

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Palm Sunday Year A

29th March 2026

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Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

He has endured the cross

Our gospel today is long; it is the first of two readings of the passion and death of Jesus; we hear many sayings and notice events that are familiar to us and to all Christians. Maybe during the week we could take time to reread the gospel account, and watch what happens, going a bit behind the externals.

*We see Jesus being mocked, tortured, hurt, ridiculed, beaten and killed.

*We notice his fear in the garden of his agony, and also his willingness to go to the end for what he believes in and sees as his mission in life.

*We see him being treated unjustly, and a notorious thief being chosen over him for release. We see him on the cross, when he seems to feel neglected by his Father.

*We notice also the help he received - the silent sympathy and love of his mother, Simon's help carrying the cross, the sympathy of the 'daughters of Jerusalem', and even the faith of the Roman who said he was a good man, a 'son of God'. We wonder about how he felt with the mockery and with the help he received.

*We can identify with much of his suffering, in our own lives and the lives of people close to us. He is the one who 'has endured the cross and despised its shame' (Hebrews).

*We can often take comfort and consolation from the fact that he identifies with the suffering of the human race, and that his resurrection is the basis of our faith, hope and love.

*Look at or imagine a crucifix, and pray as you feel drawn.
Lord, by your cross and resurrection,
you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.*



Sincere sympathies to the families of

John Byrne of Newrath, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow



	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD		
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

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22nd March 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	-	€160
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	-	€925
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- Accord Collection	-	€495
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	-	€90

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 10:34, 37-43

PSALM: Ps. 117:1-2,16-17,22-23

SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 1-4

GOSPEL: John 20: 1-9



EASTER SCHEDULES

Are now available in all Churches. This booklet has all the ceremonies and Masses in all seven churches in the St Mantan's Area, for the Easter season. Please feel free to take one home for your reference.

Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Thursday 23rd April at 7.30pm
in the Parochial House. Please ring the Parish Office
(0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.



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.

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Readers for Ashford Masses



Readers needed for Mass in Ashford If you think you are interested Names may be left in the Scaristy after Mass or WhatsApp 087 612 8927. People would be part of a roster but swaps are always possible.



Last Friday of each month
2pm - 4pm


Wicklow Town Memory Cafe

This is a free monthly cafe event bringing together people living with dementia or memory challenges, their carers, family, friends, and healthcare professionals to connect, enjoy time together, and find information and support.

Upcoming Dates

27th March, 24th April
29th May, 26th June

The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town,
A67 FX65

 Wicklow Town Memory Cafe

 memorycafewicklowtown@gmail.com



Divine Mercy Sunday, 12th April 2026

Holy Hour of Divine Mercy



On the first Sunday after Easter, the Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy. To commemorate this great Feast, there will be a Holy Hour of Mercy. Confessions start at 2.45 pm, followed by the Holy Hour at 3 pm in Saint Mary's Church, Barndarrig (A67 K282).

Jesus said to St. Faustina: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."

Come and join us as we offer prayers of devotion to the Divine Mercy, placing ourselves in the wellspring of God's merciful love.

"Jesus, I trust in You."

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