

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

25th January 2026

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### *Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Love & Call*

**W**e notice a big change of Life for the disciples – they leave the past to follow the Lord, leaving behind their old jobs and roles but also what might block them from living fully. To follow the Lord joyfully we need to believe in ourselves as valued in the sight of God. We pick up messages about ourselves from significant people and we have to let them go.

**A** child whose parents separate often feels unloved and needs the care and love that shows they are okay. Many addicted people have, deep down, a sense of not being loved. Every child coming into the world deserves to know that he or she is loved. We believe that the first gift of our faith is the love of God, the humble God who became one of us in love. In religion we need to touch into the love and the call of God, by gradually letting go of the things in the world that prevent from knowing God's love. The first of the apostles had something new. Each of us, week by week can get this new thing, the love of God.

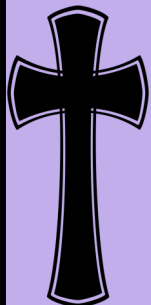
**E**verything else flows from that. To know the love of God is a huge gift, and to know the love and acceptance of another or a few others in life is also a huge gift. Both are one, in every love and friendship we have.



*Is there anything keeping you from living in God's love?*

*Ask his help in this.*

*Lord, Let me know your love day by day and share with all I meet.*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of*

*William (Willie) O'Gorman Carrig View, Glenealy,  
Co. Wicklow*

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6.00pm ASHFORD		Cecil Ward Jack & Frances Ward Dick Fitzpatrick
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10.30am GLENEALY		

## ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

### 18th January 2026

<b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €165
<b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €565
<b>2ND COLLECTION/SHARE</b>	- Goes towards Diocesan Administration	- €455
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- €90

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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



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

**FIRST READING: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12 - 13**

**PSALM: 145: 7 – 10**

**SECOND READING: Corinthians 1:26 - 31**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 1 –12**



**Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Thursday 26th February  
at 7.30pm in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish  
Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this  
meeting.**

## **Active Retirement Activities & Trips**

**Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland**

**Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.**

Follow us on our facebook page: **Wicklow Active Retirement**

**If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free  
to ring Pauline on 087 227 6760**

*You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte*

### **LECTIO DIVINA (GOSPEL REFLECTION)**

Starting again on Wednesday the  
4th of February.

Where: An Tairseach centre,  
Dominican Convent, Wicklow.

TIME: 10.45 A.M- 12 NOON.

We read the Gospel for the following  
Sunday and Reflect on what the Gospel  
message is for each of us. No need to  
bring anything as we use the Mass  
missalettes which we have available.  
All welcome.

If a morning meeting doesn't suit you,  
you may be interested in considering  
coming to our meetings during Lent which  
will move to Wednesday evenings Starting  
on Wednesday 18th of February. Time :  
7.30pm- 8.45 pm in the An Tairseach  
centre.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



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Rear of Boots Pharmacy,  
Abbey Street, Wicklow**

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





## 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.

**PLEASE ..... MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE CHURCH.**

### Scoil na Coróine Mhuire - Junior Infants Sept 2026

School admissions for new Junior Infants for Sept 2026, which will be opening on the 7th January (all relevant dates are on our website).

## **ASHFORD & GLENEALY ~ PARISH - CONTACTS**

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**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

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Above all else,  
*guard your heart,*  
for everything  
you do flows from it  
Proverbs 4:23



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