

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

19th July 2026

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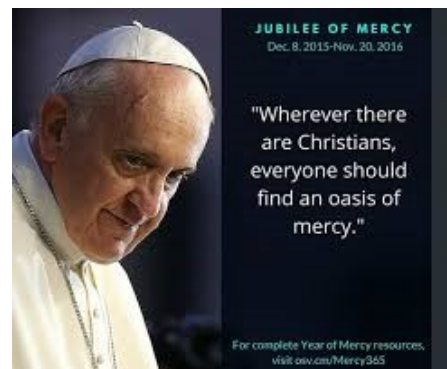
Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Small Beginnings

Everything starts small. The mustard seed was a tiny seed that grew into a flowering bush; it was not mustard as we know it, but only a bush to give beauty and shelter. It can remind us of the beauty of creation, and of the caring shelter we can give to others. It is also a reminder that each of us began as a seed in the mother's body, and grew with the plan of God.

The love of God grows like that - it begins small with birth and with baptism, and then grows wide so that we share our love of God. It is the same with marriage - love begins and then grows so that children and grandchildren and others may shelter in love. Love grows when love is given, in our immediate circle, and in our care for the wider world. Good friendship and love spreads out to many.

We want the kingdom of God on earth and God is saying that it grows slowly. It grows as we try to grow love, peace, justice and compassion. The shelter of the mustard bush is the mercy of God, encouraging our parish to be 'an oasis of mercy' (Pope Francis). It is not easy, as love and care for the really needy often meets with opposition. The kingdom of God grows with the help of God, and without this help, our efforts are in vain.



*Recall something in your life that began small
and has now grown; give thanks
Lord, may your kingdom come among us.*

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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	NO MASS	Lola Kavanagh 1st Anni.
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		NO MASS

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

12th July 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €210
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €300
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- €116
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- €240

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



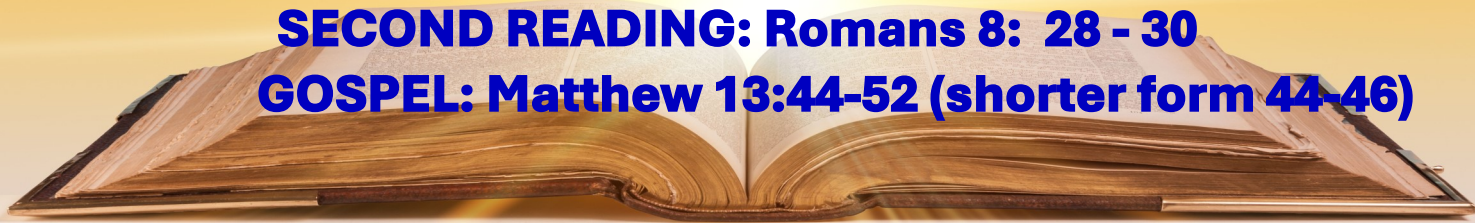
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...

FIRST READING: Kings 3: 5,7-12

PSALM: Ps. 118

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 28 - 30

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52 (shorter form 44-46)



Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - No Baptism meeting in July.
Next meeting 27th August at 7.30pm in the Parochial House.
 Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

Parish envelopes

If anyone is missing a box of envelopes, please notify the parish office on 0404 61699 or email us on parishofficewicklow@gmail.com. We will be happy to sort out the issue immediately

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 28th July at 8:00 pm



Tuesday 4th August at 10:45 am

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



Tel: 087 0060 700

Mass Schedule B and C.

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule B: 27/28th June 2026, 11/12 July, 25/26 July

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)

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Schedule C: 4/5 July, 18/19 July, 1/2 August

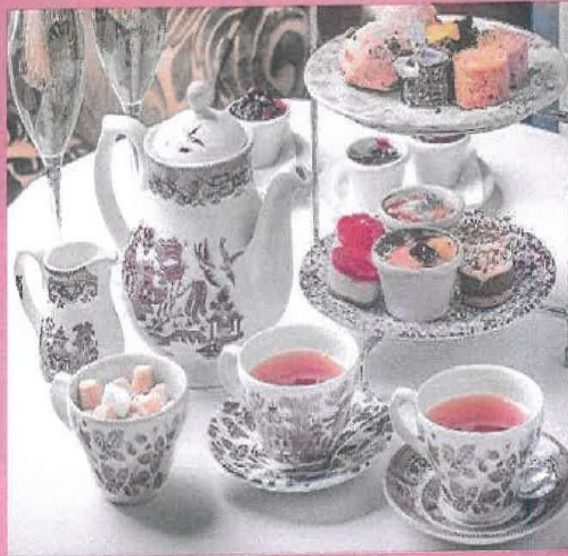
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Barndarrig Vigil Mass	7.30pm	(Saturday)
Rathnew	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Glenealy	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Afternoon Tea in the Garden.
Caring for our ageing community

In Mary O'Brien's
11 Ballinalea
Ashford
A67TD28

Saturday 25th
July 1pm - 4pm



Admission €5 and a
ticket for a gate prize
and a raffle on the day



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

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

May the God of **hope** fill
you with all **joy** and **peace**
as you trust in Him, so that
you may overflow with
hope by the power of the
Holy Spirit.



Romans 15:13

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