

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

28th July 2024

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### *Gospel Reflections* **Open Air Meal** *Donal Neary SJ*

Ordinary bread is a reminder of the Eucharist. Jesus feeds in the ordinary among the people. The fragments left over have been our bread ever since. From this gospel mystery we know we are always worthwhile in God's eyes. Everyone is fed. We approach the bread of life not because we are saints, but because we need it.

We know also that our offering is worth it: 5 loaves and 2 fish of the poorest type. The leftovers on the shelf, the sardines only the poor ate: the boy had no idea of where his offering would lead. We never know where love will bear fruit.

God is with us in the ordinary – the God of the table not just the temple. Where we are in life, he finds us, and feeds us most when we are most empty. We have often blocked good people from the table of God for too long.

He will feed us always – more than enough love in the heart of God for all. The meal of today has lasted, and the Eucharist is the central prayer and activity of the church. We minister the bread of life now to each other.

At Mass we meet the Lord Jesus, in his death and resurrection – each Mass is our entering into this mystery of prayer and love for the world. This is the active love of God, seen also in our service of his people.

*As I eat bread this day, I might remind myself of the two breads – bread of earth for the body and bread of heaven for the soul. Lord, thank you for our daily bread.*



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**For all enquires and bookings**

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6.00pm ASHFORD	Majella Turner (MM) Anthony Mooney (A.)	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10.30am GLENEALY	<b>NO MASS</b>	

## ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

### 21st July 2024

<b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 100
<b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 305
<b>2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND</b>	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- € 180
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 0

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

**First Reading : Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15**

**Psalm : 77:3-4, 23-25, 54**

**Second Reading : Ephesians 4:17, 20-24**

**Gospel: John 6:24-35**



**Don't forget that Masses in Wicklow can be viewed live on the pastoral area website, [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie)**

**Mass leaflets are available in all the churches.**

# giveblood.ie

**Support your upcoming Local Blood Drive!**

**Wicklow Educate Together National School, Wicklow**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July and Thursday**

**1<sup>st</sup> August from  
3.45pm to 8.00pm**

Check your eligibility at [www.giveblood.ie](http://www.giveblood.ie)  
or call us on 1800 731 137

Follow us for more updates & news



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## Mass Schedule B and C.

### Mass Schedule B in the event of one priest not being available.

Weekend 6/7 July // Weekend 27/28 July // Weekend 31 August/1 Sept

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)

### Mass Schedule C in the event of one priest not being available

Weekend 20/21 July // Weekend 10/11 August // Weekend 14/15 September

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)

### WICKLOW COPD GROUP

**COPD Exercise class to help improve your breathing every Monday in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre.**

**Fully qualified Instructors**

**Further information from**

**Margaret Geary on 086 0700 758**

*In July, we pray with Pope Francis that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.*



**Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to attend an introductory meeting before booking a date for the baptism. At this meeting you will be given all the necessary information about the Sacrament of Baptism and the commitment required of the parents who request it for their child. The next meeting will be on**

**Thursday 29th August at 7.30pm in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Ashford**





## Residential Retreats - Lough Derg, Co. Donegal

These residential retreats are designed for people who are curious and are searching for ways to explore and deepen their experience of God in a Christian context. They are structured around daily prayer with input from experienced facilitators and provide a comfortable, full-board stay on the island. For further information please visit [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

## World Peace

We pray for peace in our hearts, in our homes, in our community and in our troubled world, especially in the Middle East and in Ukraine. We pray for those who are suffering, displaced and fearful because of war. Make us instruments of your peace and messengers of hope to those who are troubled.

## Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.

Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00am

Choir will resume in September

Autumn Holiday to Sligo—9th-13th September

**\*\* We will be closed for the month of August and resume our Tuesday morning meeting on 3rd September.**

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

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return to Parish Office or Sacristy

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