

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

22nd March 2026

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Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

A Human Heart

When people read this they say they see that Jesus is a real human being, son of God and man of the earth, weeping over a friend.

His was a human heart. He liked friends and he found a home and a safe place with them, over the hill and away from the mob. We might picture him there - the talk, the chat, the prayers, the love; meals with other friends who dropped in, times of prayer and silence.

The one who can share a laugh, eat a scone, have a drink or a cuppa. The one who'd give a wink at the sign of peace! Not always so serious, even about religion. There's no such thing as a sad saint!

He is a good friend.

When life is ending we will give thanks for friends, and regret the way we have drifted or hurt each other. Real friendship is when another's thoughts and life become at least as or more important than our own.

So the resurrection and the life is not just for after death. It is for now. We raise each other up in friendship and in love. In that is the grace of the Lord, himself a friend, for when we love, God lives in us.

*Picture your friends and those you love
and give thanks to God for each of them.
Lord, help me to keep love and friendship alive in my life.*



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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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15th March 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €200
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €385
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- Accord Collection	- €260
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- €50

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: Isaiah 50: 4-7

PSALM: Ps.21:8-9,17-20,23-24

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL: Matthew 26: 14-27:66(or 27:11-54)

EASTER SCHEDULES

Are now available in all Churches. This booklet has all the ceremonies and Masses in all seven churches in the St Mantan's Area, for the Easter season. Please feel free to take one home for your reference.

Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Thursday 26th March 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 10.45am on the 1st Tuesday of each month in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.

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

Our evening meetings continue as usual. These meetings 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 interested 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.

Behold the Lamb

Readings and Music for Passiontide Palm Sunday, March 29th Saint Mary's Church, Barndarrig at 3pm

"Behold the Lamb" is a special service of poems, readings, and music, to aid us in our reflection and preparation as Holy Week approaches.

This meaningful event encourages us to contemplate the profound events that led to the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ. Through the Barndarrig Church Choir's powerful music, the poignant poems and readings, and moments of collective silence, we will be brought closer to the heart of God.

This service will add to our preparation to walk the Way of the Cross with faith, hope, and love, deepening our understanding of the true meaning of this sacred season.

Divine Mercy Sunday, 12th April 2026

Holy Hour of Divine Mercy



On the first Sunday after Easter, the Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy. To commemorate this great Feast, there will be a Holy Hour of Mercy. Confessions start at 2.45 pm, followed by the Holy Hour at 3 pm in Saint Mary's Church, Barndarrig (A67 K282).

Jesus said to St. Faustina: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."

Come and join us as we offer prayers of devotion to the Divine Mercy, placing ourselves in the wellspring of God's merciful love.

"Jesus, I trust in You."



Last Friday of
each month
2pm - 4pm


Wicklow Town Memory Cafe

This is a free monthly cafe event bringing together people living with dementia or memory challenges, their carers, family, friends, and healthcare professionals to connect, enjoy time together, and find information and support.

Upcoming Dates

27th March, 24th April
29th May, 26th June

The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town,
A67 FX65

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I know the Lord is always with me.

*I will not
be shaken,
for he is right
beside me.*

-Psalm 16:8

