

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6th October 2024

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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[Donal Neary SJ](#) *Reaching Out to Family* *Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year B*

The followers of Christ can be caught between valuing the commitment of life's promises in marriage, and compassion for people whose marriages have broken up. Jesus values the commitment too: adultery is condemned as a sin against justice – of tampering in some way with the commitment made of one person to another.

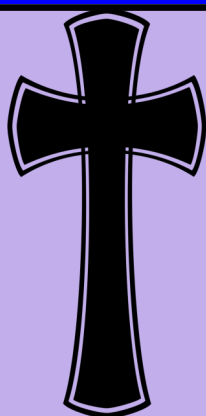
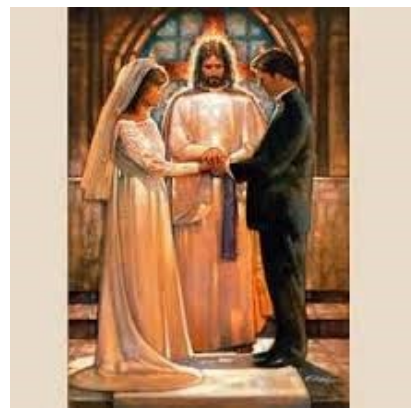
Why is this followed by a comment about children that they should come to him? Obviously from love for children, and also for love of the child inside each of us, the child of God that we all are. So for the child of God who is suffering through the breakdown of commitment, Jesus is saying to come to him, be welcomed into his arms and be blessed.

While trying to value commitment in marriage and also in religious life, he is also reaching out to people who are in difficult, personal situations. We follow him in this, letting go of judgements about people's relationships. We never know people unless we have walked in their shoes and at their pace.

The church has tried in many ways to reach out to people who need care, protection and healing in Pope Francis' Letter on the Family, *The Joy of Love*.

In situations where there are differences in people's attitudes, especially in the family, it is good to keep doors of communication open. This is the way towards greater love and healing, and allowing Jesus be part of every aspect of life. Many parents have been happy in later years that they kept lines of communication open with children whose lifestyles may have been different from theirs.

*Think of a family relationship for which you are grateful.
Lord, may your love be upon us, especially in our commitments.*



Sincere sympathies to the family of

**Lorna McGovern Doran
Ballykillavane, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow**

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD	Bill & Mary O'Toole	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	NO MASS	

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH 29th SEPTEMBER 2024

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 295
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €452
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration - € 320
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 Wisdom :7. 7 -11

PSALM : 89

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4. 12-13

GOSPEL: Mark 10 :17-30

Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

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



Next Ashford Meeting is on 24th October

Next Wicklow Meeting is on 10th October

MISSION SUNDAY –20th October

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, and like the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land and Peter's Pence, it is one of three yearly universal Church collections.

World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and Europe, but also in poorer parishes in developing countries. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, play their part in supporting each other. This is what makes it such a special celebration.

St. Mantan Pastoral Area Education Programme

The St. Mantan Pastoral Area offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children attending non-Catholic schools. The programme provides a two-year preparation course for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Classes will begin on Tuesday 17th September. Enrolments take place in the Parish Office, Wicklow from Monday 9th to Friday 13th September from 9:30 to 12:30 and also on Thursday 12th from 2:30pm to 4pm. If your child was baptised outside the pastoral area, please bring a copy of their baptismal certificate.

More information is available on www.stmantan.ie under the headings General Information – Sacraments – Parish religious education programme.

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP PROVIDING SUPPORT & A SOCIAL OUTLET FOR OLDER PEOPLE DRAW RESULTS SEPTEMBER 2024

		WINNER	SELLER
1ST	€300.00	NADINE CLEARY	PHYLLIS ARMSTRONG
2ND	€150.00	ANNE O'FLAHERTY	CATHERINE BARRETT
3RD	€100.00	MARIE PHELAN	CATHERINE BARRETT
4TH	€50.00	SHEILA DRIVER	CATHERINE BARRETT

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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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.

Alcoholics Anonymous:

Drink Problem? You're not alone.

**Kilcoole Community Centre –Open
public meeting on the last Friday of
every month 8pm Enquiries: Phone**

01 842 0700 or

www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie.

All enquiries in strictist confidence.

VILLAGE PLAYERS RATHNEW Present

THE HILARIOUS COMEDY

The **Mating Season** by Sam Cree

October, 2024
Thursday 10th,
Friday 11th & Saturday 12th
St. Bridget's Hall, Rathnew, A67 X583,
At 8pm nightly

Tickets €12
Available from GR8events.ie

Registration for the Sacraments

Registration for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for parents of children in Catholic Schools who wish their children to receive those sacraments in the academic year 2024-2025 is now live on the pastoral area website, www.stmantan.ie under General Information – Sacraments.

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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Contact Number.....

Address.....

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In family life, love is the oil that eases friction, the cement that binds closer together, and the music that brings harmony.

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE