

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Pentecost Sunday ~ Year C

8th June 2025

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Gospel Reflection ~ Called into following Christ ~Donal Neary SJ

Pentecost is really something new! The first reading has no blarney no recrimination for the death of Jesus - only a new call and new mercy. The gospel is about the coming of the Spirit and the main sign of the Spirit is forgiveness. There was a lot of need for forgiveness around in the first group of Jesus' followers. They had let him down and had let each other down. They looked around and like any group felt memories of hurt shame, let-down, injury and harm. They saw those who had abandoned Jesus and tried to cover up the sin; or they saw others who just knew they had done wrong and were sorry. All were forgiven. And all are now called into the following of Christ. We follow Christ with all sorts of personal gifts, talents and sins in our back-pack. Like people on pilgrimage, we are cluttered. The Holy Spirit opens our hearts to let this baggage just fly away! We are people of freedom and of a new song.

What song do I sing in the presence of the Lord? One that brings me back into misery like singing of shame and misery or one that brings me into the freedom of the Alleluia? Can my heart dance with the joy and hope of Pentecost?



Ask this day for what gift of the Spirit you really want, and maybe include always the gift to be able to let go of hurt we have suffered from others or inflicted on them,

- to open the heart to all, and
- to forgive or if we cannot quite manage that,
- to want to forgive.

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**We welcome the
Missionary Sisters of Our
Lady of Apostles to our
Partnership of Parishes
this month of June, to
promote Mission
Awareness at all Masses
in Ashford and Glenealy
on the 28/29th of June.**

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**



Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*for the renewal of the Church
in the Archdiocese of Dublin*

Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us
Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us
Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us

Open our eyes to see God's grace around us
Open our ears to hear God's voice within us
Open our hearts to welcome God among us

Send us out with joy to live the Gospel
Send us out with peace to act as one
Send us out with love to build up hope

Archdiocese of Dublin

*Building Hope through
Prayer, Reflection and Planning*

| | This week we remember | Next week we remember |
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| SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD | Patrick Ferguson (MM) Donal Kavanagh (A) | |
| SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY | | |

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

1st June 2025

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| ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION | - goes towards maintaining our parish | - € 270 |
| 1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND | - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese | - € 505 |
| 2ND COLLECTION/SHARE | - goes towards Diocesan Administration | € 647 |
| MAINTENANCE | - goes towards Parish upkeep | - € 65 |

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: Proverbs 8:22-31

PSALM: 8:4-9

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

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| 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, 26th June at
7.30pm in the church.
Please ring the Parish
Office (61699) to book
your place at the meet-
ing.**

**Please ring the Parish
Office (0404-61699)
to confirm your attend-
ance at this meeting.**



Novena Day Seven – 7 June 2025

Theme: The Joy of the Gospel

Introduction:

On Day Seven of our Novena to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the

Archdiocese of Dublin our theme is *“The Joy of the Gospel”* inspired by this quotation from

the Gospel – John 21:25 *“The world itself could not contain the books that would be*

written” and from Pope Leo XIV – *“The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us*

brothers and sisters.” Mass of Inauguration 18 May 2025.

Intercessions:

Gathered together as people of the Good News, we bring our intercessions before God.

1. We pray for our community here today (and those who join us on the webcam):

that we will enrich our hearts by reflecting regularly on the Gospels.

2. We pray for those who are called to preach the Gospel: that they will open up the

treasures of the Good News to all.

3. We pray for all who live in sadness: that we will share with them Gospel words of hope.

**God of joy and truth,
Listen to the prayers of your family
that we ask in the Spirit,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Novena Prayer:

*[You might like to pray the prayer
before the final blessing]*

Please join now as we pray the NOVENA PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT slowly together...

Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us...



Novena Day Eight – 8 June 2025

Theme: Accompanying All

Introduction:

On Day Eight of our Novena to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the

Archdiocese of Dublin our theme is *“Accompanying All”* inspired by this quotation from the

first reading – *“They began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them ability”*

[Acts 2:4]

This scripture passage might inspire us to look at the language we use to share the Word

and lead prayer in our communities.

Intercessions:

Challenged by God’s Word and the needs of our community we offer our intercessions

1. We pray for our community here today (and those who join us on the webcam):

that we will be aware of the use of language that is inclusive.

2. We pray for those who feel excluded in our parish: that we may find the words to

accompany them into the heart of the community

3. We pray for all in need at this time: that they will feel our welcome and support

God of warmth and embrace,

Listen to our prayers that we ask in the Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Novena Prayer:

[You might like to pray the prayer before the final blessing]

Please join now as we pray the NOVENA PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT slowly together...

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PLANNED GIVING COLLECTION

The new packs of envelopes have been collected. If you haven't received your box of envelopes, please inform the parish office.

THE WEEKLY ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDER

This collection funds the parish. It pays for the day to day expenses of running the Parish such as electricity, heating, insurance as well as maintaining the Churches, the Parish Centre and houses.

The Parish depends very much depends on the Weekly Envelope and Standing Order contributions, in order to continue to maintain and improve the parish. We would not be able to maintain our parish without these contributions.

We are appealing to parishioners who don't use the box of envelopes or the standing order option to consider these options for donating to the parish because unless your donation is in an envelope or paid through the bank, it does not stay within the parish.

All loose monies go into the other collections for Share and the Common Fund.

If you have thought about contributing to the Parish regularly - please arrange for a box of envelopes or a Direct Debit form to be sent to you by ringing the parish office on 61699

TAX RELIEF SCHEME

The Tax Relief Scheme for donations to Eligible Charities is of immense benefit to the Parish. It is a very simple but effective way of increasing revenue, whereby the parish can claim back the tax paid on any **recorded contributions** of €250 or more per annum. Many people have already signed up for this and it has made a big difference to parish income. If you have not already done so, perhaps you would consider signing up for it now. Full details are available on the parish website or from the office.

As the church is registered as a charity, any contribution of €250 or more (which is €5 a week), allows the parish to claim back up to 40% of that, which is approx. €100, where applicable.

However, we do have to be able to link the donations to a donor which is where the envelopes/ Direct Debit/Standing Orders becomes important. The only information that is required from the contributor is - name, address, PPS number and a signature. Please be assured that any information received is treated with the strictest of confidence and that there is **NO** involvement at all from any tax officials. If you pay income tax and if you have contributed €250 or more to the **Dues and Family Offering**, the Parish can claim back the tax on your donation at no cost whatsoever to the contributor.

Please be assured that the parish staff do not have any access to any personal details of any parishioner signing up to this scheme. **It is totally confidential.**

Please note that any cash placed in the collection baskets does not qualify for Tax Relief as it cannot be traced back to a donor and is therefore added to the Diocesan 1st & 2nd collections, so, it does not stay in the parish

A sincere thanks to all parishioners who continuously support the parish through their contributions and to those who have signed up to the CHY3 scheme and we look forward to your continued support in the future.



Wicklow Energy Awareness Day

FREE
ADMISSION

**14th June from 11 to 4, in Wicklow Pastoral Centre,
Wicklow Town, Eircode A67 FX65**

- **Learn** – energy expert **Gavin Harte** of SEAI will run workshops (1/2 hr.) about the Practical & Economic benefits of sustainable energy upgrades for your home.
- **Test Drive & Experience** EV Motoring - Over 30 EV's from 17 of the biggest Electric Car brands on show.
- **Speak** with 30+ Exhibitors about the latest Solar Panel, Heat Pump & Insulation Innovations.
- **Hear** the Benefits of the Sustainable Energy Upgrades to the Pastoral Centre.
- **Experience** Science & Eco fun games for kids (& parents!).

Over €1000 in Prizes in a Free Draw for all attendees.

1. "Home Energy Assessment" from Integrate Home Energy
2. Voucher from Burke's of Rathnew Homevalue
3. Voucher from Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy
4. Voucher from Yoga Bar, Wicklow Town

Meet - An Tánaiste, Simon Harris, who is invited to cut the ribbon to celebrate the Sustainable Energy upgrades to the Pastoral Centre.

A big warm welcome to everyone – Admission is FREE

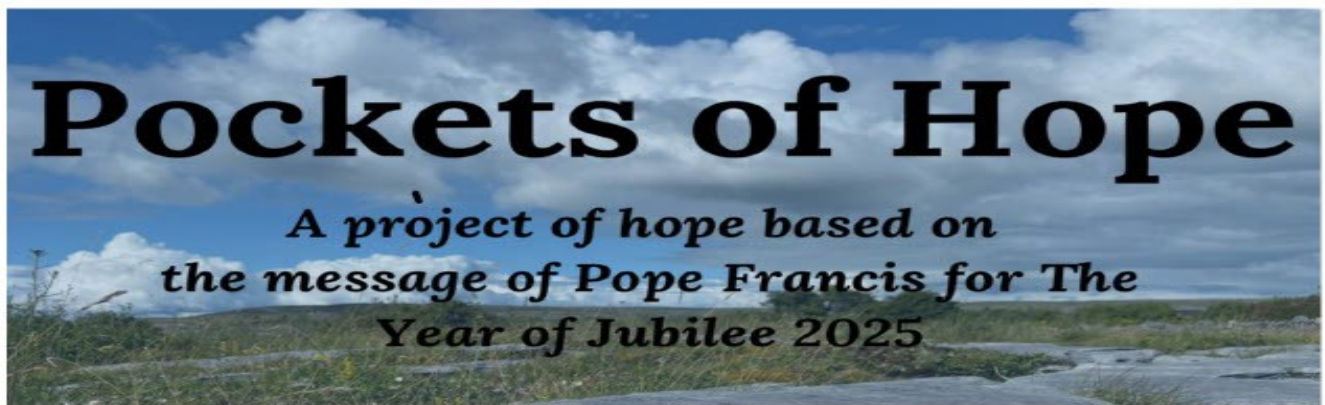
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Hopelessness can often be a characteristic of many lives today. This is not difficult to believe as with increasing secularism, war, violence, lack of social cohesion, the lack of care for our planet and general brokenness, it can be a real challenge 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.

Our selection of Pockets of Hope reflection posters which will be on display in the Holy Rosary Church Ashford from the 1st of June.

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 through 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!

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