



ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

25th October 2026

RCN 20016166

Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

The Energy of True Religion

'To love God and love your neighbour - this is one of the most attractive of the sayings of Jesus. It is an encouragement to live fully with what brings the greatest joy in life - true love of God and the neighbour. It is at the heart of good religion, and what attracts many to Jesus.

Bad religion puts law above love. Bad religion fights for the partial truth of religion. We risk being victims of bad religion, just as we can be victims of bad nationalism, bad psychology or any other bad way of living. Jesus' life was to propose good religion and to live by it. The religion of some of the Pharisees was bad, in that it was incomplete in its scope.

We admire those who give energy in love and service. We are proud of people we know whose lives make a great and good difference to others. We know that our family and neighbourhood, parish and school, workplace and leisure time have been enriched by the self-sacrificing love of many people, young and old.

'He gave it his all' - we say that of a good player at the end of a match. We say of parents that they *"were always there for the children"*. May we give all we have in our lives, giving in love, knowing that all we give is itself a gift from God, the giver of all good gifts.

*Picture Jesus with a sick person; watch him touching the person.
This would he against the law! What would you say to him?
Lord, let love be the guiding principle of all I say and think.*

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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		Noeleen O'Brien (A)
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

18th October 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €245
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €205
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- €270
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- €40

Many thanks for your continued support.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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



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

FIRST READING: Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14

PSALM: Ps. 23: 1-6

SECOND READING: 1 John 3: 1-3

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 1-12



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



Bethany

Bereavement Support

WICKLOW GROUP

Whenever you feel ready, Bethany Bereavement Support is here to listen.

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a free, 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.



NEXT MEETING DATES

Tuesday 27 October at 8pm

Tuesday 3 November at 10:45am



VENUE

The De La Salle Centre
Wicklow
A67 FX65



FOR INFORMATION

087 0060 700



bethanywicklow@gmail.com



Last Friday
of each
month
2pm-4pm
Except for July
and December

Wicklow Town Memory Cafe

This is a free monthly cafe event bringing together people living with dementia or memory challenges, their carers, family, friends, and healthcare professionals to connect, enjoy time together, and find information and support.

Upcoming Dates

26th June

28th August

25th September

30th October

The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town,
A67 FX65



Wicklow Town Memory Cafe



memorycafewicklowtown@gmail.com



Irish
Dementia
Cafe
Network

WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT



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

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.

Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.



Unwanted Gift Sale

in aid of
**St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow
and
Wicklow Cancer Support**



Date: Sunday 8th November 2026

Time: 10am to 3.30 pm, with Coffee & Raffle

Place: De la Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town
(across from St Patrick's Church, Wicklow Town)

Pick up a Great Christmas Present and support
Wicklow Parish Church and Wicklow Cancer Support Services



**Special Christmas
Room**



Full of Decorations

HALF DAY WORKSHOP

Saturday 14. November
2pm to 5pm

Winter Wellness Herbal Workshop

Explore the natural herbal remedies
available to us this winter

with Laura Holly,
founder of Sugarloaf Botanics



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MOVEMENT CLASS

Tuesday's 3. 10. 17. 24.
November
7pm to 8:15pm



Somatic Practice & Movement

A blended somatic awareness approach
to joyful pain-free movement

with Jean Burtchaell



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€15 per session

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.....

**Faith is taking the
first step even
when you don't
see the whole
staircase.**

Martin Luther King, Jr