

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Easter Sunday ~ Year C

20th April 2025

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Gospel Reflection ~ Death is not final ~ Donal Neary SJ

The first Easter parade was just a crowd of women going down the street where once they had sang Hosanna. Another time they had gone with him to death. Now it's just themselves - two Marys, Joanna and other women. The parade was dull, without the one they followed - but they wanted to care for the body with spices, using only the best.

And then it was all different. They saw no body, which frightened them more than any death could have. Then there were angels with strange messages, but their hearts believed quickly and they remembered what he had said. Often, he had talked of death and resurrection. He was the sort of man for whom evil and death could not be final. They were then to go to the apostles, and they were to find out that caring for Christ's body now would be a different thing. The women announced this divine news to the men. This would have been contrary to the culture at the time, but Jesus went against a lot of beliefs and prejudices.

Caring for the body of Christ now means *caring for each other*. They would spend the rest of their lives caring for the new body of Christ, and we're the same in caring and being cared for. The risen Christ is in all of us.

We are his body. Not a word of God can be spoken without human words. God reaches us through each other. The Easter parade now is made up of all of us following our risen Lord, following life that never dies, and the truth of the gospel that can keep us going. This is the love of the risen Lord, which is the lifeblood of the Church.

*Jesus Christ you are risen,
you are risen indeed,
Alleluia, Alleluia.*



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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		James Hegarty—formerly of Ashford, died in USA
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		John Behan (1st A)

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

13th April 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 160
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 280
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€ 295
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 80

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: Acts 5:12-16

PSALM: 117:2-4,22-27

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

We have a new Tap & Go machine in Ashford Church. When you 'Tap' you now get the opportunity to put in your name, telephone number or email address. This in turn allows the parish to accumulate all donations from the tap device, and from family offering/Share/Common Fund or dues collections. Your information is only required once. Therefore, for all combined donations over €250 the parish can claim the tax back. Please choose a quiet day when the church is not busy to insert your contact details.

Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow	First Saturday	2pm
	Third Sunday	1pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2pm
Ashford	First Sunday	12pm
Glenealy	Third Saturday	12pm
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm

Next Ashford Meeting is on
Thursday, 24th April at 7.30pm in the church.





You are invited to join this guided trail, which will commence outside the Tourist Office in Fitzwilliam Square on Easter Saturday at 11am. (Trail will take approximately 2 hours to complete).

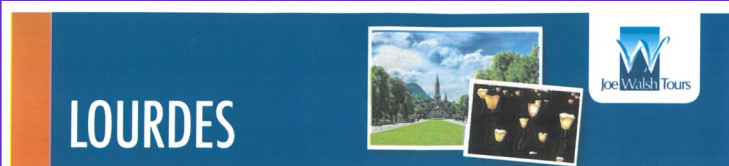
Guided trails will take place each Saturday from Easter Saturday April 19th until 27th September.

For more information on

Wicklow Town Heritage Trail visit: www.wicklowtown.ie

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: Tuesdays at 9am



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE
Wicklow Rathnew
26 August 2025
7 Nights
€1,095 per person sharing

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » 20kg bags included
- » Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- » 7 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

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COMMENCING
TUESDAY 15th
APRIL
to
TUESDAY 27th MAY
(seven consecutive
Tuesday Nights)

Time 7.30pm

Guest Speaker
each night

For further info:
Jack 086 - 2464181

**TESTIMONIALS TO THE
HEALING POWER OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

- **Kate** healed from Crohns disease after 26 years.
- **Robert** paralyzed and on a life support machine for 3 months, totally healed
- **Abby** young girl with anorexia, totally healed
- **Aishling** with depression and alcoholism, totally healed
- **Eugene** 10 years of chronic pain, the Holy Spirit asked me to forgive, totally healed

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Knock Pilgrimage



Pilgrimage to Knock on the 21st September 2025.

Leaving the Memorial park Rathdrum at 7.30am sharp via Grand Hotel
Wicklow at 8am.

€80 per person this includes Bus, Breakfast, Dinner.

Names and payment before 1st June 2025

Contact Susan at 0876273032.

Easter Holidays

**The Parish Office closes after
office hours on Wednesday 16th April and
re-opens on Thursday 24th April at 10am.**

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return to Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

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Happy Easter

*May all your prayers
be fulfilled. May you
have a pleasant Easter!
I wish you and your
loved ones the renewal
of love, happiness, and
wonderful life.*