

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

20th October 2024

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

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Gospel Reflections *Servant of All* Donal Neary SJ

The gospel this week is a story of ambition, even cloaked in good intentions. A mother wants her sons in the best place, and they pick up that ambition from her. The apostles see James and John as wanting to be tops with Jesus. He accepts all this, but let them know that to be close to him means to suffer with him, and to be a servant.

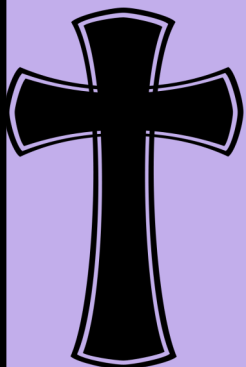
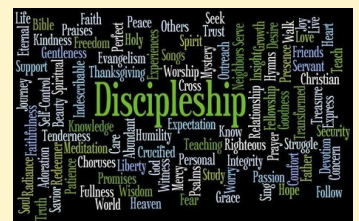
Many times we see this in the gospel: giving a cup of cold water to a needy person was what a good person did, "washing the guests" feet was what a servant did. Jesus brought service even further – to serve like him was to serve god his Father, because that was what his mission on earth would be.

We hear often of the servant church – it means that the community of Jesus' followers are at the service of people, to make better conditions of life, to live and share with compassion in the hardships of others, to care for the earth and protect it. This service people is the service of God. In that mission Jesus would be misunderstood, and eventually put to death.

(Focusing on the image left, when was the last time you served a fellow traveller of life with any of Christ's signs of *Discipleship*)

Even after death we see Jesus as a sort of servant of the apostles – reaching out to them to share his joy and consolation. He would be the one to walk with them in their doubts, fears and disappointments. He now seems to want to be a servant of others through us also in his risen life.

*Think of the day ahead or the week,
and offer yourself in the service of the Lord to someone needy
Lord may I serve you and be with you in all I do and care for.*



Sincere sympathy to the family of

Helen Lenehan (née Foley)

**Late of Ashford, Wicklow, and formerly
Sandymount, Dublin.**

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD		
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	Betty Byrne, Alice O'Brien Kenneth Duffy	

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

13th October 2024

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 160
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 530
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration - € 265
MAINTENANCE - goes towards Parish upkeep - € 70

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: Jeremiah 31: 7—9

PSALM: 125

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-6

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 46-52

Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

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

Next Ashford Meeting is on 24th October at 7:30pm in the Church.

Next Wicklow Meeting is on 14th November At 8:00pm in the de la Salle Pastoral Centre.



MISSION SUNDAY –20th October
 World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, and like the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land and Peter's Pence, it is one of three yearly universal Church collections. World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and Europe, but also in poorer parishes in developing countries. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, play their part in supporting each other. This is what makes it such a special celebration.

Evening of Reflection

There will be an evening of reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist and of the Word on Wednesday, 30th October at 7:30 in the de la Salle Pastoral Centre

Life in Wicklow in the early 19th century (1800-1844)

**Pat Power
 (Arklow Historian)**

de la Salle Pastoral Centre
 22 October 2024
 8pm
 All welcome

Glenealy Village Hall – Tea Dance



There will be a Tea Dance in Glenealy Village Hall on Sunday, 20th October from 2.00 until 6.00pm. Music by the Wicklow Man. Come along and enjoy a great afternoon's entertainment.

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Special Guests: Local Children's School Choir



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Unwanted Gift Sale

in aid of
St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow
and
Wicklow Cancer Support



Date: 17th November, 2024

Time: 10am to 3pm

Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre
Wicklow Town



Special Room

*Full of Bags,
Purses, Hats, Scarfs*



**Pick up a Great Christmas Present and support
Wicklow Parish Church and Wicklow Cancer Support Services**

Registration for the Sacraments

Registration for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for parents of children in Catholic Schools who wish their children to receive those sacraments in the academic year 2024-2025 is now live on the pastoral area website, www.stmantan.ie under General Information – Sacraments.

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

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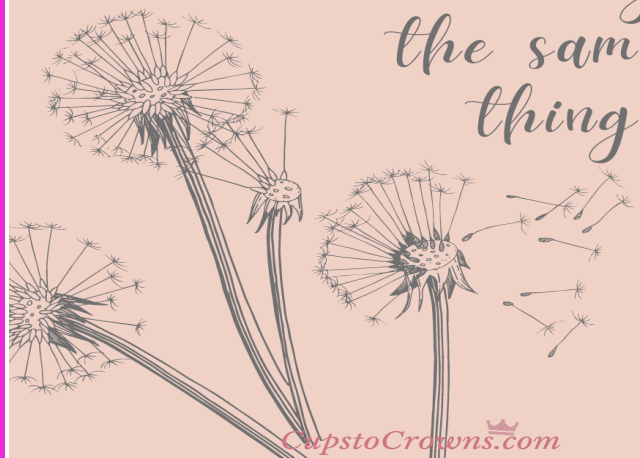
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discipleship
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