ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Lent Year A

8th March 2026

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Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

The well is deep

A famous picture has the Samaritan woman looking into the well and seeing there her image - and the image of Jesus. In the depths of the well of her life is the presence of Jesus.

In the depths of the well, when we are in love, pain, death, decision, joy, we find God. God is near when we are near to ourselves, even in shame and sin. We thirst for meaning in life, for knowing we are totally loved, for community and companionship - and God offers all this.

This is the offering of God - the living water is the Holy Spirit. We thirst for inclusion - the disciples in this story did not want Jesus talking to a woman. So much of the religion of the time separated people. In the depths of the well we are all equal.

We find the mercy of God in the well. As we go into the depths of prayer and ourselves we are open to mercy. We may put conditions on God's mercy - naming our sins, or numbering them. At the bottom of the well is the water of mercy.

Of the mercy of God, Pope Francis says that '*there is no sin or crime of any kind that can erase from the mind or heart of God even one of the children he has created*' (November 2013).

Imagine yourself looking into a well;
see the face of Jesus looking at you from its depths.
He looks at you with love.
Lord, send me the living water of the Holy Spirit.

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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		Geraldine & Liam Kelly
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH
1st March 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €330
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €480
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - Accord Collection - €258
MAINTENANCE - goes towards Parish upkeep - €260

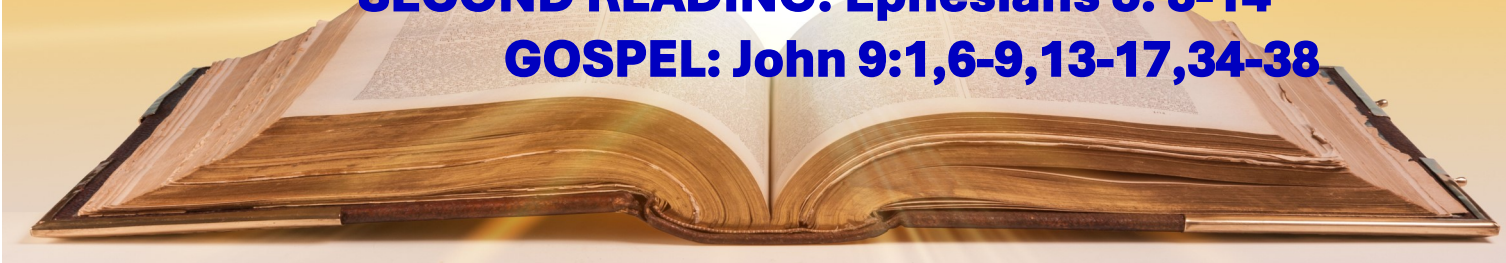
Many thanks for your continued support.

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: Thursdays at 9am

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

FIRST READING: Samuel 16: 1,6-7,10-13
PSALM: (Psalm 22)
SECOND READING: Ephesians 5: 8-14
GOSPEL: John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38



Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Thursday 26th March at 7.30pm in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

Anam Cara Parent Support Evening

Anam Cara, the charity organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 16th March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

GROW MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

every Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm for anyone struggling with depression or anxiety or just the stresses of life. Experience new hope and meaning through working on issues together in a peer support setting. Call Trish Williams on 086 0129082 for more information or just turn up at the Wicklow Parish Centre.

Small donations for group running costs are welcome.

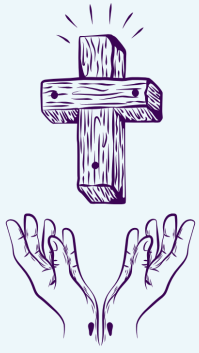
Readers for Ashford Masses

Readers needed for Mass in Ashford If you think you are intrested Names may be left in the Scaristy after Mass or WhatsApp 087 612 8927. People would be part of a roster but swaps are always possible.

Baptised and Sent in Lent

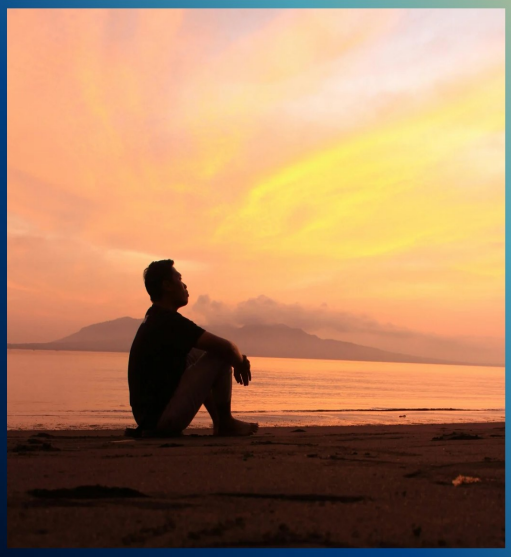
There is course over 5 Thursday evenings in Lent starting the 19th of February at 7.30 pm in the Parish House Ashford.
All welcome.

If you are interested in attending you can text 0872342355 to register



St. Mantan's Partnership of Parishes invites you to a meditative service:

What does Lent mean to me?



St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town, A67 AE37
Tuesday March 10th at 7.30pm

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

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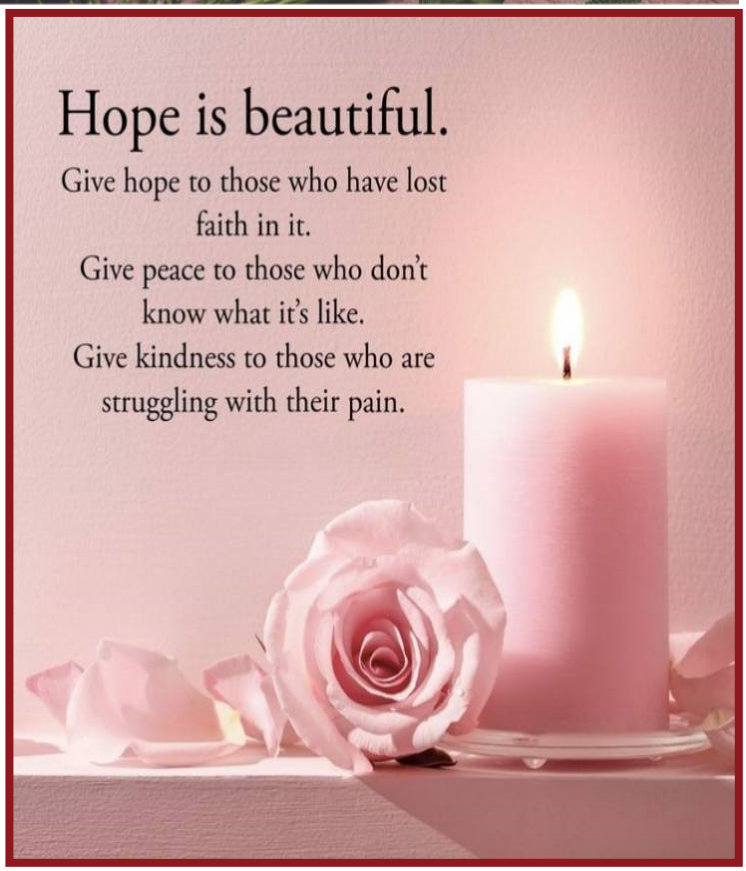
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