

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

27th September 2026

RCN 20016166

### *Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew*

#### *The Grumpy Brother and the Honest One*

**Two brothers:** the second was grumpy, honest and generous; the first was kindly, confused and selfish. We know often people who do what they say, who do something in the end, or who don't do what they say. The first man knew his mind and then did what was right. Is it the message of this humorous and honest story that sincerity and integrity are important? A certain spirituality ignores ourselves - it's all about doing. Grit your teeth and get down to it. Roll up your sleeves and work... *'but nobody asked us how we were'*. But we find God both in the discernment and in the doing. In the end we must know how we feel about something and then put that in the hands of God and in prayer and do what seems right. The Lord wants the follow through! We need to take time to decide well - the first son did not do that. Then we need to follow and do what is right.

**We** need sound heads, compassionate hearts and willing hands. The vineyard is where we live all the time. The call is to live in truth, love and justice. We need to believe in the possibilities of a better world, and to become people who can decide on what is right in the sight of God and do it. We will often resist. We want to do what is right and do the opposite. He understands our mixed motivation. In all of that we need the Christian vision and a desire to do the world a world of good.

*Recall a time you felt resentful about doing  
what you ought to do.  
How did you feel after doing it?  
Lord, may everything I do begin with you*



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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                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>6.00pm ASHFORD |                       | Sylvester McDonald (A)<br>Bill & Mary O'Toole (A) |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>10.30am GLENEALY | Andy Dunne 1st Anniv. |                                                   |

## ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

**20th September 2026**

|                                     |                                        |        |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>  | - goes towards maintaining our parish  | - €170 |
| <b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b> | - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese  | - €470 |
| <b>2ND COLLECTION/SHARE</b>         | - goes towards Diocesan Administration | - €430 |
| <b>MAINTENANCE</b>                  | - goes towards Parish upkeep           | - €75  |

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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



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

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 5: 1 - 7**

**PSALM: Ps. 79:9,12-16,19-20**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 4: 6 - 9**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 33 - 43**



**Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Next meeting 22nd October at 7.30pm in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.**

## Readers for Glenealy Masses



**Readers needed for Mass in Glenealy If you think you are interested you can email your name into the parish office at [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com)**

# Laudato Si'

## Care for Our Common Home

*"The Earth is our home, and we all share it together."*

POPE FRANCIS



**Protect biodiversity**  
Every living thing has a place and a purpose.

**Conserve natural resources**  
Water, soil, air and energy are not limitless.

**Reduce, reuse, recycle**  
Less waste today, cleaner tomorrows.

**Tackle climate change**  
Care for creation means caring for future generations.

**Choose sustainable living**  
Small actions make a big difference.

**Live in harmony**  
A healthy planet builds healthier people and stronger communities.

*A healthier planet is a brighter future*

In 2015, Pope Francis calls all of us to urgent action to combat the destruction that is being inflicted on earth, our common home and reminds Christians of our duty to be good stewards of creation.

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**11 AM  
-3PM**

**SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
OF OCTOBER**

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

**ST. BRIGID'S HALL  
RATHNEW  
A67 X583**



# Parish Religious Education Classes

The parish offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children who are attending non-Catholic Schools.

Parents who wish to present their child for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation are invited to enrol them for a two-year programme of preparation.

Online Registration is now available on [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie)

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***Sacramental Registration***  
***2026 ~ 2027***

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**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 29th September at 8:00pm**  
**Tuesday 6th October at 10:45**



VENUE

The De La Salle Centre  
Wicklow  
A67 FX65



FOR INFORMATION

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## 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*



Society of St Vincent de Paul

## QUARTERLY COLLECTION.

The quarterly Church Door collection will take place on the weekend of 3rd/4th October, in Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford & Glenealy church. Your support of this collection would be very much appreciated.

**ASHFORD-GLENEALY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL SEPTEMBER UPDATE**  
*Our Parish Pastoral Council had its first meeting after the summer break on September 16th.*

**Training is ongoing for the Parish Pastoral Council on BEING A SYNODAL PASTORAL COUNCIL.**

**We are working on developing a Parish Mission Statement. This will be formed to reflect the work we do on behalf of all parishioners. Please pray for the us during this time.**

**Working with the Building Hope framework 2025-2027, we reflected on Pope Francis's encyclical Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home. We aim to try to promote the awareness of Laudato Si throughout the coming year.**

**The Feast of St Francis, Patron Saint of the Environment, 4th October. Special prayers will be offered at Masses next weekend.**