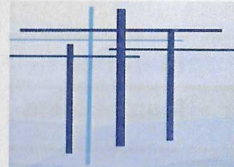


NUMBERS ATTENDING MASS OVER THREE WEEKENDS IN NOVEMBER 2023

Date	Church	Mass Time	Number
Sat 4 November	Holy Rosary Ashford	6.00 PM	85
Sat 4 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	6.00 PM	181
Sat 4 November	St Mary's Barndarrig	7.30 PM	45
Sun 5 November	St Joseph's Rathnew	9.00 AM	58
Sun 5 November	St Brigid's Kilbride	9.00 AM	34
Sun 5 November	St Joseph's Glenealy	10.30 AM	88
Sun 5 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	10.30 AM	250
Sun 5 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	12 Noon	261
Sun 5 November	Star of the Sea Brittas Bay	12 Noon	41
Sat 11 November	Holy Rosary Ashford	6.00 PM	118
Sat 11 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	6.00 PM	226
Sat 11 November	St Mary's Barndarrig	7.30 PM	68
Sun 12 November	St Joseph's Rathnew	9.00 AM	102
Sun 12 November	St Brigid's Kilbride	9.00 AM	50
Sun 12 November	St Joseph's Glenealy	10.30 AM	91
Sun 12 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	10.30 AM	200
Sun 12 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	12 Noon	359
Sun 12 November	Star of the Sea Brittas Bay	12 Noon	51
Sat 18 November	Holy Rosary Ashford	6.00 PM	117
Sat 18 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	6.00 PM	200
Sat 18 November	St Mary's Barndarrig	7.30 PM	61
Sun 19 November	St Joseph's Rathnew	9.00 AM	77
Sun 19 November	St Brigid's Kilbride	9.00 AM	36
Sun 19 November	St Joseph's Glenealy	10.30 AM	97
Sun 19 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	10.30 AM	175
Sun 19 November	St Patrick's Wicklow	12 Noon	280
Sun 19 November	Star of the Sea Brittas Bay	12 Noon	76



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
17th December 2023
Third Sunday of Advent ~ Year B

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Gospel Reflections for the Year B. Mark - Donal Neary

The Joy of Waiting

Advent is a time of joy – joy in the waiting and this Sunday we wear the joyful rose-coloured vestment. The messenger in the first reading is the 'joyful messenger', and his joy is that God is near and God is coming. This would be the message of Jesus –that he was the joyful messenger of his Father's love. He would be the shepherd – the one who cares, knows and actively looks after the sheep. John the Baptist is the voice of joy and energy, preaching the new message.

Voices of Advent to bring God near - The central message within all the voices of Christmas. God's Christmas voice is saying

I love you, you are all brothers and sisters, and nothing except love is final.

Not just a voice...but actively loving in word and deed. One way of touching that love is the Mass. Jesus is not really love from the sky, but food of the Eucharist, that nourishes us and makes a difference. We bring our ordinary concerns to Mass, and let God lighten them and transform them, and enlighten us with his word. The voice of God makes sense of and brings light into the ordinariness of life.

God is present in his word, and in his body – we wait in joy for the Word to be made flesh.

*Remember this week what makes you joyful
about the coming
feast of Christmas and be grateful.
Lord I believe your word was made flesh and
appeared among us.*



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	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD	Ronnie and Terri Connolly	Peter Kavanagh - Months Mind
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	Catheriona Rowan, Jim Vickers	Robert Douglas

World Peace

Our thoughts are with the suffering people of the Middle East and Ukraine. We pray that peace will come to these troubled lands. Remember those who are suffering, displaced and fearful because of war. Enlighten world leaders; make them wise in their decisions. Make all of us instruments of your peace.

Confirmation and First Eucharist

We keep in our prayers those who are preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist at this time.



The Pope's Intention for December

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



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10th December 2023

- ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €245
- 1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €510
- 2ND COLLECTION / SHARE - ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION
- MAINTENANCE - goes towards Parish upkeep - €60

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 : 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Psalm : 88

Second : Romans 16:25-27

Gospel : Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Services

Mass Times (Ashford)

- Saturday, 23 December – Vigil Mass at 6.00pm
- Sunday (Christmas Eve) – 6.00pm
- Monday (Christmas Day) – 12.00 (Noon)

Mass Times (Glenealy)

- Sunday (Christmas Eve) – 10.30am
- Monday (Christmas Day) – 10.30am

Confessions

- Ashford: Saturday, 23 December: 10.00 – 10.30am
- Glenealy: Saturday, 23 December: 11.00 – 11.30am

Penitential Services

- Monday, 18 December: Wicklow – 7.30pm
- Tuesday, 19 December: Rathdrum – 7.30pm
- Wednesday, 20 December: Arklow – 7.30pm

Full schedule for the area is available at the Church doors

Here are some useful Apps to help with prayer and meditation. They are available from the App Store on your phone or other device:-

Pray As You Go - Daily Prayer

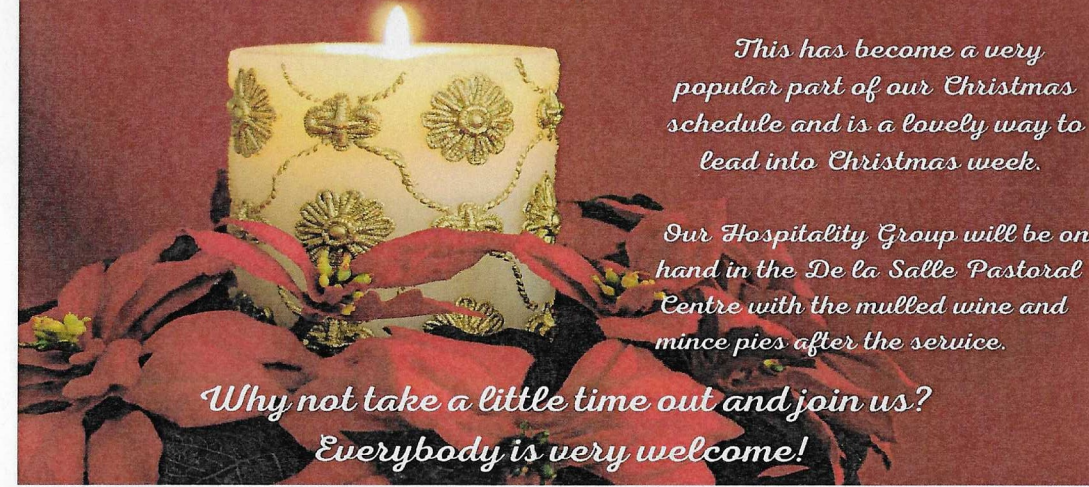
This is a lifestyle app which can be downloaded for free. For the past 16 years this app has provided a daily journey and encounter with God for millions of people around the world. It will support your prayer life each day with a short contemplative prayer session and an invitation to go deeper with other prayer tools, series, retreats and resources. It lasts between 10 and 13 minutes and combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection.

Universalis

This app helps you to follow the Mass each day. The "Mass Today" page merges the Order of Mass with the Readings and Prayers for the day, so you can follow the Mass right through without having to jump here and there through a missal. It costs approximately €12.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT

Our annual Christmas Carol Service will be on Sunday 17th December at 4pm in St Patrick's Church.



This has become a very popular part of our Christmas schedule and is a lovely way to lead into Christmas week.

Our Hospitality Group will be on hand in the De la Salle Pastoral Centre with the mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

*Why not take a little time out and join us?
Everybody is very welcome!*