

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

26th July 2026

RCN 20016166

Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

The good, the bad, and the treasure

Jesus takes the ordinary for his story asking what you would really want never to lose/ asking what your treasure is. Is it money, reputation, locality? I gave up a better job but had time for the family and for love'; words of a young father. We know that parents give up a lot for their children; as do grandparents/ godparents and others. As people we look for what's most important in life: the love of God; deep and enduring friendships/ success after hard work in school/ commitment to the poor - what can-not be lost and what is worth sacrificing other good things for.

Life is a mixture of the good and the bad. There is an old Dublin saying: *'There's good in the worst of us and bad in the best of us.* We work for God with the strengths and weaknesses of all we work with. God sows the seed of the gospel in good and bad soil; it bears fruit in its own way wherever it is sown.

The treasure is in our people. So much hidden generosity comes out at bad times - floods, power cuts, illness and death. We need always to find the hidden treasures in our own people and even in our history.

The kingdom of God is close, near and is within us.

*Think of what you really value in life. Take time.
Give thanks to God for what brings deep joy in life.
Thy Kingdom Come, Lord Jesus.*



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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	Lola Kavanagh 1st Anni.	NO MASS
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	NO MASS	Jack & Dorothy O'Neill Peg, Ray & Niall O'Flaherty

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19th July 2026

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

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: Isaiah 55:1-3

PSALM: Ps. 144

SECOND READING: Romans 8:35. 37 - 39

GOSPEL: Matthew 14: 13 - 21



Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - No Baptism meeting in July.
Next meeting 27th August at 7.30pm in the Parochial House.
 Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

Parish envelopes

If anyone is missing a box of envelopes, please notify the parish office on 0404 61699 or email us on parishofficewicklow@gmail.com. We will be happy to sort out the issue immediately



Lifeboats

Fundraising in aid of the RNL

**The RNLI will be having their
Annual Church Door
Collection on Saturday 1st
and Sunday 2nd August.
Your support as normal
would be very much
appreciated.**



Bethany

Bereavement Support

Wicklow Group

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a 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.

Meetings are held in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.

Upcoming meetings:



Tuesday 28th July at 8:00 pm



Tuesday 4th August at 10:45 am

You are welcome to attend,
or to make contact for a chat.



Tel: 087 0060 700

Mass Schedule B and C.

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule B: 27/28th June 2026, 11/12 July, 25/26 July

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)

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Schedule C: 4/5 July, 18/19 July, 1/2 August

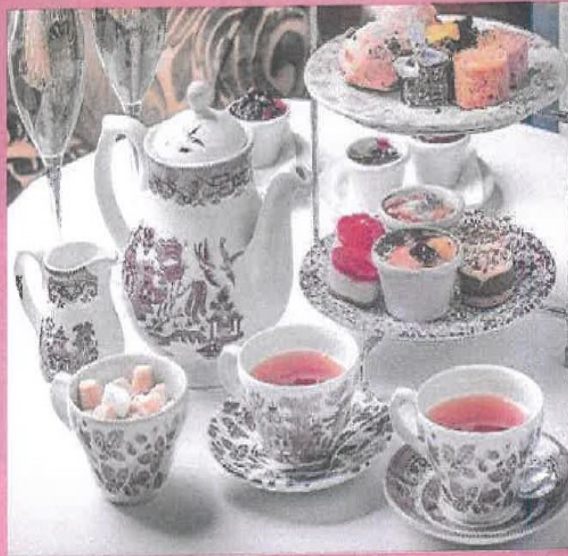
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Barndarrig Vigil Mass	7.30pm	(Saturday)
Rathnew	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Glenealy	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Afternoon Tea in the Garden.
Caring for our ageing community

In Mary O'Brien's
11 Ballinalea
Ashford
A67TD28

Saturday 25th
July 1pm - 4pm



Admission €5 and a
ticket for a gate prize
and a raffle on the day



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.....

But you, Lord,
are a shield around me,
my glory, the One
who lifts my head high.

-Psalm 3:3

