

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

14th July 2024

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RCN 20016166

### *Gospel Reflections* **Journey of Faith** *Donal Neary SJ*

There is a certain freedom about accepting the word of God and the gospel of Christ. Jesus tells his disciples not to force the truth of the gospel on people. If they don't accept it and welcome it they are to move on.

The journey of faith is complicated and a long journey. People accept bits and pieces at times, and remain open to further growth. We sometimes expect too much of people and forget that their life stories and their struggles may make it too much to accept a lot of the gospel. Is the person whose spouse left him or her condemned forever to a single life? Or some types of criminal people never to be forgiven and welcomed back in the church?

The reason the apostles would walk away is that people would not listen to them, not that they would not do what they said. We hope for an openness to the gospel from people, as we hope for an openness to everyone's life story when we try to share the word of Jesus.

This is true for parents and teachers; we open the word of God and the truth of Jesus to younger people, and hope that now or later they will be followers of Jesus. It does not happen immediately.

The prophet Amos seems to come from an ordinary job to be a prophet; from the ordinary ways we try to follow Christ and live out the gospel we can share the best of our faith with another generation.



*Have I judged too easily?  
Ask for a heart open to the struggles and history of others.  
Lord help me to see others as you see them.*

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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
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6.00pm ASHFORD	Paddy Browne RD Michael Grout (UK)	<b>NO MASS Saturday 20th in ASHFORD CHURCH</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10.30am GLENEALY		

## ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

### 7th July 2024

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 125  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 321  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - goes towards Diocesan Administration - € 172  
**MAINTENANCE** - goes towards Parish upkeep - € 85

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

**First Reading : Amos 7:12-15**

**Psalm : 84: 9-14**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-14**

**Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13**

**Congratulations to all couples  
planning their marriage**

Don't forget to give 3 months  
notice to the parish where you live.  
Your local parish is responsible for organising the  
paperwork necessary for the Sacrament of Marriage  
irrespective of where the wedding will take place.



## **BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES 2024**



**Castletimon Cemetery: Monday, July 15th at 7.30pm**

**Rathnew Cemetery: Wednesday 17th July at 7.30pm**

**Glenealy Cemetery: Saturday 20th July at 3.00pm**

**Killoughter Cemetery: Tuesday 23rd July at 7.30pm**

## **PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGES IN MASS TIMES FOR NEXT WEEKEND (20/21 July)**

**ASHFORD - NO VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY 20TH JULY**  
**KILBRIDE - NO 9.00AM MASS ON SUNDAY 21ST JULY**  
**BRITTAS BAY - NO 12PM MASS ON SUNDAY 21ST JULY**

**Mass will be available in the following Churches at the following times:**

Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Barndarrig Vigil Mass	7:30pm	(Saturday)
Rathnew	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)

### **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**

**Margaret Geary on 086 0700 758**

*In July, we pray with  
Pope Francis that the  
Sacrament of the  
Anointing of the Sick  
may grant the Lord's  
strength to those who  
receive it and to their loved ones,  
and that it may become for every-  
one an ever more visible sign of  
compassion and hope.*



**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 25th July at 7.30pm  
in the Church of the Most Holy  
Rosary, Ashford**





## Residential Retreats - Lough Derg, Co. Donegal

These residential retreats are designed for people who are curious and are searching for ways to explore and deepen their experience of God in a Christian context. They are structured around daily prayer with input from experienced facilitators and provide a comfortable, full-board stay on the island. For further information please visit [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

## 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.

## Active Retirement Activities & Trips

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

**Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.**

**Conversational Irish Tuesdays at 10.00 am**

**Line Dancing Tuesdays 12.00 to 1.00pm**

**Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00am**

**Choir Fridays 3.00pm—4.00pm**

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*

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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Contact Number.....

Address.....

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**MORNINGS ARE  
BETTER WHEN YOU  
TALK TO GOD FIRST.**

ANONYMOUS

