

Here are some useful Apps to help with prayer and meditation. They are available from the App Store on your phone or other device:-

Pray As You Go - Daily Prayer

This is a lifestyle app which can be downloaded for free. For the past 16 years this app has provided a daily journey and encounter with God for millions of people around the world. It will support your prayer life each day with a short contemplative prayer session and an invitation to go deeper with other prayer tools, series, retreats and resources. It lasts between 10 and 13 minutes and combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection.

Universalis

This app helps you to follow the Mass each day. The "Mass Today" page merges the Order of Mass with the Readings and Prayers for the day, so you can follow the Mass right through without having to jump here and there through a missal. It costs approximately €12.

Ashford National School

Christmas Fair – 12.00-4.00pm
on Sunday, 3 December

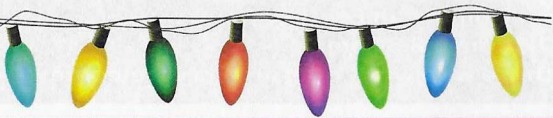
Ashford National School's Christmas Fair will take place in the school on Sunday, 3 December from 12.00 – 4.00pm. Please come along to do your Christmas shopping and support this very worthy cause.



Christmas Craft Fair in
Glenealy Village Hall
on Sunday, 3 December

Christmas Craft Fair in Glenealy Village Hall on Sunday, 3 December from 11.30am – 3.30pm. Come along and join in the festive fun with something for everyone.

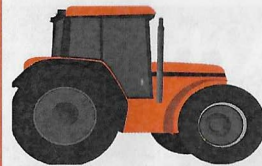
Tickets for the Monster Raffle are on sale now with lots of great prizes. Tickets are €2 each or €5 for a book of three. The draw will take place in Glenealy Hall at 3.00pm on Sunday, 3 December



Christmas
Tractor Run –
Cooley Farm,
Glenealy on Sunday, 10 Dec.



Tractor Run in aid of Wicklow Cancer Support will take place at Cooley Farm, Glenealy (A67 VE42) on Sunday, 10 December. Arrive at 1.30pm. Raffle at 3pm. Tractors, Trucks & Vintage Cars – all are welcome. Raffle and Prizes Best Dressed Vehicle.



See Facebook and Instagram for further information.

Forgive them, even when they are not sorry. Let them be right, if that's what they need. Send them love and send them off. Don't tie yourself to small mindedness, it will steal your well-being.



ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

26th November 2023

Christ the King ~ Year A

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Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew - Donal Neary

The 'I' word!

We know this story well. The most important word in it is 'I'. Jesus identifies himself with the people he is talking about. He doesn't say people were in prison and you visited them, or sick or naked. He says I who am in prison, sick or naked. It's even more than being a brother or sister of Jesus. He identifies with each of us especially in need. Created as we are in the image of God, Jesus sees right through us to see God. God is the divine life of God in each person.

That makes the difference. We don't help the needy person only because he or she is needy, but because each is in the image of God and Jesus sees him or her and says 'that's me.'

This can be a programme for life. For the young – can you make a decision for your life that includes deep care from your love of those in need? For those in their busy lives already and who have chosen their way – how can you show deep care for those in need. For the elderly – can you pray for those in need each day and encourage those more active to care for them?

*Did you feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty,
welcome the stranger,
care for the sick and
visit the prisoner?*

*Lord Jesus, may your kingdom come –
The reign of equality, justice, peace and love.*

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	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD	Bob O'Reilly - Anniversary	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	Jay and Frances Byrne Leo O'Brien - Anniversaries	John Johnson - 1st Anniversary

Altar List of the Dead

Envelopes for the Altar List of Dead are now available in both churches. November is the **Month of the Holy Souls**. Traditionally, during this month we set aside time to remember our Loved Ones who have gone before us. *The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them (Book of Wisdom 3: 1-9).*



World Peace

Our thoughts are with the suffering people of the Middle East and Ukraine. We pray that peace will come to these troubled lands. Remember those who are suffering, displaced and fearful because of war. Enlighten world leaders; make them wise in their decisions. Make all of us instruments of your peace.

Confirmation and First Eucharist

We keep in our prayers those who are preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist at this time.



ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH 19th November 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 265
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 760
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- € 445
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 80

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 : Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

Psalm : 79

Second : Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel : Mark 13: 33-37

Advent 2023 Journeying to Christ



The 'Journeying to Christ' resource has been devised by the Diocese to support people and parishes as we grow and strengthen the synodal way of being Church that, under the guidance of Pope Francis, we have already started to develop.

Advent is a on opportunity for reflection and to devote time to our faith life. 'Journeying to Christ' is a resource to facilitate small groups to listen and share faith together. The resource uses the scriptures from the Sundays in Advent as inspiration. Therefore, there will be a gathering in the Parish House in Ashford each Tuesday evening at 8pm from Tuesday 28th of November for the 4 weeks of Advent. This will give the opportunity to be more prepared and enriched, to experience the liturgies and the season of Advent.

The 4 sessions are themes as part of one journey: GIFTED, BAPTISED, SENT & RESPOND

The structure of each session is the same.

- It starts with people gathering and introducing themselves the first week. After that people briefly share anything that stayed with them from the previous week.
- Someone from the group slowly reads the scripture reading. It is reread so people have the opportunity to hear something new.
- Then there is time for reflection and sharing of thoughts prompted by some questions.
- Following this there is reflective prayer and meditation.
- The final part of each session is where people are encouraged to do something each week during Advent.

Each session takes 45 minutes to an hour and all are welcome

Please text or WhatsApp your number to 087 2342355 to register your interest.

Advent Scripture

Christmas is coming!

It can be a very busy time. So, you are invited to come to a 'mini' Advent Retreat on Wednesday evenings to prepare for this wonderful feast of the birth of Jesus. There will be time to reflect on the beautiful Advent Gospels quietly & mindfully.

When: During the four Wednesdays of Advent, Nov 29th, Dec 6th, 13th & 20th

Where: Meditation Room, Dominican Ecology Centre

Time: from 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Finishing with a chat & cuppa for those who wish - all are very welcome.