

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

20th September 2026

RCN 20016166

Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Deserving our rights

We often say that people don't deserve welfare or food if they don't work. We can be stingy in judging what others deserve and need.

Jesus has a new way. We deserve our rights even when we do the least. The denarius was a day's wage, enough to live on. There are certain rights we all have - to have food and a job are two of them. These people wanted to work. We are rewarded by God for who we are, not for what we do.

Jesus' vision is that everyone deserves to earn enough to live on.

To believe in a God who is an unconditional Friend, is to have the most liberating experience that one could imagine. On the contrary, to live in the presence of an avenging and threatening God could change us into the most dangerous and self-destructive neurotics. We need to learn not to confuse God with our own narrow and stingy plans. We sometimes wish to distort God's unfathomable goodness. (Jose Pagola).

That's the way the kingdom of God grows. It grows within us in thanks and sharing. That's what we do at every Mass. Success for Jesus is not the amount we do, but that we do things with a full heart.

Recall the picture of a dole queue or a provision centre and pray.

Lord, may all I do this day and week begin with your inspiration and end with your pleasure. Amen.



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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		Andy Dunne 1st Anniv.

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

13th September 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €255
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €495
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- €235
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- €60

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: Ezekiel 18: 25 - 28

PSALM: Ps.24: 4 - 9

SECOND READING: Philippians 2: 1-11

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28 - 32



Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Next meeting 24th September at 7.30pm in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

Cross Care Annual Appeal 2026



The Cross Care Annual Appeal collection is taking place this weekend 19th & 20th of September. It will replace the SHARE Collection. Your support as normal would be appreciated.

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.

BAPTISM

A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

ADULT BAPTISM

Your Journey of Faith

*Are you thinking about taking the
step to join the Catholic Church?*

OUR ADULT FAITH JOURNEY COURSE

commences on Friday 11th September at 7pm in the
DE LA SALLE PASTORAL CENTRE

For further information
contact the Parish Office on 0404 61699
or email us on parishofficewicklow@gmail.com.

Parish Religious Education Classes

The parish offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children who are attending non-Catholic Schools. Parents who wish to present their child for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation are invited to enrol them for a two-year programme of preparation.

Online Registration is now available on
www.stmantan.ie

Go to General Information click into Sacraments then click Parish Religious Education Programme and enrolment. You can now enrol your child by clicking on the relevant link and filling in the form. Payment can be made at the end of the form.

Sacramental Registration 2026 ~ 2027

*Parents wishing to have
their child receive the
Sacraments of
First Holy Communion
& Confirmation
may now register online on
www.stmantan.ie.
Go to general information
then sacraments,
choose your sacrament &
fill in the form.*

*Any problems or for more
information, please contact
the parish office
on 0404 61699
between 10am & 12.30pm*



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 29th September at 8:00pm
Tuesday 6th October at 10:45



VENUE

The De La Salle Centre
Wicklow
A67 FX65



FOR INFORMATION

087 0060 700

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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



Society of St Vincent de Paul

QUARTERLY COLLECTION.

The quarterly Church Door collection will take place on the weekend of 3rd/4th October, in Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford & Glenealy church. Your support to this collection would be very much appreciated.

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.....

But those who hope in
the Lord will renew their
strength. They will soar
on wings like eagles.

ISAIAH 40:31