

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

26th October 2025

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Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ *The Pharisee's boast*

This is one of these stories of people who didn't like each other, and brought the worst out of each other. The Pharisee was strict on religion, and the tax man was a greedy sinner. Each made the other feel awful about themselves, especially before God.

The Pharisee started boasting about his religious fervent observance. The tax man just swallowed his prejudice and admitted to God that he was a sinner. The Pharisee would look good in any religious line-up, and the tax man would be in the corner of the line-up, almost cowering in the back of the prayer-place, hoping nobody would see him.

But he knew who he was before God; he admitted his weakness. The Pharisee pretended religious fervour and looked down on the tax man, one of God's favourites. Jesus comments on the story that everyone would recognise, and we recognise ourselves in both people: the proud and arrogant person at times, and at other times, the one who feels a total failure.

He just says - in admitting who you are, you are high in the sight of God and high at God's table. Just to be oneself before God can be difficult. Many gospel stories are about this reality. We need to give those few silent moments each day to an awareness of being loved by God. In that we are humbled, that one as good as God could love us so totally, and so we are exalted.

We are gifted by God's grace and if we can enjoy our identity as a child of God we will find happiness in life.

*Lord teach me to know you more,
to love you more and
serve you faithfully in my life.*



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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 (née Healy) 1st Anni.
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		
FRIDAY 7.30pm Vigil GLENEALY ALL SAINTS DAY		
SATURDAY 1ST NOV 10:00am ASHFORD ALL SAINTS DAY		

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19th October

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.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

PSALM: Ps 26:1,4,7-9,13-14

SECOND READING: Romans 5:5-11

GOSPEL: Luke 7:11-17

An Tobar Nua

We provide confidential counselling nationwide via telephone and Zoom. Our service is donation-based, because we do not want finances to prevent anyone from receiving support.

If any parishioners, are struggling with grief, anxiety, depression, or other life challenges, please know that we are here to help.

☎ Phone: 091 562 175

✉ Email: counselling@antobarnua.com

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



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

Next Ashford Baptism Meeting is on Thursday, 27th November at 7.30pm in the church. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.



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**DISCOVER SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
FOR YOU IN COUNTY WICKLOW!**

**THURSDAY,
30TH OCTOBER
2025**

🕒 11am - 4pm

Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow

Meet representatives from:

- Alone
- Wicklow Library service
- LGBT Ireland
- Active Retirement Ireland
- Wicklow Traveller Group
- and many more!

**FREE ENTRY - ALL WELCOME!
(lunch & refreshments provided)
BOOK YOUR SPACE NOW!**



Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin
Wicklow County Council

**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.



The death of a loved one can be an overwhelming and isolating experience but you don't have to face it alone

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement Support offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence. We have a drop-in service on the last Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm in the De La Salle Centre Wicklow, or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call us on 086 835 9148 to arrange.

PARISH SHOP

The Parish shop is situated in the lobby of the parish office. It has been restocked with new candles, cards and some new general stock, grave candles & ornaments. Drop in and have a browse, baptism candles small baby gifts, angel gifts, rosary beads, car medals, visor medals, cards and much more. There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards and ordinary cards available. Shop open same time as office from 10am till 12.30pm.

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

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