

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ Year C

Good Shepherd Sunday

11th May 2025

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Gospel Reflection ~ Christian love~ Donal Neary SJ

'God, that's very true' — a remark at our liturgy meeting after the second reading. Jealousy kills, envy too, and isn't it great to rejoice in the good fortune of another?

Love is what we bring with us at the end of life. 'We will be judged in the evening of life by love (St John of the Cross). Love for those near and far, for love in the gospel is more than love for just the family, the friend, the attractive one, the neighbour, for all.

There are different calls to Christian love - near and dear daily love, friendship, marriage, relationships. The wider world like in our job where we live in a loving way, in justice with all, not using others for personal gain; the wider world where a universal love makes me want to make a difference in the bigger world. Love carries us into wide seas and waters. It involves us with everyone. It obviously doesn't mean we relate to everyone - nor that we even like everyone. Love is when others' lives become at least as important as our own; and in the deepest loves like marriage, family, and often friendship, others' lives become even more important.

Love changes — we look back and see how the people we loved make the difference. Life is too short to look love in the face and say no.

'We are moulded and remoulded by those who have loved us, and though their love may pass, we are nevertheless their work' (F. Mauriac).

The second reading today is hard to beat! We see it in action when we look at the life of Jesus.

Dear Jesus whose heart is wide enough to love us all, make our hearts like yours.



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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		
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		Oliver Byrne (A)

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

4th May 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 270
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 435
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€ 282
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 115
EASTER DUES		€ 50

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check
catholicireland.net / sacredspace.ie / universalis.com

FIRST READING: Acts 14:21-27

PSALM: 144:8-13

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 21: 1-5

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

We have a new Tap & Go machine in Ashford Church. When you 'Tap' you now get the opportunity to put in your name, telephone number or email address. This in turn allows the parish to accumulate all donations from the tap device, and from family offering/Share/Common Fund or dues collections. Your information is only required once. Therefore, for all combined donations over €250 the parish can claim the tax back. Please choose a quiet day when the church is not busy to insert your contact details.

Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

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, 12th June at 7.30pm in the church.**





You are invited to join this guided trail, which will commence outside the Tourist Office in Fitzwilliam Square on Easter Saturday at 11am. (Trail will take approximately 2 hours to complete).

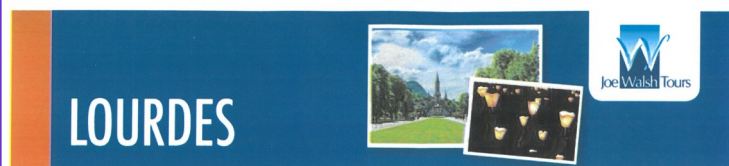
Guided trails will take place each Saturday from Easter Saturday April 19th until 27th September.

For more information on

Wicklow Town Heritage Trail visit: www.wicklowtown.ie

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



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE
Wicklow Rathnew
26 August 2025
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- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
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- » Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

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COMMENCING
TUESDAY 15th
APRIL
to
TUESDAY 27th MAY
(seven consecutive
Tuesday Nights)

Time 7.30pm

Guest Speaker
each night

For further info:
Jack 086 - 2464181

**TESTIMONIALS TO THE
HEALING POWER OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

- **Kate** healed from Crohns disease after 26 years.
- **Robert** paralyzed and on a life support machine for 3 months, totally healed
- **Abby** young girl with anorexia, totally healed
- **Aishling** with depression and alcoholism, totally healed
- **Eugene** 10 years of chronic pain, the Holy Spirit asked me to forgive, totally healed

LAY
MINISTRY
APPEAL

Building Hope Through Lay Ministry

Thanks to
your support

Sat 17th
& Sun 18th
May 2025



This Collection will replace the normal SHARE that week.

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return to Parish Office or Sacristy

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Congratulations to the children from the Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday. Hoping all the families had a special day.

Many thanks to all who helped get them to their Confirmation Day, - their teachers, parents and Parish Co-Ordinator's who all worked very hard preparing them.



JESUS LEAVING THE
99 TO FIND 1 SEEMS
ILLOGICAL,
IRRATIONAL, &
SENSELESS--UNTIL
THAT 1 IS YOU.