

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

21st September 2025

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Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ On the side of the poor

Isn't it still the same as the first reading has it? The poor get the worst of things, and are diddled; it's quite contemporary. It is about greed and fooling the poor; raising the shekel - like raising the exchange rate so that the poorer countries get less dollars for their kwacha and rupees; golden handshakes for people whose greed is palpable and whose attitudes have left so many people hard up; money well protected and taxes avoided if not evaded. Our waste of food could feed so many. People are poor not through their own fault but because they are neglected.

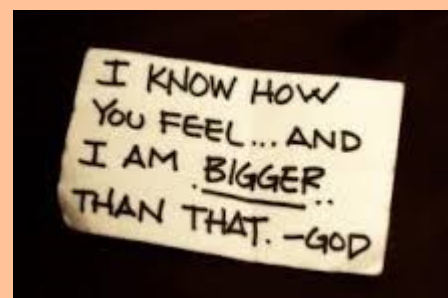
How many of the poorer schools are becoming less well off, with resources such as special needs assistants taken away. Hospital care is getting worse, as people wait for prolonged periods for treatment. Mostly the poor will first suffer from economic mishap. God hates this - he hates mistreatment of his people. Jesus raged against the exploitation of the poor.

We pay tribute to the people who work for the poor and needy - in the parish; in diocesan and other social agencies, and our volunteers at home and abroad. Can we vote for public representatives who care for the poor?

The call to the Church is to care as Jesus cared; we need the harsh words of the first reading sometimes to waken us up, and the story of Jesus to make sure we don't sleep again.

Pope Francis said:

*'if investments in banks drop a little: It's a tragedy!
But if people are starving, if they have nothing to eat,
if they are not healthy: **They die!**
This is our crisis today,*



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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		

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14th September

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 200
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 410
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 215
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: Amos 6:1, 4-7

PSALM: Ps 145: 6-10

SECOND READING: Timothy 6,11-16

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19 – 31

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2026

Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2026 for children attending Catholic schools in the Pastoral Area is now open on the Pastoral Area website, www.stmantan.ie – under General Information and then Sacraments you will see a section for First Holy Communion and one for Confirmation. When you open one of these there is a link to the Registration Forms. Once you have completed and submitted the form you will be redirected to Payzone in order to pay the registration fee of €10 which goes towards administration costs. Please register at your earliest convenience as this will ensure you receive emails about upcoming meetings and ceremonies.

St. Vincent de Paul Collection :

The Church door quarterly collection for the local conferences will be held on the weekend of the 27th & 28th of September, in Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford & Glenealy. Your generous support, as normal, of this collection would be very much appreciated.



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

Next Ashford Baptism Meeting is on Thursday, 25th September at 7.30pm in the church. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

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Annual Appeal 2025



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Cross Care Annual Appeal 2025

The Cross Care Annual Appeal collection is taking place this weekend 20th & 21st of September. It will replace the SHARE Collection.

Your support as normal would be appreciated



DRAW & GROW

MINDFUL ART WITH PLANTS

FREE WORKSHOP

Tuesday
23rd September
10am - 12pm
Wicklow Town Library

GREENHOUSE CULTURE



Rathnew Women's Social Enterprise

CRAFT FAIR

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH

11AM TO 3 PM

ST. BRIGID'S HALL RATHNEW
A67 X583

HAND CRAFTED GOODS, CROCHET,
KNITWEAR, GIFTS, SENSORY TOYS,
UP-CYCLED CREATIONS, COZY QUILTS,
BAKED GOODS & REFRESHMENTS

Logos: Rathnew Craft Fair Market, The Heart of Rathnew, and various community support logos.

"The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co-funded by the Irish Government, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training (EIST) Programme 2021 -2027."

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE CHURCH.

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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