

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Ascension Sunday Year A

17th May 2026

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Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Fully Alive

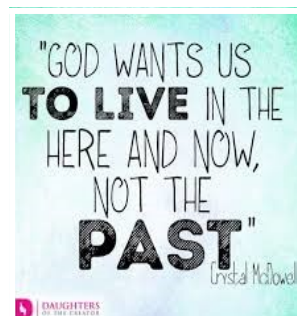
I asked a woman once if Johnny was in the house. She pointed at a chair and said, '*If he was here he would be there.*' He never moved far! **J**esus - he is here and there. The risen lord has moved on, but he has not fully left us. His **S**pirit dwells in us.

The one who came to earth has now gone back to heaven, bringing with him all that is human. His body - the man of heaven and the God of earth - is now the church, and that's us.

Before we are of any denomination or group, we are **C**hrist's. We are baptised into the church of **C**hrist; and yes, we live out our faith in different denominations. Today is the feast of the whole church - we begin in him and end in him, like the **A**lpha and **O**mega, the beginning and the end, on the paschal candle. Our faith is also renewed through living with **J**esus - we are partners in our mission. Our faith is also renewed in reading and praying the gospel each day.

On earth we are his body, with all our strengths and weaknesses, goodness and sin. Icons have **J**esus smiling as he reaches heaven, smiling on us and living through us. We prepare for the way he is with us now next Sunday - in the Spirit. Where the qualities of the Spirit are alive, he is alive and well among us.

*A breathing prayer - as you breathe in notice you are breathing in the gift of life from God.
Holy Spirit, living in the church, living in Mary,
draw me more fully into your 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	Monica & James Murphy (A) Nora Kearns, May Noonan	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	Oliver Byrne	

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

10th May 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €270
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €635
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- €340
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- €100

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



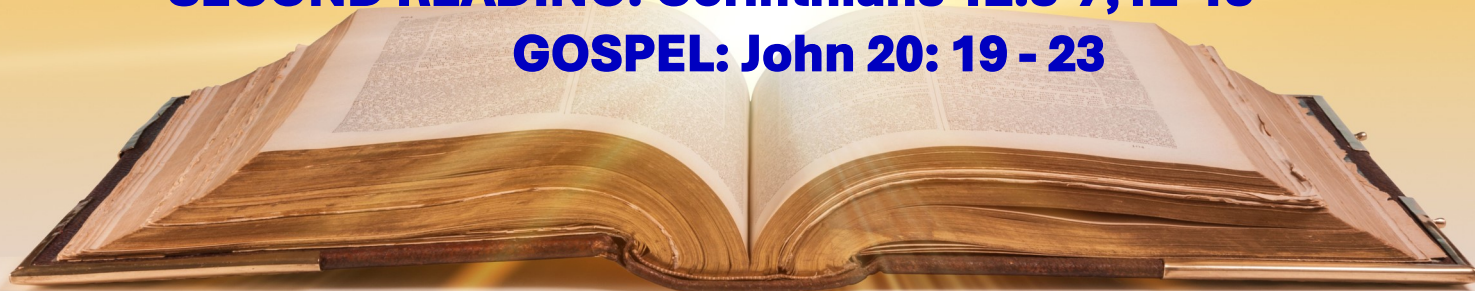
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...

FIRST READING: Acts 2: 1 - 11

PSALM: Psalm Ps. 103

SECOND READING: Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

GOSPEL: John 20: 19 - 23



Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Thursday 28th May at 7.30pm
in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office
(0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

Building Hope

Novena to the Holy Spirit

17th – 25th May 2026



Pentecost, from St John's Church, Carraroe, Sligo

Novena Prayer

Mary, Mother of the Church,
stand with us at this Spirit-filled time.
Grace us with your faithful presence
as we pray, reflect and plan.

Mary, our Mother,
wrap your mantle of gentleness and courage around us.
Inspire us to say 'yes' to your Son,
as we breathe in the Spirit of Truth and Love,
to renew our communities of faith around Jesus.

Holy Mary,
you stood at the foot of the Cross, broken-hearted.
You witnessed the joy of the resurrection
and the wonder of Pentecost.
You walked great distances in your time.
Be with us now on our Synodal Journey, *Building Hope*.

Beloved Mother,
open our hearts generously to our baptismal calling.
Encourage us into ever deepening communion
with your Son, with each other,
with those most in need, and with all of God's creation.

A Mhuire Mháthair,
hold us close to you
as we embrace God's loving invitation
to wholeness, healing and peace.
Amen.

Archdiocese of Dublin

Building Hope through Prayer, Reflection and Planning



Bethany
Bereavement Support

Wicklow Group



We are delighted that **three new members** of the Bethany Wicklow Group will be commissioned at Mass this weekend for their ministry of bereavement support and listening.

Carmel Meade, Mary O'Riordan
and **Roisin Vickers**.

We thank them for their generosity, compassion and commitment to supporting those who are grieving in our community.

Please keep them, and all involved in bereavement ministry, in your prayers.



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

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



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 26th May at 8:00 pm



Tuesday 2nd June at 10:45 am

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



Tel: 086 835 9148

RATHNEW WOMEN'S SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Craft fair

11 AM - 3 PM

SUNDAY 28TH OF JUNE

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

ST. BRIGID'S HALL
RATHNEW
A67 X583

The Heart of Rathnew
Cúige Wexford Partnership

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"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."

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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God has invited us to bloom in the garden where He has planted us. Through our faith we will grow and bloom with grace and beauty.

Hanna Florin



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