

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

12th May 2024

Feast of the Ascension

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Gospel Reflections

Donal Neary

Going Out or Going Up?

The feast of the Ascension seems to be more about the apostles going out than Jesus going up! As Jesus goes to his Father, the message is for us now, and to be witnesses to him, sharing what we have received, and heard.

Witnesses to a road accident can often contradict each other. They get mixed up in what they saw or heard. Or they may have only glanced at the event and moved on. We can be witnesses of Jesus who stayed with the event, not just with a glance. We have seen and heard the best story ever told, and the most influential life ever lived.

We witness to Jesus in prayer, in reading the gospel and in service of others in love.

Prayer means being in touch with God who is reaching out to us. The gospel is what feeds us, a daily opening to the words and deeds of Jesus. Loving service brings us to witness the care of God as we give and receive care.

This is what we give to the ascended Lord and receive from him. The word of God is the divine word in human words. In our work for him, God is linking heaven and earth, and we are sharers in his divinity as he is in our humanity. Far from being the absence of Jesus, the *Ascension* is his presence in a new way among us.

*Looking up is a religious gesture.
Look up to the skies sometimes this week
and make a favourite prayer.
Lord, may your kingdom come!*



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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	Michael and Kathleen Heffernan	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

5th May 2024

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 360
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 507
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration - € 215
MAINTENANCE - goes towards Parish upkeep - € 140

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

First Reading : Acts 2: 1-11

Psalm : 103

Second Reading:

Gospel: 5:16-25

New Appointments in St Mantan Pastoral Area

Fr Eamonn Crosson, current Administrator of Ashford-Glenealy Parish will be reaching the retiring from active ministry age for Priests this year.

He has very generously agreed to continue in Ashford-Glenealy by taking up an appointment as a curate in the parish from the 6th July next.

Fr Aquinas Duffy will be appointed Parish Priest of Ashford-Glenealy in addition to his current appointment as Parish Priest of "Wicklow-Rathnew" and "Kilbride-Barndarrig-Brittias Bay" Parishes.

Building Hope- Novena to the Holy Spirit 2024

We are invited to join once again with every parish in the diocese in a Novena to the Holy Spirit – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin.

The Novena will take place in the nine days from 11th/12th – 20th May beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Let us join together with other parishes across the Archdiocese, in praying and planning with Archbishop Farrell during this dedicated period 12th – 20th May. May this time of reflection, as we prepare also for the ordination of Bishop Donal Roche and the arrival of Bishop Paul Dempsey to the Archdioceses be blessed and build hope for a new future in partnership and a new way of being Church.

The Novena will be run as part of the Mass each day in Ashford/Glenealy.

Building Hope Novena to the Holy Spirit

12th – 20th May 2024

for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin



Pentecost, by Jen Norton

Archdiocese of Dublin

Building Hope through Prayer, Reflection and Planning

Congratulations

Congratulations to the children of Ashford and Glenealy National Schools who made their First Communion recently.

We keep them, their families and their teachers in our prayers.

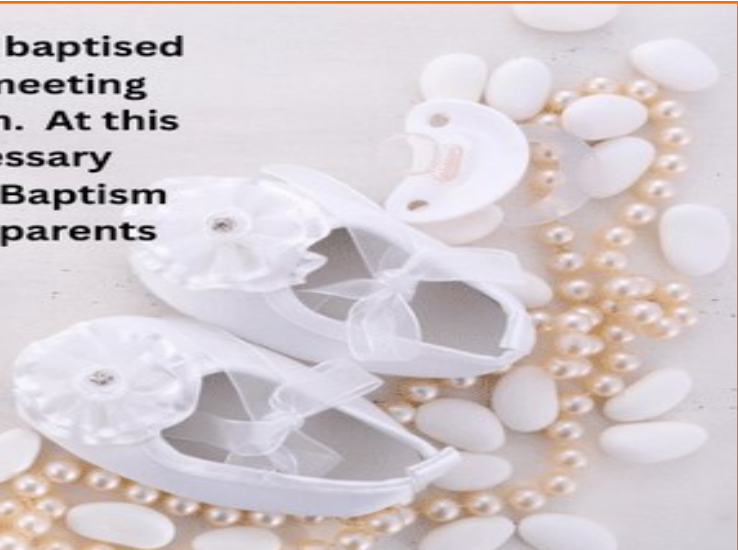
Easter Dues Envelopes

If you have not returned your Easter Dues envelope yet, you might do that as soon as possible, please.

Thank you for your continued generous support of the parish

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to attend an introductory meeting before booking a date for the baptism. At this meeting you will be given all the necessary information about the Sacrament of Baptism and the commitment required of the parents who request it for their child. The next meeting will be on

**Thursday 23rd May at 7.30pm
in the Church of the Most Holy
Rosary, Ashford**



FR DONAL'S ORDINATION AS AUXILIARY BISHOP

The parish will be organising buses to St. Andrew's Church Westland Row, Dublin, on Sunday 26th May to Westland Row for the Mass installing Fr Donal as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin.

The bus will cost €15 per person payable before travelling. You need to book your seat through the parish office only.

Time & place of departure will be announced closer to date

WICKLOW COPD GROUP

COPD Exercise class to help improve your breathing every Monday in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre.

**Fully qualified Instructors
Further information from Denis Teevan on 086 8174 703**

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

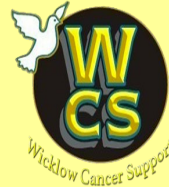
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World Peace

We pray for peace in our hearts, in our homes, in our community and in our troubled world, especially in the Middle East and in Ukraine. We pray for those who are suffering, displaced and fearful because of war. Make us instruments of your peace and messengers of hope to those who are troubled.



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!

Phone 0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Our office is open Mon-Fri from 10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

Walk

with God when your heart needs company.

Turn

to God when you need someone to lean on.

Take

His hands when you feel alone.

He

is there when you need him most.

Never

give up, never back down, never lose faith.

Trust

God, He can do the impossible.

Kelly's Treehouse

-Mar Razalan

