

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

14th September 2025 RCN 20016166

Fr Martin Hogan comments on John 3:13-17

Today's feast of the exaltation or triumph of the Holy Cross is not like Good Friday. Our focus is not so much on the sufferings of Jesus. Rather, we celebrate what the gospel reading refers to as the lifting up of the Son of Man. The term 'lifting up' suggests not just his being lifted up physically on the cross but also his being lifted up in glory. There are some depictions of the cross which highlight this double sense of Jesus being lifted up, where the body of Jesus on the cross is almost glorified. You may be familiar with the cross of San Damiano in Assisi. When Saint Francis was praying before it, he heard the Lord call on him to rebuild the church. The image of Jesus that is painted on that cross has a glorious, luminous, quality. It is this kind of depiction of the cross that reflects the meaning of today's feast, which is the feast of the triumph or exaltation of the cross.

In what sense was the crucifixion of Jesus a triumph?

It was firstly the triumph of love over hatred, the triumph of God's love over human sin. All authentic love is life-giving and God's love is supremely life-giving.

That is why the crucifixion of Jesus was a triumph in another sense, the triumph of life over death, of God's life over human death, a triumph in which we can all share. That verse in today's gospel reading which has spoken to believers down

the centuries really sums up the meaning of today's feast, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him'.

Today we are invited to look upon the cross as the 'explosion of God's life-giving love for us all' and then to allow ourselves to be drawn into that love so that we can reflect it to others through our lives.



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For all enquires and bookings

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD	Martin Doyle	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	Fred Strahan R.D	

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH 7th September

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish -1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese € 400 2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 240

- goes towards Parish upkeep MAINTENANCE € 135

Many thanks for your continued support.

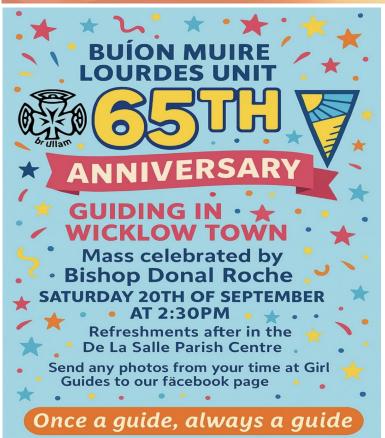
NEXT WEEKEND'S

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

FIRST READING: Amos 8: 4-7

PSALM: Ps. 112: 1 -2, 4-8 **SECOND READING: Timothy 2:1-8**

GOSPEL: Luke 16,1-13





The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is coded by the Irish Government, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training (EIST) Programme 2021 -2027."



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Ashford: 1st Friday after Mass

Wicklow: Mondays & Thursdays after Mass
Kilbride: 1st Thursday et 7pm (Divine Marcy)

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Brittas Bay: Tuesdays at 9am

Next Ashford Baptism Meeting is on Thursday, 25th September at 7.30pm in the church. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Providing support & a social outlet for older people

DRAW RESULTS August 2025

		Winner	Seller
1 st	€300	Robert Carter Jr	Ann Lyons
2 nd	€150	Lucy Shortt	Ann Lyons
3 rd	€100	Liam Carthy	Liam Carthy
4th	€50	Breda Keogh	Catherine Barrett

Thank you for your ongoing support

Registered Charity Number (RCN) 20200036

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2026

Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2026 for children attending Catholic schools in the Pastoral Area is now open on the Pastoral Area website, www.stmantan.ie – under General Information and then Sacraments you will see a section for First Holy Communion and one for Confirmation. When you open one of these there is a link to the Registration Forms. Once you have completed and submitted the form you will be redirected to Payzone in order to pay the registration fee of €10 which goes towards administration costs. Please register at your earliest convenience as this will ensure you receive emails about upcoming meetings and ceremonies.







Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteer

Visitation Support and Befriending is a supported one-to-one relationship between a volunteer and an older person who has been linked in with ALONE.



Telephone Support & Befriending Volunteer

ALONE's Telephone Support and Befriending is a free friendly, support and information telephone service for older people.



National Support & Referral Line Volunteer

As an NSRL volunteer, you will provide a listening ear, information, and support for older people in a warm, friendly, and professional manner.

"My Volunteer brightens up my day and I look forward to the visit every week"

- Older Person

"I have gained meaning from supporting others and I have a new perspective on life"

- Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteer

"I feel connected to the people I talk to"

- Telephone Support & Befriending Volunteer

0818 222 024 National Support & Referral Line 8am - 8pm

Sign up at volunteer@alone.ie





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