

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent - Year A

14th December 2025

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Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~Good news of God

John the Baptist was a man of passionate commitment to what he believed in. He strongly believed in the coming of the Christ. This man of faith was being tested in that Jesus was a different type of Christ or Messiah from what he expected. He often wondered who the Messiah would be.

John was a man with a lot of conviction and truth. He preached what he believed and practiced what he taught. But he seemed to miss the point sometimes. He seemed to miss that Jesus would be found, not in preaching only but in helping others.

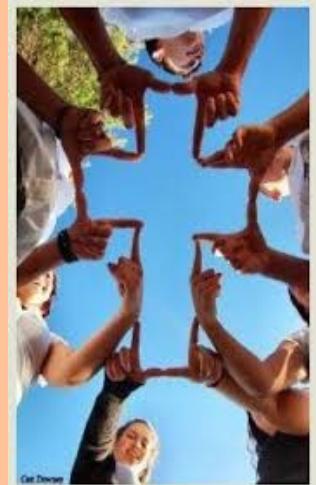
John preached repentance for sin; Jesus preached the coming of the kingdom. The blind would see, and the lame would walk - these were to be signs of the coming of the 'One to come'.

The late Pope Francis says:

'There is no prayer in which Jesus does not inspire us to do something. Our faith in Jesus is seen in strong action. The poor are helped at our pre-Christmas collections.

We might ask not what we might get for Christmas, but how our Christmas might help others. We might ask that Christmas will be happy for others because of us -

happy in body, with enough food for every family, happy in mind that we know the truth of God's coming into the world, and happy in forgiveness, as that is one of God's biggest gifts.



Lord, let me believe that your life is good news and help me to share this good news in word and deed with all whom I meet these waiting days

ASHFORD & GLENEALY ~ PARISH - CONTACTS

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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		Larry, Patrick & Margaret O'Toole
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

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7th December

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 - €

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: Isaiah 7: 10 - 14

PSALM: Ps 23: 1 - 6

SECOND READING: Romans 1: 1-7

GOSPEL: Matthew 1: 18 -24

De La Salle Parish Office

*Will close on Friday 19th December
at 12.30pm and re-opens on
Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 10am.*

*Wishing all our clients
a very happy and
peaceful Christmas
and new year.*



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 22nd January at 7.30pm in the church. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

NO BAPTISM MEETING IN DECEMBER

AN TAIRSEACH
SOLAS

Winter Solstice Ceremony
THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 6.30PM TO 9PM

• REST • RESTORE • REPLENISH •
SONG • SOUND HEALING • PRAYER

Homemade organic soup & soda bread on arrival

A cosy evening of communal ritual hosted in our beautiful chapel

Tickets: €20 Booking Essential
0404 61833 info@antairseach.ie www.antairseach.ie
Accommodation available on request

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Rear of Boots Pharmacy,
Abbey Street, Wicklow**

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0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Email info@wicklowcancersupport.ie

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





#HaveYourSay about your local Catholic school

Participate before 16 December 2025 in the
Department of Education and Youth's
#PrimarySchoolSurvey



www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/



Advent Reflection

Reflecting on the beautiful Advent Gospels

Where? An Taireseach (Dominican Ecology Centre)

When? 1. Wednesday November 26th

2. Wednesday December 3rd

3. Wednesday December 10th

4. Wednesday December 17th

What Time? 7:30pm - 8:40pm

Optional 'cuppa' after it with delicious homemade
biscuits

**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

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**GOD WILL NEVER
LET US DOWN,
BECAUSE HIS
LOVE IS
UNCONDITIONAL.**

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