ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A

15th March 2026

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Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

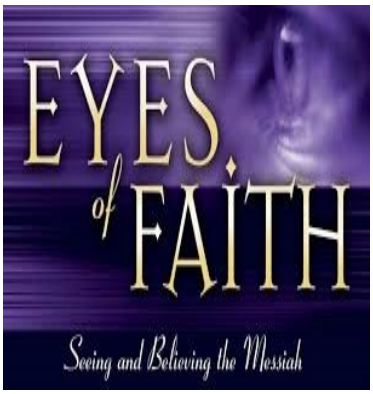
The Eye of Faith

Some saw a blind man being cured and walked on amazed. Others saw the same cures and found faith. We can see things - everyday things - with different eyes. A sick woman may be seen with the eye of compassion for illness, hope for a cure/ profit from a profession. The Christian tries to see the world with the eye of faith.

Faith grows in many ways - by opening ourselves to our human desire for God, by mulling over the good things of life by experiencing the good within ourselves by looking over times of faith in the past and by allowing the goodness of others to bring us to new and stronger faith. This is the call of the gospel today - to open our eyes to the Lord who is at work in many ways.

We learn to see and love with the eye of faith by looking at the look of Jesus towards us. It is often a big jump to believe in what we cannot see. Even the blind man today was reminded by Jesus ' You are looking at the Son of Man he is speaking to you.' Jesus looks at each of us with faith in our goodness and with love.

Maybe we can walk around in this atmosphere of faith, "seeing" God
in a flower,
or in a parent holding a child's hand,
or in a person pushing a wheelchair with courage and notice that in many ways God is near and the presence of Jesus is at hand.



Let this verse echo in your mind from the hymn: Amazing Grace
I once was lost and now am found,
was blind and now I see.
Lord, let me see you in the simple things of 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	Geraldine & Liam Kelly	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH
8th March 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €360
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €490
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - Accord Collection - €285
MAINTENANCE - goes towards Parish upkeep - €70

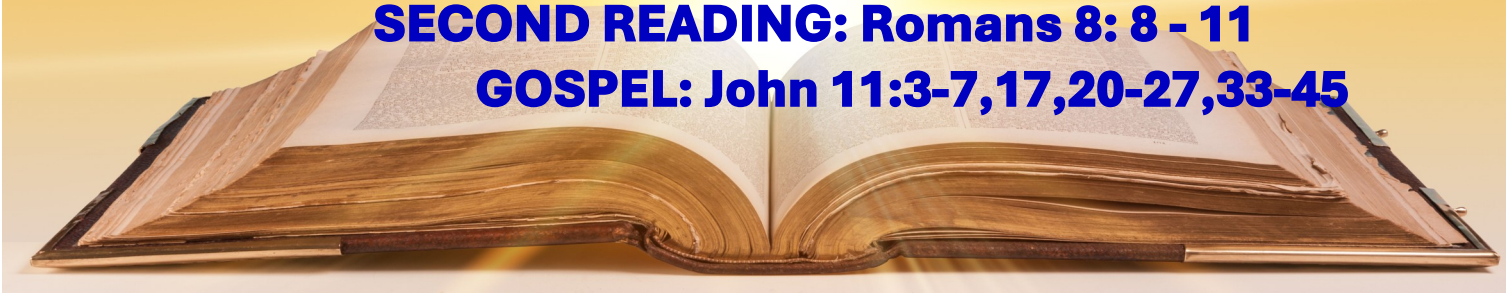
Many thanks for your continued support.

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: Ezekial 37: 12 –14
PSALM: Ps.129
SECOND READING: Romans 8: 8 - 11
GOSPEL: John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45



Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Thursday 26th March at 7.30pm in the Parochial House. 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 February 2026

		Winner	Seller
1st	€300	Olive Staunton	Catherine Barrett
2nd	€150	Kathleen O'Shaughnessy	Catherine Barrett
3rd	€100	Paul O'Brien	Mary O'Brien
4th	€50	Breda Keogh	Catherine Barrett

Thank you for your ongoing support

Registered Charity Number (RCN) 20200036

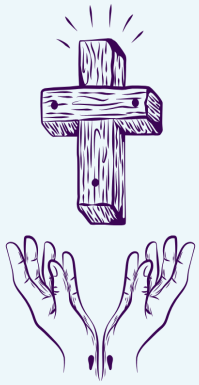
Readers for Ashford Masses

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



RATHNEW WOMEN'S SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

RATHNEW CRAFT FAIR MARKET

Craft fair

11 AM -3PM

SUNDAY 22ND OF MARCH

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

ST. BRIGID'S HALL
RATHNEW
A67 X583

"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."

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Supporting Parents After Bereavement

ONLINE BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 19 March
7pm - 8.30pm
For all bereaved parents

register at https://bit.ly/3NntfOW

GUEST SPEAKER: DIANE CLABBY

Diane Clabby is a Trauma Informed Psychotherapist, holding a BA (Hons) Degree in Integrative Counselling and Psychotherapy and I a Diploma in Trauma Informed Psychotherapy. She combines various theoretical approaches in her clinical work, aiding in her ability to support people in whatever problems they may bring to therapy. Diane has a special interest in working with trauma, complicated and prolonged grief, suicide prevention/intervention and postvention, abuse, and addiction.

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Last Friday of each month
2pm - 4pm

Wicklow Town Memory Cafe

This is a free monthly cafe event bringing together people living with dementia or memory challenges, their carers, family, friends, and healthcare professionals to connect, enjoy time together, and find information and support.

Upcoming Dates
27th March, 24th April
29th May, 26th June

The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town, A67 FX65

Wicklow Town Memory Cafe
memorycafewicklowtown@gmail.com

Irish Dementia Cafe Network

MOTHERS ARE LIKE GLUE. EVEN WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE THEM, THEY'RE STILL HOLDING THE FAMILY TOGETHER.

Susan Gale