ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Lent Year A

22nd February 2026

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Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Jesus is tempted to use creation just for himself. This can happen with money, to other people, the environment and religion. We are called to look after God's creation, not control it.

To be co-workers with God is our call - to focus on people as well as plans, to feel the needs here and abroad.

One view of God is that he looks after the world for good or bad, and we are just the receivers. The other is that we are co-workers in developing the world and God's creation. Jesus was tempted to throw himself away from the world as he knew it, but he did not. He would live by the word of God, and God would care for him as for the parents in the first reading.

'A Christian who doesn't safeguard creation, or who doesn't make it flourish, is a Christian who isn't concerned with God's work, that work born of God's love for us' (Pope Francis, 2015).

The temptation to Jesus was to take him off the path of his father. Like him, we are often tempted to use the creation of God just for our benefit. Our call is to be co-creators of the world with God.

Imagine a garden where everything is beautiful. It is the 'creation' of a gardener. Then imagine that someone has ruined one corner of it- notice the difference. Apply this to how we treat God's creation.

May we care for your creation, O Lord,
with the love you have for creation and for us.

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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		Eleanor Rice M.M
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

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15th February 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - Accord Collection - €
MAINTENANCE - goes towards Parish upkeep - €

Many thanks for your continued support.

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: Thursdays at 9am

If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings, please check...

FIRST READING: Genesis 12: 1 - 4
PSALM: Ps. 32: 4-5,18 - 20,22
SECOND READING: Timothy 1:8-10
GOSPEL: Matthew 17: 1-9

Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Thursday 26th February at 7.30pm in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

Many bereaved people find it beneficial to receive support from trained volunteers

Bethany Bereavement Support is now offering additional drop-in meetings. These will be held at 10.45 am on the 1st Tuesday of each month in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65. Commencing on 3rd March 2026.

We hope this will make it easier for you to receive our support.

Our evening meetings continue as usual. These meeting are held at 8pm on the last Tuesday of every month. You are welcome to drop into either meeting.

If you prefer, we can meet with you in person. You can call us, in confidence, on 086 835 9148 and be assured of our compassion and understanding.

All our help is free and confidential.

The death of a loved one can be an overwhelming and isolating experience but you don't have to face it alone.

Readers for Ashford Masses

Readers needed for Mass in Ashford If you think you are intrested Names may be left in the Scaristy after Mass or WhatsApp 087 612 8927. People would be part of a roster but swaps are always possible.

– IN AID OF –

Brittas Bay National School

DICEY'S MEGA BINGO

Jack Whites Inn, Brittas Bay

Fri. 27th Feb. at 8pm

● €1,000 PRIZEFUND ●

BOOK & JACKPOT SHEET - €10

Plus Raffle on the night !!!

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.....

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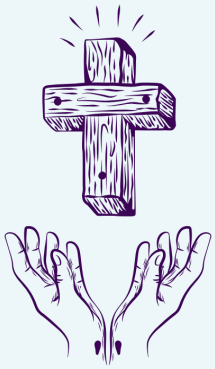
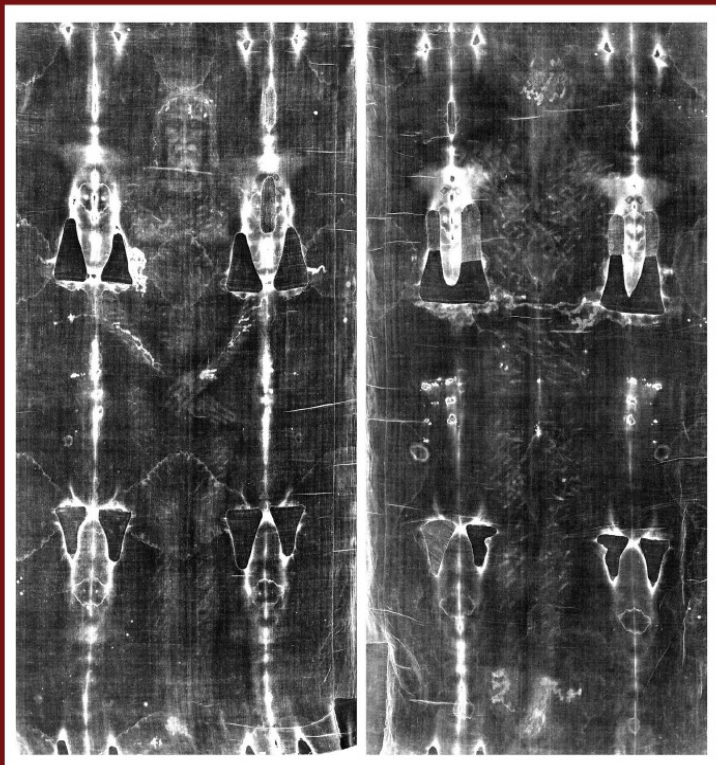
Baptised and sent in Lent

There is course over 5 Thursday evenings in Lent starting the 19th of February at 7.30 pm in the Parish House Ashford.
All welcome.

If you are interested in attending you can text 0872342355 to register



The Man in The Shroud



A deeper understanding of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection as revealed by the Shroud of Turin

Join us for a talk on the Shroud of Turin by Robert Freese on Friday the 6th of March at 7pm in the De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Saint Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town, A67 FX65