

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

23rd August 2026

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Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Nothing but Jesus

We all need some statements like Peter's that give a rock and a meaning to life, it gives us a clue of where we belong at deeper levels. We all need statements that express our faith in God. For Peter it was his faith in Jesus, the son of God. This would keep him going all of his life, even at times of unfaithfulness and danger. He could never forget that he had said, 'you are the Christ, the son of the living God'.

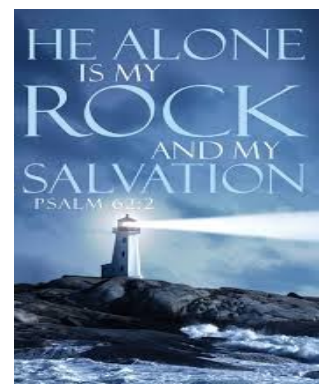
We might wonder who or what is a living God for us? Where we might put our basic trust? What is it that, if taken away, we would be lost without? We can give our lives to family, country, a political party, money. Some of these are worth our trust and some not so much.

We need the rock that Peter found in Jesus and Jesus in Peter. He was called rock only because of his relationship with Jesus Christ, the one who calls forth our faith and love and gives our lives a huge meaning.

If not that we have nothing but Jesus - if that we can integrate all that is important in life within our trust in him. It is God who reveals Jesus to us.

We want to give this to our younger people ~ a rock they can stand on in life, which nothing can demolish. This is Jesus, and in him all is created.

*Recall strong convictions in your life.
Ask that they may be strengthened.
Lord, be my rock, my strong hold, my safety.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Patrick (Mick) Evans Rose Cottage, Carrig
View, Glenealy, Wicklow*

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD		NO MASS
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	NO MASS	

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16th August 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €155
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €270
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- €195
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- €5

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

<u>Ashford:</u>	1st Friday after Mass
<u>Wicklow:</u>	Mondays and Thursdays after Mass
<u>Kilbride:</u>	1st Thursday at 7pm (Divine Mercy)
<u>Brittas Bay:</u>	Thursdays at 9am



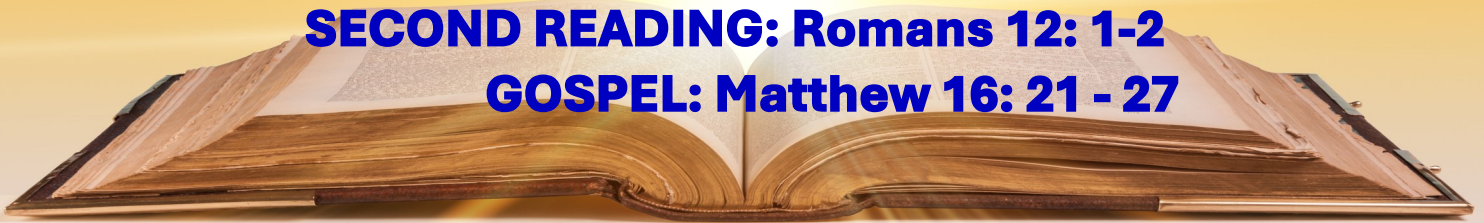
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20: 7 - 9

PSALM: (Ps 62)

SECOND READING: Romans 12: 1-2

GOSPEL: Matthew 16: 21 - 27



Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Next meeting 27th August at 7.30pm in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

Parish envelopes

If anyone is missing a box of envelopes, please notify the parish office on 0404 61699 or email us on parishofficewicklow@gmail.com. We will be happy to sort out the issue immediately

WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT



**Unit 2, First Floor,
Rear of Boots Pharmacy,
Abbey Street, Wicklow**

*Have you, or a family member, been
diagnosed with Cancer?*

*We're here to help -
All our services are free of charge*

0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Email info@wicklowcancersupport.ie

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.
Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.



Last Friday
of each
month
2pm-4pm
Except for July
and December

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

26th June 28th August
25th September 30th October

The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town,
A67 FX65



Wicklow Town Memory Cafe

memorycafe Wicklowtown@gmail.com



Mass Schedule B and C.

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule B: 8th /9th August 2026 & 22nd/23rd August

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)

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Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

**Schedule C: 15/16 August & 29th/30th August**

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| Wicklow Vigil Mass    | 6.00pm  | (Saturday) |
| Barndarrig Vigil Mass | 7.30pm  | (Saturday) |
| Rathnew               | 9.00am  | (Sunday)   |
| Wicklow               | 10.30am | (Sunday)   |
| Glenealy              | 10.30am | (Sunday)   |
| Wicklow               | 12.00pm | (Sunday)   |





# Bethany

Bereavement Support

## Wicklow Group

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a confidential listening service for adults who are grieving.

It offers a quiet and supportive space where people can speak about their loss and be listened to with understanding and compassion by trained volunteers.

Meetings are held in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.



### Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 4th August at 10:45 am



Tuesday 25th August at 8:00 pm

You are welcome to attend,  
or to make contact for a chat.



**Tel: 087 0060 700**

# BRIDGE LESSONS



**DOMINICAN COLLEGE**  
WICKLOW



**TOTAL BEGINNERS**  
EVERY MONDAY  
EVENING 7.30-9.30PM

**IMPROVERS**  
EVERY TUESDAY  
MORNING 10-12AM

From Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> and  
Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of  
September 2026

FULL SET OF NOTES  
SUPPLIED  
€150 FOR 10 LESSONS



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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.....

## God's way is perfect.

All the LORD's  
promises prove true.  
He is a shield for all who  
look to him for protection.

- Psalm 18:30

