

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Pentecost Sunday Year A

24th May 2026

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Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew Spirit Alive

Someone dies and we say he kept his spirit alive to the end; or we say that '*his spirit lives on*'. A word we talk of easily. It's something elusive, you can't pin it down. It comes from somewhere. Maybe from parents, a spirit of endurance or being able to make it through tough time; or from our prayer and faith. We talk of good team spirit, or of a person who kept joyful and courageous to the end. Today is the feast of the Spirit of God, alive, active and joyful.

The flame of the Spirit of love is the flame of God. The tongues of fire over the apostles and the followers of Jesus were flames of love, the Spirit of God that would burn on the inside forever. Pentecost is the flame of God's own love, given to his followers to mark the birth of the community, the body of Jesus, the church.

It is the spirit of forgiveness always, a gift of the first Pentecost. Did this blow in Ireland during the Royal visit of the British queen Elizabeth a few years ago, or when the Good Friday Agreement and other peace agreements were signed, when the call came for a new reconciliation among people hurt badly in the times of the troubles?

Compassion, mercy, forgiveness and a hope for justice for all are gifts we ask from the Spirit who blows among us strongly today.

*On each inbreath, pray
'Come, Holy Spirit',
live in me and in all of us
as you lived in Mary and the apostles.*



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	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD	Esther Lambert	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

The collection totals for last weekend 16th/17th May will be included in next weekend's newsletter.



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



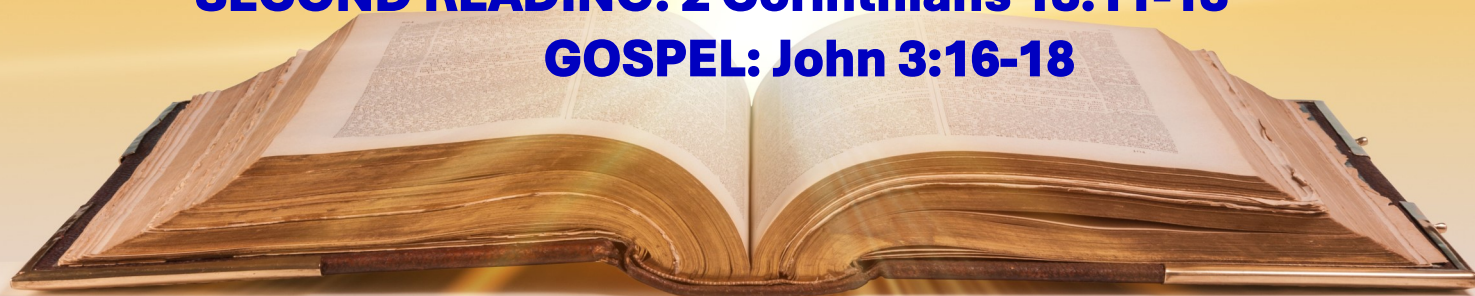
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings, please check...

FIRST READING: Exodus 3-4:4-6, 8-9

PSALM: Daniel 3:52-56

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

GOSPEL: John 3:16-18



Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Thursday 28th May at 7.30pm in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

Building Hope

Novena to the Holy Spirit

17th – 25th May 2026



Pentecost, from St John's Church, Carraroe, Sligo

Novena Prayer

Mary, Mother of the Church,
stand with us at this Spirit-filled time.
Grace us with your faithful presence
as we pray, reflect and plan.

Mary, our Mother,
wrap your mantle of gentleness and courage around us.
Inspire us to say 'yes' to your Son,
as we breathe in the Spirit of Truth and Love,
to renew our communities of faith around Jesus.

Holy Mary,
you stood at the foot of the Cross, broken-hearted.
You witnessed the joy of the resurrection
and the wonder of Pentecost.
You walked great distances in your time.
Be with us now on our Synodal Journey, *Building Hope*.

Beloved Mother,
open our hearts generously to our baptismal calling.
Encourage us into ever deepening communion
with your Son, with each other,
with those most in need, and with all of God's creation.

A Mhuire Mháthair,
hold us close to you
as we embrace God's loving invitation
to wholeness, healing and peace.
Amen.

Archdiocese of Dublin

Building Hope through Prayer, Reflection and Planning



Bethany
Bereavement Support

Wicklow Group

We warmly congratulate **Carmel Meade**,
Mary O'Riordan and **Roisin Vickers**,
who were commissioned recently at Mass
for their ministry with the Bethany
Wicklow Group.

We thank them for their generosity and
commitment to supporting bereaved people
through Bethany's listening ministry.



Please keep them, and all involved in
bereavement support, in your prayers.



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 26th May at 8:00 pm



Tuesday 2nd June at 10:45 am

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



Tel: 086 835 9148



Saturday 6th June

PILGRIM WALK

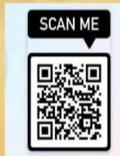
Following the tradition of pilgrimage, a series of walks have been organised to mark St Kevin's Day on Saturday June 6th 2026. Participants will walk towards Glendalough following a choice of 7 different routes which will merge along the way with other walkers from the same area.

Pick one of the routes and then contact the group leader who will confirm the details on the route's length, starting time, location or by joining en route for shorter options. Each person will walk all or part of their chosen route finishing with a 'gathering' of walkers sharing refreshments at the Brockagh Resource Centre, Laragh around 2pm.

Area	Route	Place	Leaders	Contact No	Walking	Start Place	
A	Route 1	Glenmalure	Carmel O'Toole	087 4165298	5 hrs	Ballinacor	
			Jimmy Devitt	087 7832870		Ballinacor	
B	Route 2	Ballinabarney, Greenan	Sean Dunne	086 8937650	4 hrs	Ballinabarney	
			Robbie Carter	085 8118198		2 hrs	Annamoe Village
C	Route 3	Annamoe	Ann Nolan	086 0851665	1 hr	Glenmacnass	
			Andrew Doyle	086 8370088		2 hrs	Bottom of School Lane
			Ann O'Brien	085 1102220		2 hrs	Clara Vale
D	Route 4	Glenmacnass	Anne Savage	087 7936818	4 hrs	Rathdrum Parish Church Car Park	
			Sr Breda Ahearn	087 2446601		4 hrs	Glendalough Sanctuary Car Park



For more information on the Glendalough Hermitage Centre visit www.glendaloughhermitage.ie/



Have you noticed the lovely flowers on then church altar in recent weeks? They have come from parishioners' gardens. If you have flowers to spare please consider donating them for use in the church.

Contact number 086 3657419

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.....

As we keep discovering our world science blends with spirituality and accepts we must believe in order to see.

