

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

4th August 2024

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### *Gospel Reflections* **The 'I' Word** *Donal Neary SJ*

Jesus is a man of the 'I' word – and not in a boastful way. He speaks of the bread in the desert, the manna which nourished the people in their wanderings. He builds on their belief in a bread from heaven, but now that he himself is the bread. The bread gives life to the soul. He is this bread.

Our Christian faith is centred on a '**person**', not on a book. The gospel is the book of life because it is the book of **Jesus**. **Jesus** is our life because he comes from **God**. So we call this at times the bread of heaven.

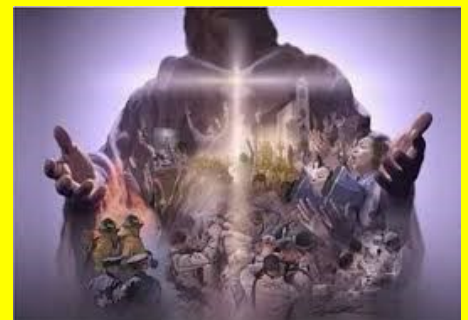
What more ordinary ways can heaven and earth be linked than in the most ordinary of foods? In another country he might have said he is the '**rice**' of life. It means that in the ordinary events of our lives, **God** is very near in **Jesus**. He makes his home in us as the bread we eat becomes part of us.

The same with love – our faith links always human and divine love, and human love of all sorts is a share in the divine life of love. Can we really believe this? That the next time you really love your child, your friend, your spouse or anyone in your love-life, you are bringing them a bit of **God**!

That is one of the main reasons why we want to live in love. That we link heaven and earth, divinity and humanity, Jesus and ourselves.

Then the '**I**' of Jesus becomes the '**we**' of his earthly body and presence now.

*Breathing in and out –  
let the word 'love' echo in your mind and heart  
on the inbreath and the outbreath.  
Lord, thy kingdom come!*



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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		<b>NO MASS</b>
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

**ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH**  
28th July 2024

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 355  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 260  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - goes towards Diocesan Administration - € 176  
**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](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

**First Reading : 1 Kings 19:4-8**

**Psalm : 33:2-9**

**Second Reading : Ephesians 4:30-5:2**

**Gospel: John 6:41-51**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGES IN MASS  
TIMES FOR NEXT WEEKEND (10/11 August)**

**ASHFORD - NO VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY 10th AUGUST**  
**KILBRIDE - NO 9.00AM MASS ON SUNDAY 11th AUGUST**  
**BRITTAS BAY - NO 12PM MASS ON SUNDAY 11th AUGUST**

**Mass will be available in the following Churches at the following times:**

Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Barndarrig Vigil Mass	7:30pm	(Saturday)
Rathnew	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Glenealy	10:30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)

## **ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP**

**Providing support & a social outlet for older people**

**DRAW RESULTS July 2024**

**Thank you for your ongoing support**

		<b>Winner</b>	<b>Seller</b>
<b>1st</b>	<b>€300</b>	<b>Daithi Grant</b>	<b>Oona McKiernan</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>€150</b>	<b>Sarah McKiernan</b>	<b>Oona McKiernan</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>€100</b>	<b>Marie Phelan</b>	<b>Billy Crean</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>€ 50</b>	<b>Maureen Dunne</b>	<b>Ann Byrne</b>

### **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.**



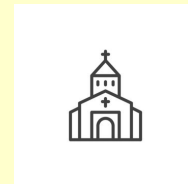
**The RNLI will be having their**

**Annual Church Door**

**Collection in Ashford on Saturday**



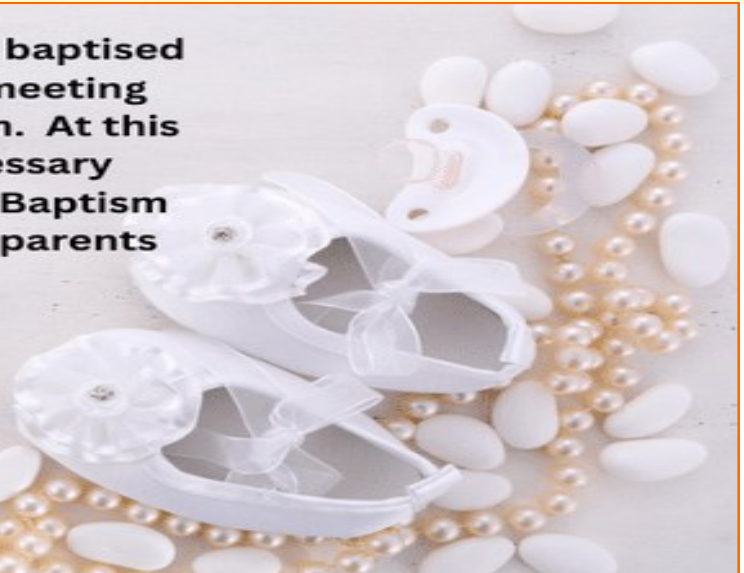
**3rd August**



**Don't forget that Masses in  
Wicklow can be viewed live on  
the pastoral area website,  
[www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie) Mass leaflets  
are available in all the churches.**

**Any parents who wish to have a child baptised  
are asked to attend an introductory meeting  
before booking a date for the baptism. At this  
meeting you will be given all the necessary  
information about the Sacrament of Baptism  
and the commitment required of the parents  
who request it for their child.  
The next meeting will be on**

**Thursday 29th August at  
7.30pm in the Church of the  
Most Holy Rosary, Ashford**



## Residential Retreats - Lough Derg, Co. Donegal

These residential retreats are designed for people who are curious and are searching for ways to explore and deepen their experience of God in a Christian context. They are structured around daily prayer with input from experienced facilitators and provide a comfortable, full-board stay on the island. For further information please visit [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

## World Peace

We pray for peace in our hearts, in our homes, in our community and in our troubled world, especially in the Middle East and in Ukraine. We pray for those who are suffering, displaced and fearful because of war. Make us instruments of your peace and messengers of hope to those who are troubled.

## Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.

Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00am

Choir will resume in September

Autumn Holiday to Sligo—9th-13th September

**\*\* We will be closed for the month of August and resume our Tuesday morning meeting on 3rd September.**

Follow us on our facebook page: **Wicklow Active Retirement**

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring Pauline on 087 227 6760

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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