ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

9th November 2025

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Fr. Martin Hogan Gospel Reflection

The Basilica of Saint John Lateran in Rome is the Cathedral church of the Pope in his role as Bishop of the Diocese of Rome. It is called '*Saint John*' after the two monasteries once attached, dedicated to Saint John the apostle and Saint John the Baptist. As the Cathedral Church of the Pope it has the title '*Mother and Head of all the churches of the City and of the World*'. It is sometimes called the Lateran Basilica or the Basilica of Saint John Lateran. The '*Laterani*' were an old Roman family who probably once owned the land on which the Emperor Constantine, the first Christian Emperor, built this Basilica in the early decades of the fourth century. The present Basilica retains the plan given to it by Constantine but it has been rebuilt and restored over the centuries. It is one of the most important religious buildings in the Catholic Church. The most Important religious building in the time of Jesus and the early church was the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. In the words of today's responsorial psalm, it was '*the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken*'. At a time when this Temple was still standing in all its glory, Paul, writing to the church in Corinth, makes the extraordinary statement in today's second reading, '*Don't you realize that you are God's Temple and that the Spirit of God is living among you?*' Paul is declaring that the Most High now dwells in the community of believers who gather around the risen Lord.

The focal point of God's presence is no longer a building, no matter how magnificent, but the community of those who have responded in faith to the preaching of the gospel of Christ crucified and risen. Paul declares that the foundation of this building is the one he has laid, namely, Jesus Christ. If someone came along and tried to replace that foundation with another, the church would no longer be the focal point of God's presence in the world. In today's gospel reading from John, which was written perhaps thirty years after the Jewish Temple was destroyed by the Romans, Jesus speaks of himself as the temple of God, the focal point of God's presence. The Word who was God became flesh in Jesus; to see Jesus is to see God the Father. The risen Lord is the primary temple of God and the church can only be God's temple if the risen Lord remains its foundation. As individual believers, we can only mediate God's presence to our world to the extent that we allow his Son, our risen Lord, to live out his life in and through us.

Sincere sympathies to the families of

Larry Byrne, Barnbawn Road, Glenealy, Wicklow

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD	Johnny McDonald	Dylan Lynch
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH
2nd November

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €295
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €450
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - Goes towards Diocesan Administration - €295
MAINTENANCE - goes towards Parish upkeep - €80

Many thanks for your continued support.

Anam Cara Support Evening

Anam Cara, the charity organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 17th November 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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Ashford: 1st Friday after Mass
Wicklow: Mondays & Thursdays after Mass
Kilbride: 1st Thursday at 7pm (Divine Mercy)
Brittas Bay: Tuesdays at 9am

Next Ashford Baptism Meeting is on Thursday, 27th November at 7.30pm in the church. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

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For all enquires and bookings

Archdiocese of Dublin

St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Bicentenary Weekend

Marking the 800th Anniversary of St Laurence O'Toole's Canonisation

FRIDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER

12 NOON

Mass for the Feast of St Laurence O'Toole
with Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin

5.30PM

Choral Vespers for the Feast of St Laurence O'Toole
with the Palestrina Choir

SATURDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER

7PM

Hope Concert – music, joy and hope
with the SHALOM Catholic Community

SUNDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER

11AM

Sunday Mass to mark the anniversaries
with Bishop Paul Dempsey, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin

3.30PM

Concert: GLORIA Vivaldi and works by Handel, Bach and Mozart
with the Palestrina Choir, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir
and Marlborough Baroque Orchestra, conducted by Blánaid Murphy

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