

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Easter Year A

19th April 2026

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Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Hearts uplifted

I have met many people who found this story really helped at times when they were down, when there were disappointments in life, when they encountered illness and many of the crosses of life. They believed in him after he had vanished, having broken bread with them. He had accompanied them in a dark journey of life.

Jesus went to them - he did not await their visit. Somehow he knew that people of his 'set' were in darkness and maybe despair. This is the call of the church - to be with us in prayer, community and service always, and especially for what Pope Francis calls 'the peripheries of life'. Most of us spend some time there, and appreciate the help of love and faith.

Then they went to tell the story of how they were changed. Faith grows through sharing it. A father said, 'At my child's first communion, my faith became stronger'.

They told their story of Jesus in the here and now, sometimes reminiscing on what things were once like in Galilee. Every journey of life can be an Emmaus journey where we meet the Lord. Every altar can be the altar of Emmaus, and indeed every meal can be a time of friendship, care and nourishment for body and for soul.

Notice this week where the Lord is present in love, care, creation, an uplift of joy, prayer and the Eucharist.

Lord, lift my hope and my faith in your presence as the disciples found their hearts burning when they listened to you



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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		
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		John Behan (A)

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12th April 2026

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

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 2:14,36-41

PSALM: Ps. (Psalm 22: 1-6)

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2: 20 - 25

GOSPEL: John 10: 1 - 10



**Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Thursday 23rd April at 7.30pm
in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office
(0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.**

Anam Cara, the charity organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 20th April 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie



Last Friday of
each month
2pm - 4pm

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

27th March, 24th April
29th May, 26th June

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.

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.

GROW MENTAL HEALTH
SUPPORT GROUP

Every Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm for anyone struggling with depression or anxiety or just the stresses of life.

Experience new hope and meaning through working on issues together in a peer support setting.

Call Trish Williams on 086 0129082 for more information or just turn up at the Wicklow Parish Centre. Small donations for group running costs are welcome.

Active Retirement
Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Tuesday morning
meetings 10.45am.

Follow us on our facebook page: **Wicklow Active Retirement**

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring Pauline on 087 227 6760

You will be sure of a Céad Míle
Fáilte

Please remember to turn off the mobile.....

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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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May your life overflow with HOPE through the power of the Holy Spirit.