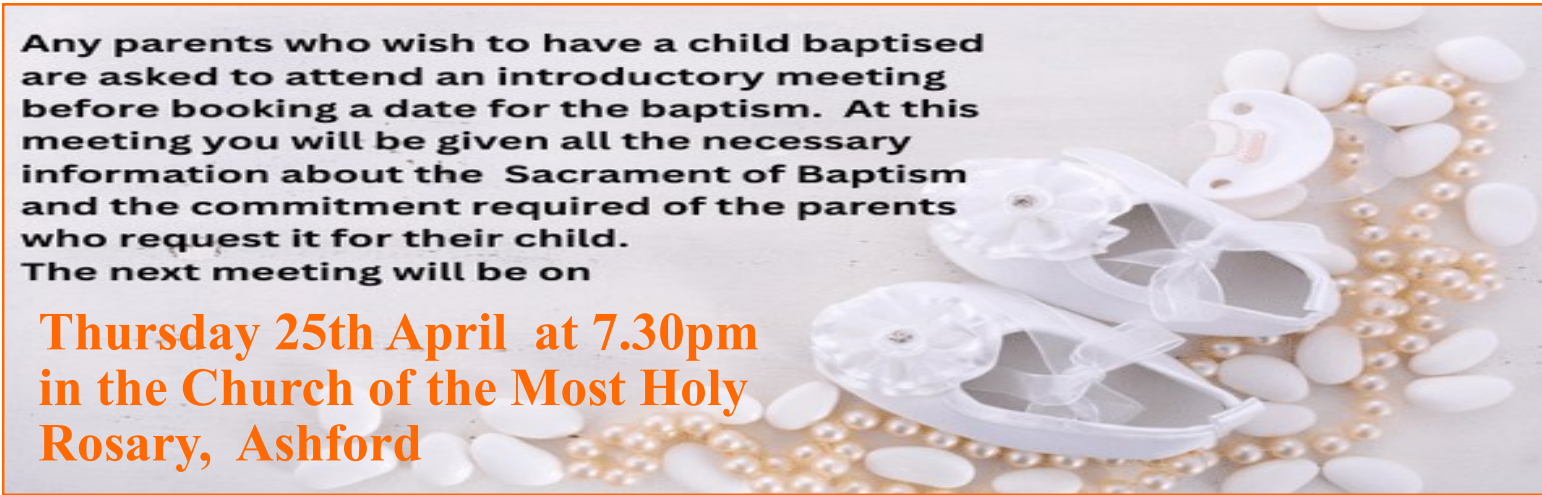
To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

**First Reading : Acts 3: 13-15,15,17-19**  
**Psalm : 4:2,4,7,9**  
**Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5**  
**Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48**



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 25th April 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.

## Introduction to **SERVANT LEADERSHIP**

**BAPTISM MATTERS**  
*Tuesday 9th April on Zoom*

**GROUPSWORK**  
*Tuesday 16th April on Zoom*

**CARE OF CREATION**  
*Tuesday 23rd April on Zoom*

**PRAYER SKILLS  
CO-RESPONSIBILITY**  
*Saturday 27th April  
Wicklow Parish Centre*

This course helps to grow understanding and practice of leadership for people on PPCs or in parish ministry

*Tuesday Zooms from 7.30pm - 9.00pm  
Saturday In-Person from 10.00am - 2.00pm*

### *Introduction to Servant Leadership course*

The Office of Mission & Ministry is running the Introduction to Servant Leadership course again during the coming year. It is aimed at members of PPCs and those with a parish ministry – but all are welcome. The course requires participants to attend three sessions on Zoom (consecutive Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 9pm) AND ALSO a Saturday session in person (from 10.00am to 2pm). Sessions are a mixture of input, discussion and reflection exploring what Servant Leadership is and how we might grow this ministry. For more information please contact [peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie). To complete the online registration please visit the Adult Faith section of [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie).

### *Popes intention for April ~ For the role of women*

*We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.*



### PARISH OFFICE

*The Parish Office is located in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and is open Monday through to Friday from 10am till 12.30 pm for all general parish enquiries, to book masses / baptisms / weddings, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc .  
Contact number 61699.*

## Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.

Conversational Irish Tuesdays at 10.00 am

Line Dancing Tuesdays 12.00 to 1.00pm

Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00 am

Choir Fridays 3.00pm—4.00pm

Spring holiday to Killarney from the 14th April to 18th April.

Follow us on our facebook page: **Wicklow Active Retirement**

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring Pauline on 087 227 6760

*You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte*

## 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**

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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