

Here are some useful Apps to help with prayer and meditation. They are available from the App Store on your phone or other device:-

sPray As You Go - Daily Prayer

This is a lifestyle app which can be downloaded for free. For the past 16 years this app has provided a daily journey and encounter with God for millions of people around the world. It will support your prayer life each day with a short contemplative prayer session and an invitation to go deeper with other prayer tools, series, retreats and resources. It lasts between 10 and 13 minutes and combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection.

Universalis

This app helps you to follow the Mass each day. The "Mass Today" page merges the Order of Mass with the Readings and Prayers for the day, so you can follow the Mass right through without having to jump here and there through a missal. It costs approximately €12.

Ashford National School

Christmas Fair – 12.00-4.00pm on Sunday, 3 December

Ashford National School's Christmas Fair will take place in the school on Sunday, 3 December from 12.00 – 4.00pm. Please come along to do your Christmas shopping and support this very worthy cause.

Monster Raffle in aid of Glenealy Village Hall

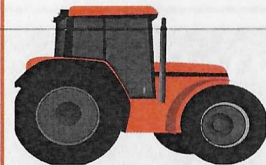
Tickets are on sale now; lots and lots of great prizes. Tickets are €2 each or €5 for a book of three. The draw will take place in Glenealy Hall at 3.00pm on Sunday, 3 December at the end of the Christmas Craft Fair.



Christmas Tractor Run – Cooley Farm, Glenealy on Sunday, 10 Dec.



Tractor Run in aid of Wicklow Cancer Support will take place at Cooley Farm, Glenealy (A67 VE42) on Sunday, 10 December. Arrive at 1.30pm. Raffle at 3pm. Tractors, Trucks & Vintage Cars – all are welcome. Raffle and Prizes Best Dressed Vehicle.



See Facebook and Instagram for further information.

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

19th November 2023

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ Year A

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Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew - Donal Neary

Well Done !

Why did he hide the money? Maybe he was asked to be dishonest - to use the money for purposes that diddled others. At the time of this parable most money was made dishonestly. Today this could be like trafficking in drugs or sex, treating our migrant workers badly, paying off violence or buying in a way that diminishes others. The servant was an honest man and suffered for it.

Did you ever feel you were being compromised by being asked to do something that you knew was wrong? A person pressured into watching internet porn, or engaging in sexual activity, or trying out alcohol? They may feel they will suffer in the future if they don't give in.

The godfathers of crime and drugs and violence have a lot to answer for. They are those that make money at the expense of others. This is one way of reading this parable: that people try to get other people to do their dirty work, and they can punish for not doing it.

The man in the end got thrown out by the greedy master - but from God he will, 'Well done, come and inherit the kingdom.'

Today we are encouraged by the man who would not do the dirty work for anyone, would not take part in schemes that damaged others, and is the one who really 'did well.'

Can you imagine when you or someone you know went 'against the tide? Imagine Jesus saying to you, well done.

What might it be for?
Lord, may I be faithful to you always.

Some people will only "love you" as much as they can use you. Their "loyalty" ends where the benefits stop...

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	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD	Don O'Gorman and Aaron Wright, Lily Quinn - Anniversaries	Bob O'Reilly - Anniversary
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	Liam and Sean O'Toole - Anniversaries	Jay and Frances Byrne Leo O'Brien - Anniversaries

Altar List of the Dead

Envelopes for the Altar List of Dead are now available in both churches. November is the **Month of the Holy Souls**. Traditionally, during this month we set aside time to remember our Loved Ones who have gone before us. *The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them (Book of Wisdom 3: 1-9).*



World Peace

Our thoughts are with the suffering people of the Middle East and Ukraine. We pray that peace will come to these troubled lands. Remember those who are suffering, displaced and fearful because of war. Enlighten world leaders; make them wise in their decisions. **Make all of us instruments of your peace.**



Confirmation and First Eucharist

We keep in our prayers those who are preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist at this time.

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH
12th November 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 160
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 640
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- € 280
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 65

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

First Reading : Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalm : 22

Second : 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

Gospel : Matthew 25: 31-46

Advent 2023 Journeying to Christ



The 'Journeying to Christ' resource has been devised by the Diocese to support people and parishes as we grow and strengthen the synodal way of being Church that, under the guidance of Pope Francis, we have already started to develop.

Advent is a on opportunity for reflection and to devote time to our faith life. 'Journeying to Christ' is a resource to facilitate small groups to listen and share faith together. The resource uses the scriptures from the Sundays in Advent as inspiration. Therefore, there will be a gathering in the Parish House in Ashford each Tuesday evening at 8pm from Tuesday 28th of November for the 4 weeks of Advent. This will give the opportunity to be more prepared and enriched, to experience the liturgies and the season of Advent.

The 4 sessions are themes as part of one journey: GIFTED, BAPTISED, SENT & RESPOND

The structure of each session is the same.

- It starts with people gathering and introducing themselves the first week. After that people briefly share anything that stayed with them from the previous week.
- Someone from the group slowly reads the scripture reading. It is reread so people have the opportunity to hear something new.
- Then there is time for reflection and sharing of thoughts prompted by some questions.
- Following this there is reflective prayer and meditation.
- The final part of each session is where people are encouraged to do something each week during Advent.

Each session takes 45 minutes to an hour and all are welcome
Please text or WhatsApp your number to 087 2342355 to register your interest.

In November, We Remember...

Our Annual Mass for all those who have died during the past year, will be on Tuesday 21st November 2023, at 7.30pm, in St Joseph's Church Glenealy.

Ashford & Glenealy Parish