

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The Baptism of the Lord ~ Year A

11th January 2026

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**Donal Neary SJ** *Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew*

*'You are beloved...'*

**J**esus' baptism by John the Baptist had a different meaning from ours. It was more a baptism of sorrow for sin and of forgiveness; in this plunge into the river, Jesus identified with his people in his.

**A**t the baptism he heard the best words he could hear; **You are my beloved.** God led Jesus to John to hear these words.

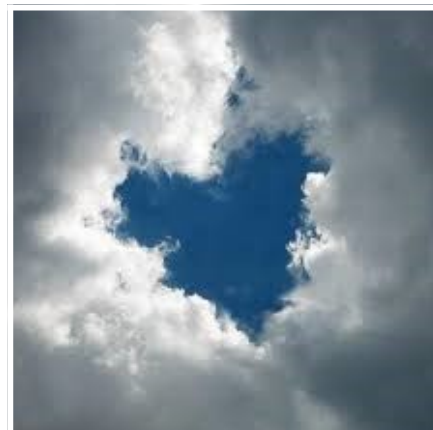
**One of us, one with us, he could now be one for us.** Joy flooded his heart as he heard these words. Something happened for Jesus at that moment that only he could know - like bells ringing that only he could hear. Have you heard it in your life? At times we face the huge mysteries love, beauty, friendship, birth, death. And we know in the middle of it all, that we are beloved.

**Our call is to be fully involved in life and love. The Christian is called to be involved with others at the times of need, of depth and mystery. Jesus did that - plunging himself into our humanity and with all of us.**

**The feast of the baptism is something new for all. The son of God is one of us. We have a new way of knowing God not just in the laws of old but in the new Spirit of Jesus.**

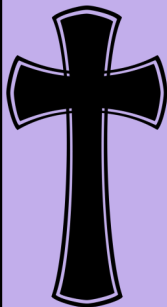
**So let the bells of love ring for us in God; and wherever we find it; let's ring bells of love for all the most needy of God's people.**

**Let the word 'beloved' echo in your mind and heart.  
This is God's word for you today.  
Lord, thanks for calling me 'beloved'**



*Sincere sympathies to the families of*

**Rita O'Gara (née Nolan)  
Navan Road, Dublin 7 & late of Glenealy, Co. Wicklow**



	This week we remember	Next week we remember
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>6.00pm ASHFORD</b>		
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>10.30am GLENEALY</b>		<b>NO MASS</b>

## ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

### 4th January 2026

<b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 125
<b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 545
<b>2ND COLLECTION/SHARE</b>	- Goes towards Diocesan Administration	- €375
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 50

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

<u><b>Ashford:</b></u>	<b>1st Friday after Mass</b>
<u><b>Wicklow:</b></u>	<b>Mondays and Thursdays after Mass</b>
<u><b>Kilbride:</b></u>	<b>1st Thursday at 7pm (Divine Mercy)</b>
<u><b>Brittas Bay:</b></u>	<b>Tuesdays at 9am</b>



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

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**

**PSALM: PS. 39:2,4, 7-10**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

**GOSPEL: John 1:29-34**



**Please note the following changes in Masses for next weekend.**

Eucharistic Service in Wicklow on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January & in Barndarrig on Wed 14<sup>th</sup> January.

Please note that on the weekend of the 17/18th January 2026, Schedule B of masses will operate.

There will be NO vigil Mass in Barndarrig on the 17th January and no masses on Sunday 18th January in Glenealy or Rathnew.

There will be masses in :

Ashford Vigil Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)

Wicklow Vigil Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)

Kilbride 9.00am (Sunday)

Wicklow 10.30am (Sunday)

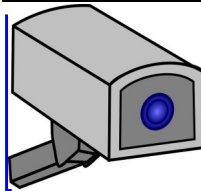
Wicklow 12.00pm (Sunday)

Brittas Bay 12.00pm (Sunday)

**Anam Cara**, the charity organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 19th January 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)



**Don't forget that all Masses in Wicklow can be viewed live on the pastoral area website, during the weekdays and weekends.**

**[www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie)**

**Mass leaflets are available in all the churches even if there is no Mass in a church on a particular weekend.**

## **Active Retirement Activities & Trips**

**Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland**

**Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.**

Follow us on our facebook page: **Wicklow Active Retirement**

**If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring Pauline on 087 227 6760**

*You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte*

**Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Thursday 22nd January at 7.30pm in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.**

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For all enquires and bookings

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

We would love to hear what is happening in the parish so that we can include it in the parish newsletter.

If you are organising any event or activity—non-profit—please email us with the details at [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you.

## Scoil na Coróine Mhuire - Junior Infants Sept 2026

School admissions for new Junior Infants for Sept 2026, which will be opening on the 7th January (all relevant dates are on our website).

**PLEASE ..... MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE CHURCH.**

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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