



ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Gospel Reflection ~ God's Home ~Donal Neary SJ

Making a home is a big opportunity of love for a husband, a wife and a family. They try to make it their own: pictures and memorabilia here and there make a home out of a house. It doesn't have to be perfect. They want others to be able to feel at home in their home also.

It is the same with **J**esus. In our hearts and the depths of our personality he makes a home for himself and the **F**ather. He asks for a loving and welcoming heart, not a place that is perfect, tidy and clean. To make a home is a work of love. **J**esus' making of a home in us comes through our growth in development and love. The loving marriage and family, the loving friendship, the heart that cares for others, these are what make **J**esus feel at home.

Is this a strange way of looking on **G**od? We think of **G**od in the power of nature and almost the maker of history. **G**od seems to reject all this all powerful view of himself and makes himself accessible in the home of our hearts.

Home is a place of help. We look out for each other and the contented home is where each cares for the other. **S**t Ignatius used to say each day, '**W**ho can I help today?'

Maybe we can make that part of the music of our homes. This is **G**od helping through you, and it is **G**od finding us and each other in love.

*Lord, open my heart to prayer and care this day.
Open my eyes to the beauty and problems of others.
Open my heart to your love for me, and to share it with
others*



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

For all enquires and bookings



**As part of the Pilgrim Year of Hope,
there will be a Parish Pilgrimage to
Glendalough on Thursday 5th June.**

**Mass in Glendalough at 10am
Time for private prayer or walk
Tea/Coffee in Laragh at 1.30am**

Lifts available—please call or text 087 2342 355

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: Tuesdays at 9am



Blessing of the Graves

**Please put the following dates
in your diary.**

**Glenealy
Saturday 19th July at 3pm**

**Killoughter
Tuesday 22nd July at 7:30 pm**



**LIFE &
SPIRIT
SEMINAR
in
RDA HALL
RATHDRUM
Co. WICKLOW
A67 X668**

Please note

**Novena to the Holy Spirit takes
place at Masses in Ashford and
Glenealy from 1st-9th of June.**

More information to follow.

**COMMENCING
TUESDAY 15th
APRIL
to
TUESDAY 27th MAY
(seven consecutive
Tuesday Nights)**

Time 7.30pm

**Guest Speaker
each night**

**For further info:
Jack 086 - 2464181**

**TESTIMONIALS TO THE
HEALING POWER OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

- Kate healed from Crohns disease after 26 years.
- Robert paralyzed and on a life support machine for 3 months, totally healed
- Abby young girl with anorexia, totally healed
- Aishling with depression and alcoholism, totally healed
- Eugene 10 years of chronic pain, the Holy Spirit asked me to forgive, totally healed

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD		Dick Melia (A), Lily Melia, Jack Pettit
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

18th May 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 1435
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 330
2ND COLLECTION/Lay Ministry	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€ 305
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	€ 90
EASTER DUES		€ 20

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

PSALM: 66: 46

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1: 17-2

GOSPEL: Luke 24:46 - 53

Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow	First Saturday	2pm
	Third Sunday	1pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2pm
Ashford	First Sunday	12pm
Glenealy	Third Saturday	12pm
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm

**Next Ashford Meeting is on
Thursday, 26th June at
7.30pm in the church.
Please ring the Parish
Office (61699) to book
your place at the meet-
ing.**

**Please ring the Parish
Office (0404-61699)
to confirm your attend-
ance at this meeting.**



I HAVE HEARD YOUR PRAYERS AND SEEN
YOUR TEARS; I WILL HEAL YOU.

- 2 KINGS 20:5

PLANNED GIVING COLLECTION

The new packs of envelopes for the next year are now available for collection. If you don't receive your box of envelopes, please inform the parish office.

THE WEEKLY ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDER

This collection funds the parish. It pays for the day to day expenses of running the Parish such as electricity, heating, insurance as well as maintaining the Churches, the Parish Centre and houses.

The Parish depends very much depends on the Weekly Envelope and Standing Order contributions, in order to continue to maintain and improve the parish. We would not be able to maintain our parish without these contributions.

We are appealing to parishioners who don't use the box of envelopes or the standing order option to consider these options for donating to the parish because unless your donation is in an envelope or paid through the bank, it does not stay within the parish.

All loose monies go into the other collections for Share and the Common Fund.

If you have thought about contributing to the Parish regularly - please arrange for a box of envelopes or a Direct Debit form to be sent to you by ringing the parish office on 61699

TAX RELIEF SCHEME

The Tax Relief Scheme for donations to Eligible Charities is of immense benefit to the Parish. It is a very simple but effective way of increasing revenue, whereby the parish can claim back the tax paid on any **recorded contributions** of €250 or more per annum. Many people have already signed up for this and it has made a big difference to parish income. If you have not already done so, perhaps you would consider signing up for it now. Full details are available on the parish website or from the office.

As the church is registered as a charity, any contribution of €250 or more (which is €5 a week), allows the parish to claim back up to 40% of that, which is approx. €100, where applicable. However, we do have to be able to link the donations to a donor which is where the envelopes/ Direct Debit/Standing Orders becomes important. The only information that is required from the contributor is - name, address, PPS number and a signature. Please be assured that any information received is treated with the strictest of confidence and that there is **NO** involvement at all from any tax officials. If you pay income tax and if you have contributed €250 or more to the **Dues and Family Offering**, the Parish can claim back the tax on your donation at no cost whatsoever to the contributor.

Please be assured that the parish staff do not have any access to any personal details of any parishioner signing up to this scheme. **It is totally confidential.**

Please note that any cash placed in the collection baskets does not qualify for Tax Relief as it cannot be traced back to a donor and is therefore added to the Diocesan 1st & 2nd collections, so, it does not stay in the parish

A sincere thanks to all parishioners who continuously support the parish through their contributions and to those who have signed up to the CHY3 scheme and we look forward to your continued support in the future.