

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

9th August 2026

RCN 20016166

Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

A hand to be Held

A most strange gospel story - **J**esus walks on the water. It's the type of gospel that suits a decision time, challenging us into deep trust - an invitation to come to the water; not to be afraid. It's about trusting in **J**esus, when there is nothing else. If you have human help, it's great - but not the same as trusting in God.

In time of death, the call is to trust in God's promise, because he is the way and the truth. Old age can be the same, or times in life when we just don't know what the future will hold. It sounds unusual, but what Jesus does in this situation is very human. He doesn't lecture or say a prayer, he just holds hands.

Someone was given a book on bereavement after a family death - he said he needed a hand to be held, or his tears to be heard. That's Jesus. He held Peter. Our God is a God with skin, with a human heart, who leaves big ideas behind when we are in trouble. Jesus just went across the lake, stopping his comfortable prayer.

There are times when we just need to hold on to God in trust. On another occasion Peter would jump into the lake again - after the resurrection.

Always a water man! Then he would be asked not just to hold a hand, but to be the hand that would reach out to others. Peter was prepared for his mission in many ways. As Pope Francis says, 'When the Lord wants to give us a mission, wants to give us a task, He prepares us. He prepares us to do it well' (June 2014).

*Remember a time when all you seemed to have was God; thank him.
Or recall when all you needed was God; ask him now for help.
Lord, in you I put my trust.*

Sometimes you
don't realize that
Jesus is all you
need until Jesus
is all you have.

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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	Neville Byrne - 1st Anni Fiona Byrne 1st Anni Joesph Doyle (A)	NO MASS
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	NO MASS	Tom Kaye (A)

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2nd August 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	-	€80
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	-	€190
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	-	€170
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	-	€20

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: Isaiah 56: 1,6 - 7

PSALM: (Ps. 66)

SECOND READING: Romans 11:13 - 15, 29 - 32

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28



Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Next meeting 27th August at 7.30pm in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

Parish envelopes

If anyone is missing a box of envelopes, please notify the parish office on 0404 61699 or email us on parishofficewicklow@gmail.com. We will be happy to sort out the issue immediately

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Providing support & a social outlet for older people

DRAW RESULTS July 2026

		Winner	Seller
1st	€300	Phil Glynn	Catherine Barrett
2nd	€150	Agnes Brady	Ann Byrne
3rd	€100	Tommy Cullen	Oona McKiernan
4th	€50	Catherine O'Leary	Ann Byrne

Thank you for your ongoing support

Registered Charity Number (RCN) 20200036

Mass Schedule B and C.

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule B: 8th /9th August 2026 & 22nd/23rd August

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)

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**Special schedule operates on the dates listed below**

**Schedule C: 15/16 August & 29th/30th August**

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| <b>Wicklow Vigil Mass</b>    | <b>6.00pm</b>  | <b>(Saturday)</b> |
| <b>Barndarrig Vigil Mass</b> | <b>7.30pm</b>  | <b>(Saturday)</b> |
| <b>Rathnew</b>               | <b>9.00am</b>  | <b>(Sunday)</b>   |
| <b>Wicklow</b>               | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>(Sunday)</b>   |
| <b>Glenealy</b>              | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>(Sunday)</b>   |
| <b>Wicklow</b>               | <b>12.00pm</b> | <b>(Sunday)</b>   |



# Bethany

Bereavement Support

## Wicklow Group

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a 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.

Meetings are held in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.



### Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 4th August at 10:45 am



Tuesday 25th August at 8:00 pm

You are welcome to attend,  
or to make contact for a chat.



**Tel: 087 0060 700**

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

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

# Our Lady's Island

## PILGRIMAGE 2026



### ST MANTAN'S PASTORAL AREA

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are delighted to announce they have organised a Pilgrimage to Our LADY'S ISLAND for Sunday 23rd August.

It has been a while since this Pilgrimage has been done and was previously organised by the late Mary Kavanagh and members of the Pioneer Association, we are very happy to bring it back in honour of Mary and all the past members of the local Pioneer Association.

There is a bus organised and a light lunch (Tea/Coffee, sandwiches & cakes) on the island which costs €25 per person. Lunch will be before the Mass.

Mass begins at 3pm with a Testimony & Songs from Michael Flood, Soprano. There will be some free time to visit the shop and wander around the area before returning home.

Booking is through the Parish Office only (0404 -61669), and is limited

#### BUS PICK / DROP OFF UP POINTS ARE:

ASHFORD 10.45am

RATHNEW 11.00am

WICKLOW 11.15am

BEEHIVE 11.30am

The bus will be leaving Our Lady's Island at 5pm.

Like the  
sunflower that follows  
every movement of  
the sun, so I turn  
toward you to follow  
you, my God.

Carrey Landry

