ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

15th February 2026

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Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

This list of some of Jesus' sayings give an indication of what is important to him. He states the religious tradition of the people when he says that he has not come to abolish the old religion, and that religion must go much deeper and be an affair of the heart. He asks for forgiveness and reconciliation when he speaks about leaving a gift at the altar to go for reconciliation. He commends marriage, and faithfulness in marriage, in his views on divorce. He believes in the respect for sexuality that is shown in not using a person.

This collection of Jesus' sayings form a background to how he lived his life himself. He lived out these sayings in many of the events of his life, which we hear about on other Sundays. The Sermon on the Mount, of which this is part, is the backdrop to much of Jesus' life and mission, a sort of vision statement for his life and ministry.

Much of this went against the religious practice of his people, which was centred mostly on externals. He saw the ritual and the law of religion as important only if it came from the heart. This is the challenge always to religion to live heartily what it enthusiastically believes. Practices in ritual and in religious custom and laws may change with different cultures and times; what is important is the way we live our lives, following Jesus and knowing that all our efforts to live like him are praised and rewarded. Pope Francis says, 'It is not enough to just respect the commandments and do nothing more. Christian life is not just an ethical life: it is an encounter with Jesus Christ' (9 May 2016).

Repeat a favourite gospel phrase as you breathe in;
your outbreath is your thanks for this help in your life.
Lord, your will be done each day in my life.

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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		
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH
8th February 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €260
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €380
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - Goes towards Diocesan Administration - €225
MAINTENANCE - goes towards Parish upkeep - €195

Many thanks for your continued support.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
PSALM: Ps. 50:3-6,12-14,17
SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19(or *5:12,17-19)
GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1 - 11

Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Thursday 26th February at 7.30pm in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

Many bereaved people find it beneficial to receive support from trained volunteers

Bethany Bereavement Support is now offering additional drop-in meetings. These will be held at 10.45 am on the 1st Tuesday of each month in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65 . Commencing on 3rd March 2026.

We hope this will make it easier for you to receive our support.

Our current evening meetings continue as usual. These meeting are held at 8pm on the last Tuesday of every month You are welcome to drop into either meeting.

All our meetings are held in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65

If you prefer, we can meet with you in person. You can call us, in confidence, on 086 835 9148 and be assured of our compassion and understanding.

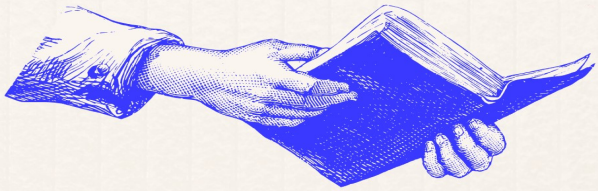
All our help is free and confidential

The death of a loved one can be an overwhelming and isolating experience but you don't have to face it alone.

Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Abuse

There is a special Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Abuse which takes place on Friday, February 20th. The 10am mass in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Ashford will be offered for all those affected

Readers for Ashford Masses

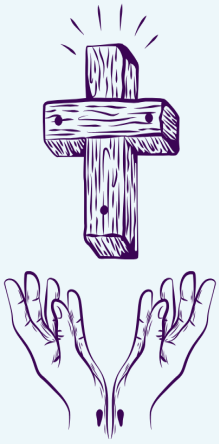


Readers needed for Mass in Ashford If you think you are intrested Names may be left in the Scaristy after Mass or WhatsApp 087 612 8927. People would be part of a roster but swaps are always possible.

Baptised and Sent in Lent

There is course over 5 Thursday evenings in Lent starting the 19th of February at 7.30 pm in the Parish House Ashford.
All welcome.

If you are interested in attending you can text 0872342355 to register



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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Contact Number.....

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ORGAN RECITAL - POETRY - SONG

Wednesday, 18. February
6.30pm to 8pm

An Ode to Spring

Experience the Healing of Sound
with Klaas Jan de Vries

Homemade organic soup & soda bread on arrival

Tickets €20

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WORKSHOP

Saturday 21. March
2pm to 5pm

Spring Herbal Workshop

with Jo Segrave Daly,
The Glendalough Herbalist

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