

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

22nd September 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### *Gospel Reflections* **The War Inside** *Donal Neary SJ*

We've had a lot of war- stories and histories in recent years, - but **J**ames talks of another battlefield: wars of good and evil and conflicting desires within ourselves.

In every war there is the evil fighting in the souls of the generals. Same with ourselves --- good things emerge to be done but we allow other less good excuses take over

- visit someone sick but there is a match on
- Help a neighbour but there's a party planned;
- visit the parents and something else happens,
- go to Mass and the sun comes out and we go to the beach or it rains and we might get really wet.

**J**esus' saving love can help us bring out the best in ourselves. His cross is our peace – within ourselves and within nations. This is the reconciliation **J**esus promises from the cross...peace within us and peace among us.

The apostles got into a row who is the greatest. They wanted to follow **J**esus but something else took over.

Can we bring into ourselves the best of the child **J**esus praises, and find **G**od—the **F**ather whom we trust, happy to rest in the regard he has for us, with no need to worry about who is the greatest!



*With every inbreath, breathe in God's love and allow it fill your being.  
Heart of God, heart of Jesus, I place my trust in you.*

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**For all enquires and bookings**

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6.00pm ASHFORD	Walter Pallas (MM) Anniversaries:- Patrick & Kathleen Brady, Lily Melia	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10.30am GLENEALY		

## ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH 15th SEPTEMBER 2024

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

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

**First Reading : Numbers 11:25 –29**

**Psalm : 18**

**Second Reading : James 5 : 1-6**

**Gospel: Mark 9 : 38, 45, 47-48**



Missionary Sisters of Saint Columban  
**Celebrating the Journey**  
 1924 – 2024

**You are invited** to join the Columban Sisters on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm** for their Centenary Celebratory Mass in St. Patricks Church, Wicklow. Refreshments will be served after the mass in the Pastoral Centre situated in the Church grounds.

## 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](http://www.stmantan.ie) under Genral Information – Sacraments.

## **St. Vincent de Paul Collection :**

**The Church door quarterly collection for the local conferences will be held on the weekend of the 28th & 29th of September, in Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford & Glenealy.**

**Your generous support, as normal, of this collection would be very much appreciated.**

## **Alcoholics Anonymous: Drink Problem? You're not alone.**

**Kilcoole Community Centre –  
Open public meeting on the last  
Friday of every month 8pm  
Enquiries: Phone 01 842 0700 or  
[www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie).**

**All enquiries in strictist  
confidence.**

## **St. Mantan Pastoral Area Education Programme**

The St. Mantan Pastoral Area offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children attending non-Catholic schools. The programme provides a two-year preparation course for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Classes will begin on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Enrolments take place in the Parish Office, Wicklow from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 9:30 to 12:30 and also on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm to 4pm. If your child was baptised outside the pastoral area, please bring a copy of their baptismal certificate. More information is available on [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie) under the headings General Information – Sacraments – Parish religious education programme.



During the month of August 2024 the Tap and Go machines in Ashford Parish collected 459.00 euro from 25 transactions. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share.





## *A message from Bishop Donal*

*I just want to thank everybody for attending last Sunday week at the 12 noon Mass, for the very warm welcome that you all gave me, the very generous gift that I received and the wonderful reception afterwards provided by the hospitality team.*



*I am very grateful for all your kindness to me and my family, both at the reception and in the previous years that I lived in the Parish.*



*It was a really wonderful celebration and I thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thank you to everyone involved in making it such a special occasion for me. Donal*

