

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

30th August 2026

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Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

The Third Day

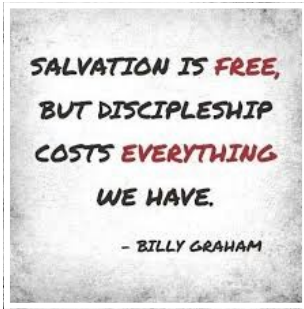
We meet deep human concerns and feelings in the gospel today. Peter is shocked to the core that Jesus would die; so shocked that he always later seemed to forget that Jesus promised that he would rise on the third day. Jesus talks very seriously about the cost of following him, like the cost of following any commitment in life.

Jesus invites us to live at the deepest level of ourselves. In the area of life where we live and love, laugh and cry, worry and enjoy, hurt and forgive. In all these very personal sides of life, Jesus dwells, since he says that he makes his home in us.

We can call it a sort of 'third day' hope. Nothing except love, which is eternal, was final for Jesus. For all the worst things of life there was a third day. The day on which hope would be fuller than any despair, and when life would be more lasting than death. Jesus was like that - when people met him, they remembered him and remembered how he touched the fears and anxieties of their lives with a deep hope.

We are "third day" people, knowing that the love and life of God, promised at our baptism, will always be in the air around us, filling us with the breath of God, and breathing fragrance all around us like the best of flowers. Later they would be raised from final despair and hopelessness at his resurrection. But it took time!

*Breathing in and out receive the peace of God.
On the in-breath, let the word 'peace' echo within you.
Lord, may I never lose faith in you.*



SALVATION IS **FREE**,
BUT DISCIPLESHIP
COSTS **EVERYTHING**
WE HAVE.
- BILLY GRAHAM

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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	NO MASS	Christine Driver M.M
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

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23rd August 2026

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	-	€135
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	-	€135
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	-	€95
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	-	€265

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: Ezekiel 33: 7 - 9

PSALM: (Ps. 94)

SECOND READING: Romans 13: 8 - 10

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 15 - 20



**Next Ashford Baptism Meeting - Next meeting 24th September 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

WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT



**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.



Last Friday
of each
month
2pm-4pm
Except for July
and December

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

26th June 28th August
25th September 30th October

The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town,
A67 FX65



Wicklow Town Memory Cafe



memorycafewicklowtown@gmail.
com



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.

Please remember to turn off the mobile.....



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 1st September at 10:45 am



Tuesday 29th September at 8:00 pm

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



Tel: 087 0060 700

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.....

4 WEEK SABBATICAL

Sunday 4. - Friday 30. October

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& Magnifica Humanitas



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**“TRUST IN THE
LORD WITH ALL
YOUR HEART.”**

PROVERBS 3:5