

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

13th September 2026

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Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Forgiveness

We are called to forgive; and that can be really difficult.

You have been defrauded by the banks of your life's savings - can you forgive?

You were abused as a child - can you forgive?

You were done out of a job because another lied to get it - can you forgive?

The answer is maybe 'no'. What then does God want? He asks us to open our hearts to the other so that we may forgive. Forgiveness is the deepest of God's desires on our behalf, and he hopes that we can forgive each other.

Our hurts and burdens are heavy to carry through life. To forgive can release some of that weight. The person who hurt us may be dead, or may not even know (or care) that we are hurting. When we desire to forgive but don't know how, one way of looking for this strength is to pray for it. We often pray, '*Lord, make my heart like yours*'. When we pray that we are praying to be forgiving people!

Another way is to pray for the person. When we realise that as **G**od loves me, he also loves everyone, we may find a spark or light of forgiveness in our souls. Out of this we may find the will to meet the other and talk to him or her, and find the grace of forgiveness between us.

Forgiveness sometimes comes slowly. When **G**od sees us wanting to be on the road to forgiveness, he gives us the graces we need to unburden ourselves and be able to love like him.

Sit in silence for a while, and send a blessing or prayer to someone you need to forgive.

Lord, I ask - make my heart 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	Donal Kelly M.M Martin Doyle (A) Lily Melia (A)	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

6th September 2026

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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



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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55: 6 - 9

PSALM: (Ps. 144)

SECOND READING: Philippians 1: 20 - 24.27

GOSPEL: Matthew 20: 1-16



Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Next meeting 24th September at 7.30pm in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

Cross Care Annual Appeal 2026



The Cross Care Annual Appeal collection is taking place next weekend 19th & 20th of September. It will replace the SHARE Collection. Your support as normal would be appreciated.

WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT



**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 -
All our services are free of charge*

0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Email info@wicklowcancersupport.ie

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.
Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.

BAPTISM

A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

ADULT BAPTISM

Your Journey of Faith

*Are you thinking about taking the
step to join the Catholic Church?*

OUR ADULT FAITH JOURNEY COURSE

commences on Friday 11th September at 7pm in the
DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE

For further information
contact the Parish Office on 0404 61699
or email us on parishofficewicklow@gmail.com.

Parish Religious Education Classes

The parish offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children who are attending non-Catholic Schools. Parents who wish to present their child for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation are invited to enrol them for a two-year programme of preparation.

Online Registration is now available on
www.stmantan.ie

Go to General Information click into Sacraments then click Parish Religious Education Programme and enrolment. You can now enrol your child by clicking on the relevant link and filling in the form. Payment can be made at the end of the form.

Sacramental Registration 2026 ~ 2027

*Parents wishing to have
their child receive the
Sacraments of
First Holy Communion
& Confirmation
may now register online on
www.stmantan.ie.
Go to general information
then sacraments,
choose your sacrament &
fill in the form.*

*Any problems or for more
information, please contact
the parish office
on 0404 61699
between 10am & 12.30pm*



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 1st September at 10:45 am



Tuesday 29th September 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.....

4 WEEK SABBATICAL

Sunday 4. - Friday 30. October

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The LORD is my strength
and my shield; my heart
trusts in Him, and He
helps me. My heart leaps
for joy, and with my song
I praise Him.

Psalm 28:7