

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

31st August 2025

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Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Strange ways

A fellow said - 'bad enough he was in the pub, but now I have to be beside him at Mass'. Said jocosely, but the point is that everyone is invited to the banquet of Jesus like the gospel today. We never know who we might meet at Mass.

Jesus has strange ways of looking on whom to invite and who are the most important.

There were strict codes of place-names and seating at this type of party. Jesus was going to cut through these. He also had upset things earlier by healing a very sick man on the Sabbath. He started talking then about who to invite.

There was no pecking order at his invitation. The narrow door of last week has been pushed wide to let them all in.

The community of Christ doesn't admit of differences that put us down. He was always saying this, and saying it to the proud and haughty. For others, life had taught them to be humble and they could probably enjoy this feast.

Humble people are grateful for small and big things; they pray often and know their need for prayer; they know they have faults and are no better or worse than most, and know they need God's mercy; they love children because they are childlike at times, and they know they are not humble all the time. They don't take themselves too seriously and are compassionate to the faults of others. They know who they are - in one way the least of all, but always loved, always forgiven, always a child of God.

Lord,

*teach me to know myself well,
so that I can better know your love.*

PROUD PEOPLE ARE FULL
OF THEMSELVES

HUMBLE PEOPLE ARE
FULL OF **GOD**

ASHFORD & GLENEALY ~ PARISH - CONTACTS

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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	Anselm Fidgeon R.D	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	NO MASS	

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

24th August 2025

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.

DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

FIRST READING: Wisdom 9:13-18

PSALM: 89:3-6, 12-14,17

SECOND READING: Philemon 9-10,12-17

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

PARISH FUNERAL TEAMS

The diocesan wide Building Hope Programme emphasizes co-responsibility with priests and laity working together to serve the mission of the church.

Every parish in the diocese is required to have a fully trained funeral team.

Our Funeral team provides a Ministry of Consultation, Care & Compassion. They are fully trained volunteers, who give of their time and resources freely. They represent our parish to provide a seamless, discrete, practical support at this most difficult time.

Our Funeral Team provides assistance to the priest as they accompany the grieving family through the journey that is the funeral rite. This assistance includes; providing help with the preparation of the liturgy, prayers in the home or funeral home, in the church on the day of the funeral and in the graveyard praying the prayers of committal.



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, 25th September at 7.30pm in the church. Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

JubileeCamino

Men's Hike - Carlingford to Newry

Saturday September 13th



Mass. Adoration. Fraternity.

Cost: €70 (Lunch, Dinner, Bus)

Strictly an over 18yrs, Catholic male event.

Contact op.evangelisation@gmail.com for further details

Organised by Dominicans and Friends www.dominicans.ie



GROW MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

Every Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm for anyone struggling with depression or anxiety or just the stresses of life.

Experience new hope and meaning through working on issues together in a peer support setting.

Call Trish Williams on 086 0129082 for more information or just turn up at the Wicklow Parish Centre.

Small donations for group running costs are welcome.

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.

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.

**ENROLMENT DATES FOR THESE CLASSES WILL BE
FROM MONDAY 8TH TO FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
DURING OFFICE HOURS**

PARISH OFFICE & SHOP

The Parish Office is located in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and is open Monday through to Friday from 10am till 12.30 pm for all general parish enquiries, to book masses, to arrange baptisms /wedding bookings, enquiries, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc.

We would be very happy to help you - in person or on the phone at 61699.

Congratulations to all couples planning their marriage.

REMEMBER ...to give 3 months notice to the parish where you live.

Your local parish is responsible for organising the paperwork necessary for the Sacrament of Marriage irrespective of where the wedding will take place.

Be sure to get in touch with the Parish Office to make arrangements to complete wedding papers at least 3 months before the date of the proposed wedding.



**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS
SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE CHURCH.**

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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Contact Number.....

Address.....

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