

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

26th April 2026

RCN 20016166

Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Follow in Love

The first big moment of vocation is baptism. The anointing of chrism at baptism might be called the anointing for vocation.

The baptismal vocation is for witness, love and service. This is expressed in ways in which people live out their baptism in married life, single life - and within the single life, maybe religious life or priesthood.

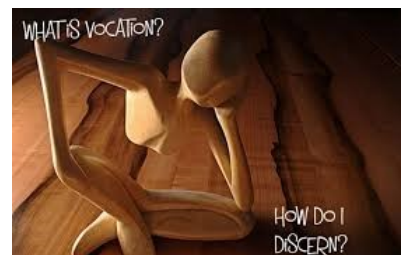
Our active witness is to the life and the values of Jesus in our lives. Teaching is not itself a vocation, for example, but the way we teach is a way of living out our vocation. It is the same with many of the helping professions and employments. Being a good neighbour can be a living out of our vocation.

We witness to love in marriage, in family, extended family, and in friendship. Any love is a sharing in the love of God. In the moments of unselfish love in any relationship we are living out our vocation. When we love, we are doing God's will!

We witness to service in the wider world in our care for the poor and in welcoming the stranger: the widow, the orphan, the immigrant- in fact anybody needy .

*In a place of silence, let the words 'Come, follow me'
echo in your mind and heart.*

*Lord, be with me as I offer myself in partnership with you
to work in your world
and in whatever capacity you think best for me .*



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Cathal B. Stockdale Dunbur, Wicklow Town and
formerly of Ashford, Co. Wicklow & Cobh, Co. Cork.*

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD	Thomas (Tom) O'Brien Who died in London Formerly of Glenealy	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	John Behan (A), Thomas (Tom) O'Brien Who died in London Formerly of Glenealy	

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19th April 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- €205
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- €380
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- €240
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- €95

Many thanks for your continued support.

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: Thursdays at 9am



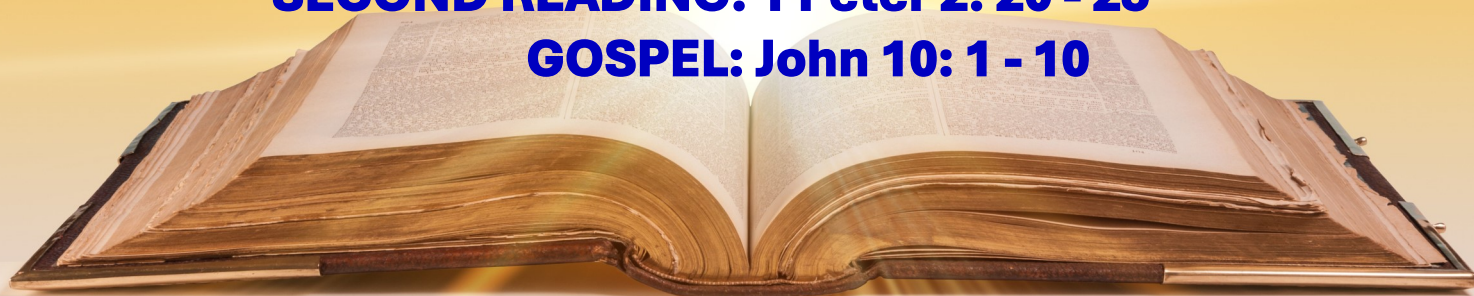
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14,36-41

PSALM: Ps. (Psalm 22: 1-6)

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2: 20 - 25

GOSPEL: John 10: 1 - 10



Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Thursday 28th May at 7.30pm
in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office
(0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

ASHFORD & GLENEALY ~ PARISH - CONTACTS

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

For all enquires and bookings

Please remember to turn off the mobile.....

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*

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.

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

HAVE YOU BEEN BEREAVED? You are not alone.

The death of a loved one can be overwhelming and isolating — but you do not have to face it alone.

If you are grieving the loss of someone special, or any kind of loss, and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement Support offers free and **confidential support** to adults in a safe, welcoming and understanding environment.

We hold our meetings in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.

Our next meetings are:

Tuesday 28th April at 8.00pm

Tuesday 5th May at 10.45am

You are very welcome to come along, or simply contact us for a chat.

086 835 9148

RATHNEW WOMEN'S SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Craft fair

11 AM - 3PM

SUNDAY 17TH OF MAY

HAND CRAFTED GIFTS, COSY QUILTS, KNITWEAR, CROCHET, SENSORY TOYS, UP CYCLED CREATIONS, BAKED GOODS & REFRESHMENTS

ST. BRIGID'S HALL
RATHNEW
A67 X583

Rathnew CRQFC Fair Market

The Heart of Rathnew

Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland Co-ordinator of an Antea Europa! Co-Funded by the European Union pobal CLASP Climate Action Plan LCDC

"The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co-funded by the Irish Government, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training (EIST) Programme 2021-2027."

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.....

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

