



ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

18th October 2026

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Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

A place for everything!

My mother used always say - put things where they belong. Newspapers, food, the bicycle not in the hall, and other homely advice. Jesus says the same here - give what belongs to where it belongs and to whom.

So Jesus is being asked about taxes and politics. He knows he is being trapped about money. He moves on to higher questions. Something about the answer of Jesus asks us – where do we belong?

Belonging can sound heavy - as if we are being controlled, or our money belongs to us and we can do what we like with it But for Jesus it's the belonging of love, not of power and control.

Much is not in our control. We are born and die at God's time. This reminds us that we are not the masters of our lives, we come from God and go to God. This belonging is the centre of our human family and community. God doesn't want to control us but to love us.

But there's an addition: belonging to God means belonging to each other. We have rights and duties of love. To give to others what belongs to others; give to the poor what belongs to the poor. Everyone has a right to the food of the earth and the food of the mind, and shelter for the body. It's not charity when people are given food, education, a home, freedom of religion, freedom of speech - it is justice. To give to God what belongs to God is to share the goods of the earth!

*Think of a time when you made a decision for the common good -
money given away, cleaning the neighbourhood,
joining a parents' group etc. Remember and be grateful
Lord, may your will that we share well the goods of the world be done.*

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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	Betty Hamilton (A)	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

11th October 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €110
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €350
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- €270
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- €70

Many thanks for your continued support.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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



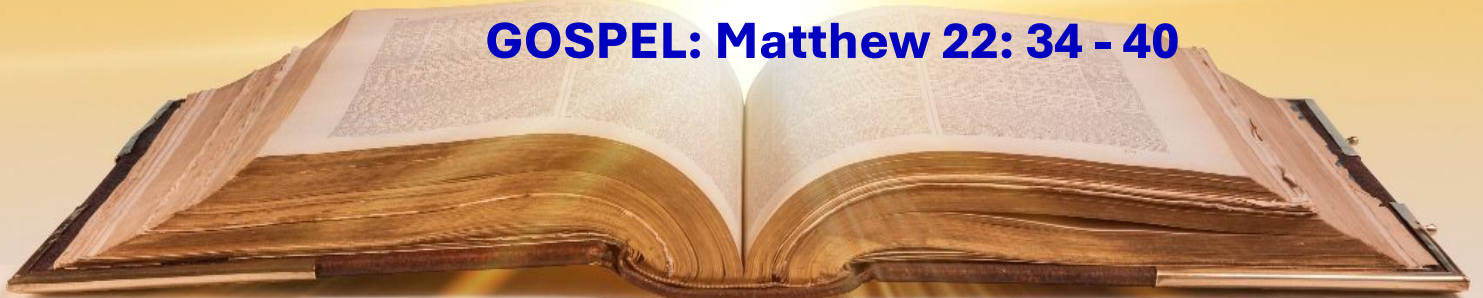
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...

FIRST READING: Exodus 22: 20 - 26

PSALM: Ps. 17: 2-4. 47.51

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 1: 5 – 10

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 34 - 40



Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Next meeting 22nd October at 7.30pm in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.



Bethany

Bereavement Support

WICKLOW GROUP

Whenever you feel ready, Bethany Bereavement Support is here to listen.

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a free, 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.



NEXT MEETING DATES

Tuesday 6 October at 10:45am
Tuesday 27 October at 8pm



VENUE

The De La Salle Centre
Wicklow
A67 FX65



FOR INFORMATION

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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

26th June 28th August
25th September 30th October

The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town,
A67 FX65



Wicklow Town Memory Cafe

memorycafewicklowtown@gmail.com



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.



Unwanted Gift Sale

in aid of
**St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow
and
Wicklow Cancer Support**



Date: Sunday 8th November 2026
Time: 10am to 3.30 pm, with Coffee & Raffle
Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town
(across from St Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town)

Pick up a Great Christmas Present and support
Wicklow Parish Church and Wicklow Cancer Support Services



**Special Christmas
Room**



Full of Decorations

Laudato Si'

Care for Our Common Home

"The Earth is our home, and we all share it together."

POPE FRANCIS



Protect biodiversity

Every living thing has a place and a purpose.



Conserve natural resources

Water, soil, air and energy are not limitless.



Reduce, reuse, recycle

Less waste today, cleaner tomorrows.



Tackle climate change

Care for creation means caring for future generations.



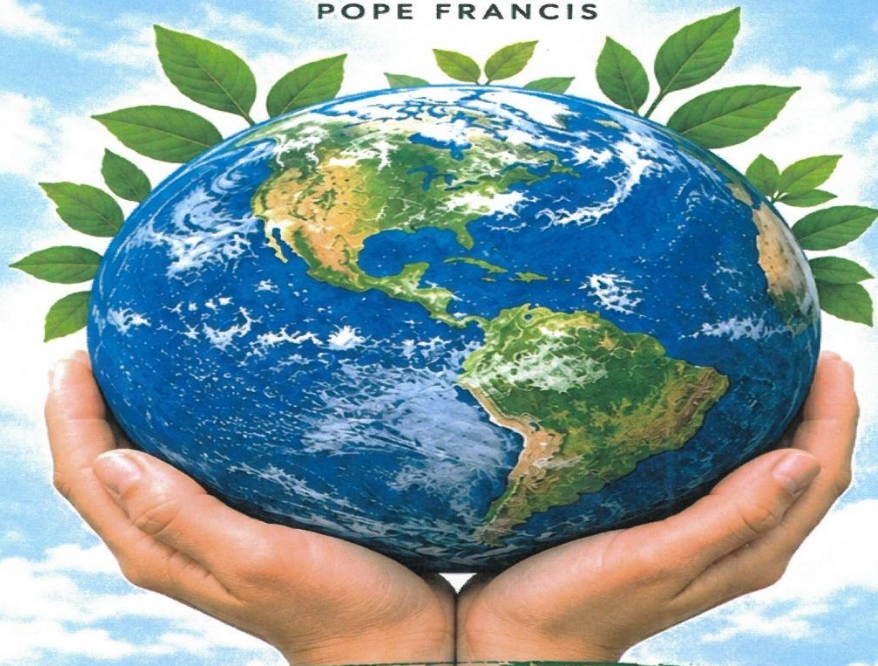
Choose sustainable living

Small actions make a big difference.



Live in harmony

A healthy planet builds healthier people and stronger communities.



*A healthier planet
is a brighter future*



In 2015, Pope Francis calls all of us to urgent action to combat the destruction that is being inflicted on earth, our common home and reminds Christians of our duty to be good stewards of creation.

More information can be found online and at

www.trocaire.org



Here are some practical ideas for what can be done in a home to help answer this call.

- Use washable - not disposable- napkins, mugs, cutlery etc.
- Install energy-saving light bulbs
- Switch off lights when leaving a room
- Don't leave electrical appliances on stand-by
- Stop using disposable plastic water bottles
- Avoid take out cups
- Enjoy more time in nature
- Wash laundry at 30 when possible
- Dry washing outside
- Avoid clingfilm - use a tub with a lid, cover bowls with a plate or a tea towel