ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

8th November 2026

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Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Jesus always new

The lamp is the light of love and hope, and at its centre is the light of Christ. The light is given to us in many ways in our lives - it shines within as an eternal joy, and outwards to many others. Jesus often advises, *'keep your lamps burning' and 'Let you lights shine.*

Like when the bulb goes out when the electricity fails, the lamp can go out without oil. The people of the gospel felt foolish that they had not brought oil with them to light their way. The oil is prayer and our relationship with Jesus. This is the essence of the Christian life. Our Christian life is following a real, loving person: it is an invitation to get to know Jesus, and to find ourselves drawn from our hearts to follow him. Without this living relationship with Christ, words sound empty. We sometimes hear someone speaking of their Christian faith and cannot help wondering if it comes from the inside or is just a list of things to be believed and read.

Ignatius of Loyola's famous prayer is the prayer of the follower of Jesus; *'Lord, teach me to know you more, love you more and serve you more faithfully in my life.'* (Spiritual Exercises). The more indicates that this is never a finished product: like love and friendship it grows in our lives. It is exciting that Jesus is never gone from us.: risen from the dead he is always alive, always new. Our reading of the gospel, our sharing at Mass and the sacraments and our personal prayer keep this relationship always alive, always new.

Thinking of a bright lamp, or imagining one,
ask for an ever-brightening light of Christ in your life.
Lord, teach me to know, love and serve you more faithfully every day

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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		Dylan Lynch (A)
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

1st November 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	-	€255
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	-	€400
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	-	€335
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	-	€55

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



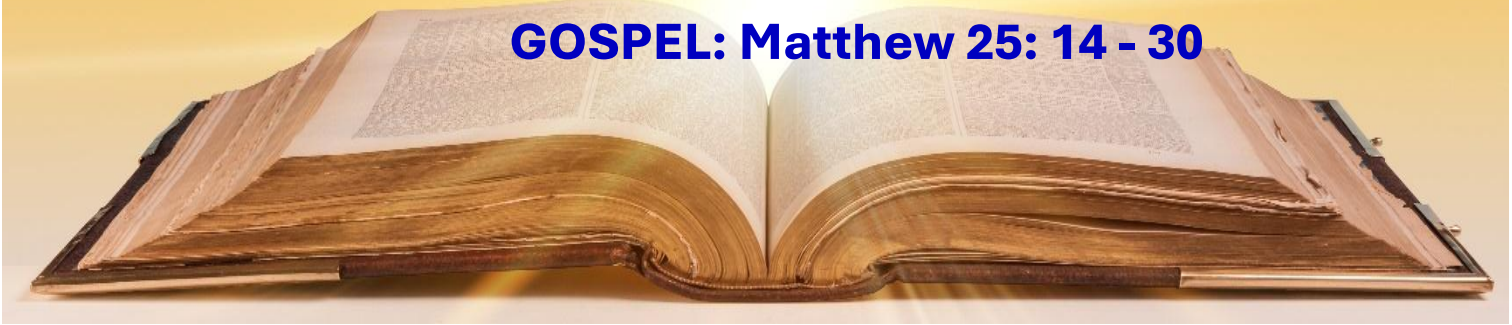
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings, please check...

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20. 30-31

PSALM: Ps. 127: 1 - 5

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 5: 1-6

GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 14 - 30



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

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Providing support & a social outlet for older people

DRAW RESULTS October 2026

		Winner	Seller
1st	€300	Thomas Carthy	Mary Doyle
2nd	€150	Phil Glynn	Catherine Barrett
3rd	€100	Breda Keogh	Catherine Barrett
4th	€50	Margaret Duffy	Ann Byrne

Thank you for your ongoing support

Registered Charity Number (RCN) 20200036

WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

Unit 2, First Floor,
Rear of Boots Pharmacy,
Abbey Street, Wicklow

Have you, or a family member, been diagnosed with Cancer?

We're here to help -
All our services are free of charge

0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Email *info@wicklowcancersupport.ie*

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.
Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.



Unwanted Gift Sale

in aid of
St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow
and
Wicklow Cancer Support

8th Nov

Date: Sunday 8th November 2026
Time: 10am to 3.30 pm, with Coffee & Raffle
Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town
(across from St Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town)

Pick up a Great Christmas Present and support
Wicklow Parish Church and Wicklow Cancer Support Services



Special Christmas Room



Full of Decorations

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MISSION, SERVICE AND SOLIDARITY
IN OUR PARISHES AND PARTNERSHIPS OF PARISHES





LEFT: Saulė Cameron and Peter Siney from the Office of Mission & Ministry with the new resource *Being a Synodal Pastoral Council*. RIGHT: Paulo Machado, Health & Safety Co-ordinator, and Conor Doran, Sustainability & Energy Engineer, at the Diocesan Offices, Arran Quay



Sister Margo Delaney CHF with the parish's Care for Creation project at St Joseph the Artisan, Bonnybrook

SHARE
APPEAL SUNDAY
November 7/8, 2026



Resourcing parishes and partnerships: Some of the attendance at the *Building Hope* Gathering at Yellow Walls Pastoral Centre last month

Thank you for your generous contributions each weekend

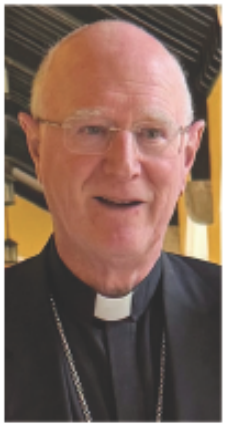
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SHARE

NEWSLETTER

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A message from Archbishop Dermot Farrell



In November each year we take the opportunity, on **Share Appeal Sunday**, to remind ourselves about the second collection taken up at weekend Masses throughout the year. **Share**, the diocesan development fund, depends on the generosity of parishioners. It reflects, practically, our mission, service and solidarity, responding to needs felt in parishes across the Archdiocese.

In the parable that Jesus recounts today, those who were wise brought extra oil, but the unwise did not have enough oil to keep their lamps lit into the evening (Matthew 25:1-13). In our world, through no fault of their own, some parishes will not have 'enough oil for their lamps'. We share from what we have so that no parish is left behind, none is overlooked. I appeal to you today, then, if you can, to increase your contribution to **Share** throughout the year so that we can enhance our response to the needs of all.

Because of your generosity to **Share**, a wide range of skilled personnel are available to parishes from the diocesan offices. They offer consultation, training, formation and guidance concerning local pastoral, education, strategic leadership, safeguarding and communications initiatives. A particular focus currently is training for Pastoral Councils using a new handbook, *Being a Synodal Pastoral Council*. Assistance is provided, too, for ongoing parish and partnership conversations, *Building Hope* in a synodal manner.

Parishes are also helped in meeting regulatory and statutory obligations in administrative and operational matters, such as finance and fundraising, property, sustainability, health and safety, and data protection. This year we are expanding our support for health and safety compliance, with a full-time person provided from the diocesan offices to assist parishes. Through our new sustainability engineer, we are also helping parishes to look at alternative energy sources, aligned with *Laudato Si'* and Care for Creation. Speaking in September, calling for a wise and far-sighted vision of humanity, Pope Leo insisted that, 'the climate question is not merely an environmental challenge, it is fundamentally a question of justice, human dignity and solidarity between people and generations'. (24th September 2026). We must all be engaged in reflection on what we can do to care for our planet and all its people.

The **Share** collection has evolved over the years and continues to evolve. It is a significant source of funding and support across the Archdiocese. Importantly, **Share** provides much needed financial relief to disadvantaged parishes where alternative funding cannot be secured. This year, for example, numbers of parishes that could not fund compliance with all-important fire-safety regulations have been assisted by **Share**.

Thank you in anticipation for giving what you can on this **Share Appeal Sunday**, and for your continued support for **Share** at the second collection every Sunday throughout the year.

May we be a people blessed with wisdom, humility, generosity, and great hope.

+Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin

We at Missio Ireland extend our thanks to the parishioners of Ashford / Glenealy parish, for their generosity on Mission Sunday. An amount of €270 has been received, for which we are very grateful. The support of each parishioner who donated to this worthy cause is very much appreciated.

Fiona Walsh

PA to National Director / Office Manager

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In November
We Remember

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Annual Remembrance Mass
Ashford and Glenealy Parish

Tuesday, 24th November at 7:30 p.m.
in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary
in Ashford.

All who have been bereaved
in the past year are warmly welcome
to join us as we come together in prayer to
remember and honour our loved ones
who have passed away.



Gone from our sight,
but never from our hearts.

Bethany
Bereavement Support

WICKLOW GROUP

Whenever you feel ready, Bethany Bereavement Support is here to listen.

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a free, confidential listening service for adults who are grieving.

It offers a quiet and supportive space where people can speak about their loss and be listened to with understanding and compassion by trained volunteers.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Tuesday 3 November at 10:45am
Tuesday 24 November at 8pm

VENUE

The De La Salle Centre
Wicklow
A67 FX65

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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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Contact Number.....

Address.....

