

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

23rd November 2025

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### Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Feast of Christ the King

Jesus couldn't do much for the man on the cross... his own hands were nailed. He couldn't take him off, but he gave him more than he could ask for. He gave him paradise.

Where is God in our suffering? What sort of hope can we find this week in our country? What with so many horrible atrocities taking place, and the economic mess we have. What has God and the Church to say? God in his love for his people, and the Church with its social teachings - have they any message of hope?

Where is God? God did not cause the recession nor the murders. We may learn a lot through it and good may come later or now. Our suffering at the moment is of human making. Not of our making, but of some of our leaders and bankers, mostly through greed. God is with us suffering like he was with the thief. He didn't cause the suffering of the man on the next cross to him. He wants our happiness and wants justice and prosperity for all.

God is with us, holding our hands, asking us to support each other. The Church will offer a place and space to find the love of God, and its social teaching will ask us to look for the common good in the future. It offers also a place where we can hear the Church's approach to our economic future, reminding us all the time of the needs of the poor and the ordinary in education, medical care, housing and the ways in which the very old and the poor will suffer most in a situation which has been none of their doing. We are the Church and called on to make our voices heard for those who, like the man on the next cross, have little voice except to ask for help.

*Lord, may thy kingdom come.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of  
Maureen Stockdale (née Lucey) Dunbur, Wicklow  
Town and formerly of Ashford, Co. Wicklow &  
Saggart, Co. Dublin.*

	<b>This week we remember</b>	<b>Next week we remember</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>6.00pm ASHFORD</b>	<b>Peter Kavanagh (A)</b> <b>Joseph &amp; Eleanor Drumgoole</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>10.30am GLENEALY</b>	<b>Don O'Gorman</b> <b>Aaron Wright</b>	

## **ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH** **16th November**

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - **€180**  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - **€555**  
**2ND COLLECTION/SHARE** - Goes towards Diocesan Administration - **€390**  
**MAINTENANCE** - goes towards Parish upkeep - **€105**

*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: Isaiah 2: 1 - 5**

**PSALM: Ps 121: 1-2,4-9**

**SECOND READING: Romans 13:11 - 14**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37 - 44**

## **PARISH SHOP**

The Parish shop is situated in the lobby of the parish office. It has been restocked with new candles, cards and some new general stock, grave candles & ornaments. Drop in and have a browse, baptism candles small baby gifts, angel gifts, rosary beads, car medals, visor medals, cards and much more.

There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards and ordinary cards available.

Shop open same time as office from 10am till 12.30pm.

## 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, 27th November at 7.30pm in the church. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.**

### **NO BAPTISM MEETING IN DECEMBER**

**WMDS**  
WICKLOW MUSICAL & DRAMATIC SOCIETY

# **SNOW WHITE**

*Into The Dark Woods*

**DATES – DECEMBER 5TH-7TH**  
**EVENING SHOWS 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> 7-9PM**  
**MATINEES 6<sup>TH</sup> 2-4PM & 7<sup>TH</sup> 3-5PM**  
**VENUE FATIMA HALL, DOMINICAN COLLEGE**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM [WWW.GR8EVENTS.IE](http://WWW.GR8EVENTS.IE)**

**WICKLOW COMMUNITY CRAFTERS**  
**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**

**FREE ADMISSION**  
RESIN CRAFTS, CANDLES, CROCHET, SENSORY TOYS, WOODWORK, UP CYCLED CREATIONS, KNITWEAR, NOVELTY GLASSWARE, JEWELLERY, GIFTS AND MUCH MUCH MORE

**10 am to 2pm**  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of November**

**THE PASTORAL CENTRE**  
**DE LA SALLE WICKLOW**  
**(OPP ST PATRICKS CHURCH)**

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

We would love to hear what is happening in the parish so that we can include it in the parish newsletter.

If you are organising any event or activity—non-profit—please email us with the details at [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com).  
We look forward to hearing from you.

**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](mailto:info@wicklowcancersupport.ie)

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



## Advent Reflection

**Reflecting on the beautiful  
Advent Gospels**

Where? An Taireseach (Dominican Ecology Centre)

When? 1. Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup>  
2. Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
3. Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>  
4. Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>

What Time? 7:30pm - 8:40pm

Optional 'cuppa' after it with delicious homemade  
biscuits

## ASHFORD & GLENEALY ~ PARISH - CONTACTS

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**PARISH OFFICE WICKLOW 0404 -61699**

**Office opening times Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**

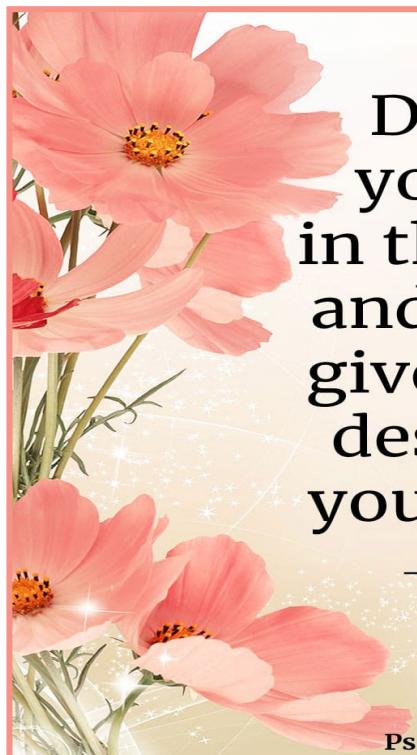
**For all enquires and bookings**

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.....



**Delight  
yourself  
in the Lord,  
and he will  
give you the  
desires of  
your heart.**

—Psalm 37:4