

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

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Gospel Reflection She must have a lovely heart! Donal Neary SJ

Someone said to me of a friend - She must have a lovely heart! The Gospel today is about goodness inside and that we draw much from the store of goodness inside ourselves. A way of looking at this is to wonder what makes us feel positive in ourselves about others and about the world. We have days when we feel truly grateful for much in life and in the world, and the store of goodness fills up. There are days when the opposite happens, and Jesus speaks of the 'store of badness'.

The store of goodness is filled up in many

- ~ a good conversation with a loved one,
- ~ time spent with an infant in wonder of how and what this child is and will be,
- ~ listening to some good music and admiring good art,
- ~ taking time to pray and listening to the word of Jesus in the Gospel,
- ~ finding time to pray with others at the Mass or in prayer groups.

God in many ways increases our store of goodness and we allow this happen. You can find your favourite ways of bringing out the best in yourself. We know of people we meet whom we always feel the better for meeting. Prayer and faith should always bring the best out of us: give time each day to allow the total love of God for us to reach us.

Another store of goodness is the goodness of self.

We can be too critical of ourselves and if so, we will probably find we are critical of others. Look this day into the mirror and give thanks to God for the man or woman you see there. If you look on ourselves with love, we will look on others the same.



Lord, teach me your goodness.

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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	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH 23rd February 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	-	€ 170
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	-	€ 410
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration		€ 272
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	-	€ 85

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

PSALM: 90

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8-13

GOSPEL : Luke 4:1-13

Thanks for the dance **THE LEONARD COHEN STORY**

featuring **Cohen Unlimited**
WICKLOW GOLF CLUB, WICKLOW

SATURDAY

8 MARCH

Doors open 7^{pm} Show 7.30 pm
Raffle for limited edition
framed print of Leonard
Cohen on the night

Charity event in aid of
RNLI Wicklow
TICKETS €25 (+ booking fee)
Book tickets at gr8events.ie



Mass Times - March 5

Wicklow	8am and 10am
Barndarrig	10am
Ashford	10am
Rathnew	7pm
Glenealy	8pm



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the
Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Congratulations to all couples planning their marriage.

Don't forget 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.



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Wicklow Rathnew

26 August 2025

7 Nights

€1,095 per person sharing

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » 20kg bags included
- » Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- » 7 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

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The Pupils of Scoil Na Coroine Mhuire Ashford invited their Grandparents to join them for Mass in the Holy Rosary Church Ashford on Tuesday 25th February to celebrate Grandparents Day .

The Church was full and it was lovely to see so many Grandparents in attendance. Fr Eamonn welcomed everyone and asked us all to pray for the Holy Father Pope Francis who could be considered Grandfather to the Church worldwide. He also told the Children that those who had Grandparents alive were so lucky as he never got to know his Grandparents who died when he was either too young to remember them or they had died before he was born. He also asked us to pray for the Children who are making their First Confessions next week and also the children due to make their Confirmation shortly. The Children read out some beautiful Prayers of the Faithful which they had prepared and finished the Mass with a lovely rendition of their special hymn Circle of Friends. The pupils and their Grandparents and Parents adjourned to the neighbouring school building for a cup of tea and a chat. Several of the Grandparents had themselves been pupils of the school and enjoyed revisiting their old alma mater. Many thanks to Fr Eamonn, The Teachers and all the pupils for such a special occasion it was very enjoyable.

Baptism in the
St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow First Saturday
2pm
Third Sunday
1pm
Rathnew Fourth Saturday
2pm
Ashford First Sunday
12pm
Glenealy Third Saturday
12pm
BBK Second Saturday
2pm

**Next Ashford Meeting is on
Thursday, 27th March at
7.30pm in the church.**

**Please ring the Parish Office
(0404-61699)
to confirm your attendance
at this meeting.**

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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