

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

20th July 2025

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Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~

Jesus and hospitality: God's footprints

The half door on the old Irish houses had many functions. It kept the animals out while allowing the family to look out. It also made for openness and hospitality for all who passed by. The traveller was welcomed and the one walking by could rest for a while. We were open to the world and the world to us, and we felt safe.

Hospitality was important in Jesus' time. He made many a visit to the house of Martha and Mary, staying there when he wanted to go to Jerusalem. They enjoyed having him - Mary just sat there listening to him - the stranger, now a friend, who told stories of how life could best be lived. I can imagine him telling the parables in their house.

The people then had a belief in the travelling and pilgrim God, the one who came our way often. The first reading is about strangers being entertained and the people didn't know that the Lord was visiting them. When we open our heart and home to the stranger and to the neighbour we are receiving God into our lives.

The Indian poet Tagore writes - '*and when you left I saw God's footprints on the floor.*'

Our fear of break-ins and of robbery today is destroying an easy accessibility in our neighbourhoods. Casual hospitality is more difficult than in the days of the half-door. Maybe Facebook and Twitter and other social media fulfil some of this function, impersonal though it may be. We cannot live in isolation. '*Self knows that self is not enough*' writes the poet, Brendan Kennelly.

*For friendship and love,
Especially when I find it in unexpected places and people,
I thank you, Lord.*



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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	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

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13th June 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €565
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €352
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€165
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 55

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: Genesis 18:20-32

PSALM: 137: 1-3, 6-8

SECOND READING: Colossians 2: 12-14

GOSPEL: Luke: 1-13

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 July
at 7.30pm in the church.
Please ring the Parish Office
(0404-61699) to confirm your
attendance at this meeting.



Archdiocese of Dublin

Summer Dues

Thank you for
supporting your priests

**SUMMER
DUES
APPEAL
2025**



Mass & Blessings of the Graves - 2025

Barndarrig Cemetery: Tuesday, 1st July @ 7.30pm

Three Mile Water Cemetery: Monday, July 7th at 7.30pm

Castletimon Cemetery: Monday, July 14th at 7.30pm

Rathnew Cemetery: Wednesday 16th July at 7.30pm

Glenealy Cemetery: Saturday 19th July at 3.00pm

Killoughter Cemetery: Tuesday 22nd July at 7.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Ashford: 1st Friday after Mass

Wicklow: Mondays & Thursdays after Mass

Kilbride: 1st Thursday at 7pm (Divine Mercy)

Brittas Bay: Tuesdays at 9am

Ashford Community Group

Tea Party

Saturday 26th July,
from 1pm till 4pm

at Mary O'Brien's house,
11 Ballinalea
Ashford
A67 TD28

€5 entry fee which includes
a ticket for a free raffle



As part of the Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope 2025, The Pockets of Hope will be on display in Glenealy Church for the month of July. Everyone one is invited to make there own mini-pilgrimage as they review the Pockets of Hope and consider what message they get from them.



Hopelessness can often be a characteristic of many lives today. This is not difficult to believe as with increasing secularism, war, violence, lack of social cohesion, the lack of care for our planet and general brokenness, it can be a real challenge to be a person of hope. In response to our plight Pockets of Hope is a project created by Fr. Alan Hilliard and designed by Mary-Aoife Ong which is based on the writings of Pope Francis in the document *Spes Non Confundit* (Hope Does Not Disappoint) which is the theme for The Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. Pockets of Hope draws on the imagery of the Burren Landscape on the western shore of Ireland. The display aims to highlight how hope can be discovered even amidst the most bleak of landscapes.

You are invited to complete your own mini pilgrim journey as you contemplate each message of hope and let God speak to you through the reflections. This is a selection from the complete set of forty-two posters which are on display in the Dublin Churches. It allows the pilgrim journey though the document, contemplating its rich and life-giving narrative for today's world. It is the desire that many people in Ireland can be filled with the gift of Hope through this project!

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

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