

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

17th August 2025

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### Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Disturbing love and the warmth of love

Fire is frightening; it can burn up a city. Controlled it is warming: in control in a grate; and it also warms the heart, when we sit back, watch the flames and chat, think or pray. Jesus came to bring fire on the earth. His is the warmth of love and companionship: when we know we can go to him just as we are, and enjoy the intimacy of his friendship - the friend who is always offering the gift of his heart to each of us.

The warmth of Jesus brings comfort and hope to the world when we live in isolation from each other, lack of friendship and hope. When we lack the reconciliation and justice that makes life possible among us, then the warmth of God's love for all can inflame our coldness.

There is also the fire that disturbs; love challenges as well as comforts. The flame of God can be frightening in that it demands a world of justice, peace and reconciliation. The fire of this love is the fire that also warms and comforts.

The flame of God is the Holy Spirit. Jesus comes to bring all sorts of fire to the world, and to send the Spirit of comfort, justice, reconciliation and hope. The message of Jesus may divide us, and if it does, the love of Jesus can unite us, for love is the most powerful gift of Jesus.

A saying has it – he has come to afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted.

*Holy Spirit, flame of God, hover over each of us  
as you did for the followers of Jesus  
at the first Pentecost.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of*

*Terence Dowling, Ashford & Co. Carlow and  
Richard Cuddihy, Ashford & formerly of  
Dun Emer, Dublin & Freshford Co. Kilkenny*

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6.00pm ASHFORD	NO MASS	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10.30am GLENEALY	Peg O'Flaherty 1st Anniversary	

## ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

### 10th August 2025

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 240  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 555  
**2ND COLLECTION/SHARE** - goes towards Diocesan Administration - € 375  
**MAINTENANCE** - goes towards Parish upkeep - € 525

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:18-21**

**PSALM: 116**

**SECOND READING: 12:5-7,11-13**

**GOSPEL: Luke 13: 22-30**

# PARISH FUNERAL TEAMS

The diocesan wide Building Hope Programme emphasizes co-responsibility with priests and laity working together to serve the mission of the church.

Every parish in the diocese is required to have a fully trained funeral team.

Our Funeral team provides a Ministry of Consultation, Care & Compassion. They are fully trained volunteers, who give of their time and resources freely. They represent our parish to provide a seamless, discrete, practical support at this most difficult time.

Our Funeral Team provides assistance to the priest as they accompany the grieving family through the journey that is the funeral rite. This assistance includes; providing help with the preparation of the liturgy, prayers in the home or funeral home, in the church on the day of the funeral and in the graveyard praying the prayers of committal.





## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

**Next Ashford Baptism Meeting is on Thursday, 28th August at 7.30pm in the church. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.**

## JubileeCamino

Men's Hike - Carlingford to Newry

Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>



**Mass. Adoration. Fraternity.**

**Cost: €70** (Lunch, Dinner, Bus)

Strictly an over 18yrs, Catholic male event.

Contact [op.evangelisation@gmail.com](mailto:op.evangelisation@gmail.com) for further details

Organised by Dominicans and Friends [www.dominicans.ie](http://www.dominicans.ie)



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## 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](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com).**

**We look forward to hearing from you.**



# Bethany

Bereavement Support

## *National Bereavement Support for Adults*

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers a safe, compassionate space where you can share your grief and find comfort among others who understand. Our trained listeners provide emotional, practical support to help you navigate this difficult time.

Whether you need to talk, to be listened to or simply be present, Bethany is here for you. Our help is confidential and free.

You are very welcome to join us at one of our meetings. We meet at 8pm on the last Tuesday of every month in the De La Salle Centre in Wicklow. You can call or text us at 086 8359 148

You are not alone - we are here for you.

**PLEASE ..... MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE CHURCH.**

### **ASHFORD & GLENEALY ~ PARISH - CONTACTS**

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**Office opening times Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**

**For all enquires and bookings**

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