

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

16th August 2026

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### *Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew*

#### *Fighting for her child*

She was a woman like many. She would fight for her child, so she took on Jesus, the best known religious figure around. Like someone taking on the minister for health or children over a medical card for a chronically ill child, and not letting them off the hook. Jesus was testing her. He saw faith, but he wanted everyone else to see it. So he told her she didn't fit into the local religious sphere because she was foreigner, like an asylum seeker or a refugee. She knew she fitted into the heart of Jesus simply because she was the mother of a sick child and believed he could help.

Even if he would cure everyone, maybe he would come back to her at the end. Jesus went further - he cured her child and praised her faith.

She is another of the unnamed people of the gospel. Like the woman of Samaria, the rich young man, the thief on Calvary - she is herself, and she is all of us. She is everyone, man and woman, of faith.

Faith in a surprising God who, in Jesus, his Son, never says no to goodness. Faith that keeps us energetic and alive, not tired, in soul as well as body.

*Remember your feeling of gratitude for the children of your family.*

*Lord, I believe. Strengthen my faith.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of*

*Donal Kelly of Ballylusk Farm, Ashford*

|                                   | This week we remember | Next week we remember |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>6.00pm ASHFORD | <b>NO MASS</b>        |                       |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>10.30am GLENEALY | <b>Tom Kaye (A)</b>   | <b>NO MASS</b>        |

## ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

9th August 2026

|                                     |                                        |        |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>  | - goes towards maintaining our parish  | - €275 |
| <b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b> | - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese  | - €230 |
| <b>2ND COLLECTION/SHARE</b>         | - goes towards Diocesan Administration | - €165 |
| <b>MAINTENANCE</b>                  | - goes towards Parish upkeep           | - €90  |

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

|                            |                                    |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <u><b>Ashford:</b></u>     | 1st Friday after Mass              |
| <u><b>Wicklow:</b></u>     | Mondays and Thursdays after Mass   |
| <u><b>Kilbride:</b></u>    | 1st Thursday at 7pm (Divine Mercy) |
| <u><b>Brittas Bay:</b></u> | Thursdays at 9am                   |



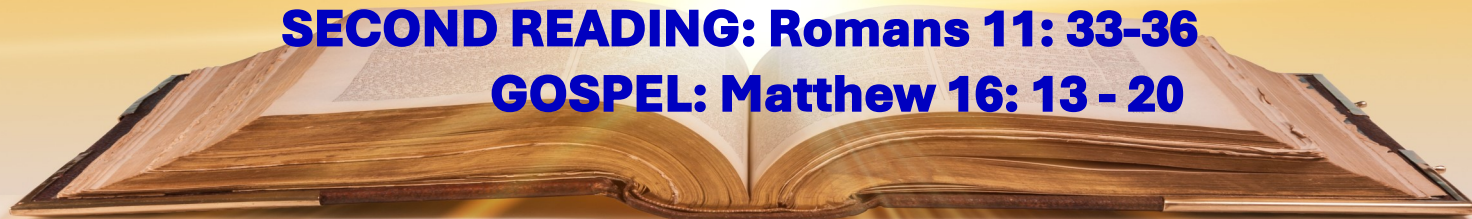
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,  
please check...

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 22: 19 - 23**

**PSALM: (Ps. 137)**

**SECOND READING: Romans 11: 33-36**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 16: 13 - 20**



**Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Next meeting 27th August at 7.30pm in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.**

### Parish envelopes

If anyone is missing a box of envelopes, please notify the parish office on 0404 61699 or email us on [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com). We will be happy to sort out the issue immediately

## WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT



**Unit 2, First Floor,  
Rear of Boots Pharmacy,  
Abbey Street, Wicklow**

*Have you, or a family member, been  
diagnosed with Cancer?*

*We're here to help -  
All our services are free of charge*

**0404 32696 or 086 821 6694**

Email [info@wicklowcancersupport.ie](mailto:info@wicklowcancersupport.ie)

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



Last Friday  
of each  
month  
2pm-4pm  
Except for July  
and December

## 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

26<sup>th</sup> June                      28<sup>th</sup> August  
25<sup>th</sup> September            30<sup>th</sup> October

The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town,  
A67 FX65



Wicklow Town Memory Cafe



memorycafe Wicklowtown@gmail.  
com



## Mass Schedule B and C.

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

**Schedule B: 8th /9th August 2026 & 22nd/23rd August**

|                    |         |            |
|--------------------|---------|------------|
| Ashford Vigil Mass | 6.00pm  | (Saturday) |
| Wicklow Vigil Mass | 6.00pm  | (Saturday) |
| Kilbride           | 9.00am  | (Sunday)   |
| Wicklow            | 10.30am | (Sunday)   |
| Wicklow            | 12.00pm | (Sunday)   |
| Brittas Bay        | 12.00pm | (Sunday)   |

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Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

**Schedule C: 15/16 August & 29th/30th August**

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|-----------------------|---------|------------|
| Wicklow Vigil Mass    | 6.00pm  | (Saturday) |
| Barndarrig Vigil Mass | 7.30pm  | (Saturday) |
| Rathnew               | 9.00am  | (Sunday)   |
| Wicklow               | 10.30am | (Sunday)   |
| Glenealy              | 10.30am | (Sunday)   |
| Wicklow               | 12.00pm | (Sunday)   |



# Bethany

Bereavement Support

## Wicklow Group

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a confidential listening service for adults who are grieving.

It offers a quiet and supportive space where people can speak about their loss and be listened to with understanding and compassion by trained volunteers.

Meetings are held in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.



### Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 4th August at 10:45 am



Tuesday 25th August at 8:00 pm

You are welcome to attend,  
or to make contact for a chat.



**Tel: 087 0060 700**

## Our Lady's Island PILGRIMAGE 2026



### ST MANTAN'S PASTORAL AREA

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are delighted to announce they have organised a Pilgrimage to Our LADY'S ISLAND for Sunday 23rd August.

It has been a while since this Pilgrimage has been done and was previously organised by the late Mary Kavanagh and members of the Pioneer Association, we are very happy to bring it back in honour of Mary and all the past members of the local Pioneer Association.

There is a bus organised and a light lunch (Tea/Coffee, sandwiches & cakes) on the island which costs €25 per person.

Lunch will be before the Mass.

Mass begins at 3pm with a Testimony & Songs from Michael Flood, Soprano. There will be some free time to visit the shop and wander around the area before returning home.

Booking is through the Parish Office only (0404 -61669), and is limited

#### BUS PICK / DROP OFF UP POINTS ARE:

ASHFORD 10.45am

RATHNEW 11.00am

WICKLOW 11.15am

BEEHIVE 11.30am

The bus will be leaving Our Lady's Island at 5pm.

**Kelly Family concert in the Ashford Heritage & Community Centre at 7pm on Sunday the 16th August.**

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.....

If God had a flower for each moment He thought of you, the whole universe would be a garden.

Matshona Dhliwayo



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