

# 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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**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	Martin Doyle	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10.30am GLENEALY	Fred Strahan R.D	

## ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

7th September

<b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 325
<b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 400
<b>2ND COLLECTION/SHARE</b>	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€ 240
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 135

*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 8: 4-7**

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

**SECOND READING: Timothy 2:1-8**

**GOSPEL: Luke 16,1-13**

**BUÍÓN MUIRE  
LOURDES UNIT**



**65TH**

**ANNIVERSARY**

**GUIDING IN  
WICKLOW TOWN**

Mass celebrated by  
**Bishop Donal Roche**

**SATURDAY 20TH OF SEPTEMBER  
AT 2:30PM**

Refreshments after in the  
**De La Salle Parish Centre**

Send any photos from your time at Girl  
 Guides to our facebook page

**Once a guide, always a guide**



Rathnew Women's Social Enterprise

**CRAFT FAIR**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH**



**11AM TO 3 PM**

ST. BRIGID'S HALL RATHNEW  
 A67 X583



HAND CRAFTED GOODS, CROCHET,  
 KNITWEAR, GIFTS, SENSORY TOYS,  
 UP-CYCLED CREATIONS, COZY QUILTS,  
 BAKED GOODS & REFRESHMENTS



"The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co-funded 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 at 7pm (Divine Mercy)  
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**

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

**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](http://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.



# DO YOU NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AS YOU AGE?



**CALL OUR NATIONAL SUPPORT LINE ON  
0818 222 024  
FROM 8AM-8PM, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK**

ALONE is a national organisation that enables you to age at home.  
We support with issues like:

- Access to Health Services
- Social Welfare Entitlements
- Housing Issues
- Activities and events

No matter how big the concern, ALONE will be there to support you.

**ALONE**  
YOU'RE NOT ALONE

# Ways to Get Involved



## 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](mailto:volunteer@alone.ie)**



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**PLEASE ..... MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE CHURCH.**

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.....

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**“let your  
faith  
be bigger  
than your  
fear.,,”**

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