

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

16th November 2025

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Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ The Feet of the Sun

The imagery of the readings today is frightening and cannot be easily understood. Maybe one aspect is of the contrasts we live with terror and violence among ourselves and the Earth, and also the healing and gentle power of God. *The sun of justice will shine with healing in its rays*. When we see the terrors of the globe, it is a sign that God's power is also in our midst: *'Do not be frightened'*, we are told.

If you look at the sun in the evening, you often see the rays of light hitting the Earth. In Irish they are called *'cosa na greinne'* or *'the feet of the sun'*. We can think of them as God's feet walking along our scorched and wounded earth: through the poverty and the illness of his world, through fields full of landmines and unexploded bombs, the rays of light take their pilgrimage from heaven through our world, which needs the light of God so badly.

Even in persecution the presence of God is near. Even in betrayal and in the conflicts that arise over the word of God and how to live the gospel, God is near. He never abandons his people. We can almost sum up the message of the prophets as *'God does not abandon us'*.

In years when the Church throughout the world was stripped of almost all except its relationship with Jesus, we know that despite the faults, sins and weaknesses and the huge need for renewal, God is near in the word of Jesus Christ. It is in listening to his word and interpreting it together for today that we will find our true way forward as his community.



*Lord Jesus, may your kingdom come
and your will be done on earth as in heaven.*

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	Dylan Lynch (A)	Peter Kavanagh (A) Joseph & Eleanor Drumgoole
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		Don O’Gorman Aaron Wright

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9th November

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €440
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €595
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- Goes towards Diocesan Administration	- €325
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- €150

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: Samuel 5:1-3

PSALM: Ps 121: 1-5

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:12 - 20

GOSPEL: Luke 23, 35 - 43

PARISH SHOP

The Parish shop is situated in the lobby of the parish office. It has been restocked with new candles, cards and some new general stock, grave candles & ornaments. Drop in and have a browse, baptism candles small baby gifts, angel gifts, rosary beads, car medals, visor medals, cards and much more. There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards and ordinary cards available.

Shop open same time as office from 10am till 12.30pm.



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, 27th November at 7.30pm in the church. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

Rathnew Women's Social Enterprise CRAFT Fair



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23RD

11 am - 3 pm

St. Brigid's Hall, Rathnew A67 X583

Hand crafted gifts, Candles,
Sensory toys,
Up cycled creations, Crochet,
Knitwear, Cosy quilts
Baked goods, sweet treats & 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."

WMDS
WICKLOW MUSICAL & DRAMATIC SOCIETY

SNOW WHITE

Into The Dark Woods

DATES – DECEMBER 5TH-7TH
EVENING SHOWS 5TH & 6TH 7-9PM
MATINEES 6TH 2-4PM & 7TH 3-5PM
VENUE FATIMA HALL, DOMINICAN COLLEGE

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
WWW.GR8TEVENTS.IE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

We would love to hear what is happening in the parish so that we can include it in the parish newsletter.

If you are organising any event or activity—non-profit—please email us with the details at parishofficewicklow@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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