

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

24th August 2025

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Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ World of love

In a family so much love is lavished on the new-born first child, and you hear them saying that's the end of freedom now for a good few years. Or the grandchildren come and there's the babysitting. Life deepens love and narrows our freedom. Jesus says elsewhere that love is the door to eternal life. In laying down life for a friend, the cross was a narrow door.

Real love means little things a lot of the time, and with God it means time now and then dedicated to prayer and to worship, as well as loving our neighbour.

Love demands a lot as well as giving a lot. With the people we most love, we are most vulnerable and they can bring the worst and the best out in us.

The sick child, the elderly in the family, those in prison or in a difficult marriage call on our love, as does a husband or wife needing a lot of care in illness or old age. There is a special love shown by volunteers in our country and the developing world. The grandchild who is isolated and lonely calls too on our love. This is the world of love, the only world worth sacrificing anything for.

The condition for entering is not where you come from, whether you are first or last, whether you wear the right clothes or even turn up on time - the condition is that, in the way of the living God, you hear the word of God daily and live by it faithfully.

*Lord, may your will of love
be done on Earth.*



ASHFORD & GLENEALY ~ PARISH - CONTACTS

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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	Lucy Molloy R.D	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	Mark Conlon R.D	

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17th August 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 280
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 335
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€ 245
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 25

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check
catholicireland.net / sacredspace.ie / universalis.com

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 3,17-20,28-29

PSALM: 67:4-7,10-11

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1,7-14

PARISH FUNERAL TEAMS

The diocesan wide Building Hope Programme emphasizes co-responsibility with priests and laity working together to serve the mission of the church.

Every parish in the diocese is required to have a fully trained funeral team.

Our Funeral team provides a Ministry of Consultation, Care & Compassion. They are fully trained volunteers, who give of their time and resources freely. They represent our parish to provide a seamless, discrete, practical support at this most difficult time.

Our Funeral Team provides assistance to the priest as they accompany the grieving family through the journey that is the funeral rite

This assistance includes; providing help with the preparation of the liturgy, prayers in the home or funeral home, in the church on the day of the funeral and in the graveyard praying the prayers of committal.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Next Ashford Baptism Meeting is on Thursday, 28th August at 7.30pm in the church. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

JubileeCamino

Men's Hike - Carlingford to Newry

Saturday September 13th



Mass. Adoration. Fraternity.

Cost: €70 (Lunch, Dinner, Bus)

Strictly an over 18yrs, Catholic male event.

Contact op.evangelisation@gmail.com for further details

Organised by Dominicans and Friends www.dominicans.ie



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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.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Bethany

Bereavement Support

National Bereavement Support for Adults

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers a safe, compassionate space where you can share your grief and find comfort among others who understand. Our trained listeners provide emotional, practical support to help you navigate this difficult time.

Whether you need to talk, to be listened to or simply be present, Bethany is here for you. Our help is confidential and free.

You are very welcome to join us at one of our meetings. We meet at 8pm on the last Tuesday of every month in the De La Salle Centre in Wicklow. You can call or text us at 086 8359 148

You are not alone - we are here for you.

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.

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

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