

### Gospel Reflections In the Ordinary Donal Neary SJ

It's easy to think you know people. Then they can surprise you. We can find ourselves making opinions and judgements easily on people on colour, race or age. Or we know them for a long time and then something happens like a marriage or a death and we see another side to them.

We think the same even about Jesus – was Jesus a carpenter? No! He could work in wood, metal or stone! So immediately we are challenged by this gospel like they were. Here was the ordinary man, going every week to work in Sepphoris, a few kms from his home, now taking on the role of preacher and prophet. Nothing divine about that - or maybe it's one of the most divine things we can do! Work and family bring us close to God who is working all the time and who is loving all the time.

How might you see God today – creation, love, silence, care? A new baby in the family – God's creation of new life with us, or someone who is very ill but in weakness of the body is also finding peace in the prospect of heaven... that is God at work. God is around in the depth moments of life.

What does this gospel make of Jesus? He makes sense of our lives with us and for us, teaching and healing with compassion and love. We do not know him fully, we don't know all he said, but live by the echo of his words.

Think over yesterday – what gave you a lift in the heart, a sense of peace, the presence of God. Lord, I thank you for the wonder of us all!

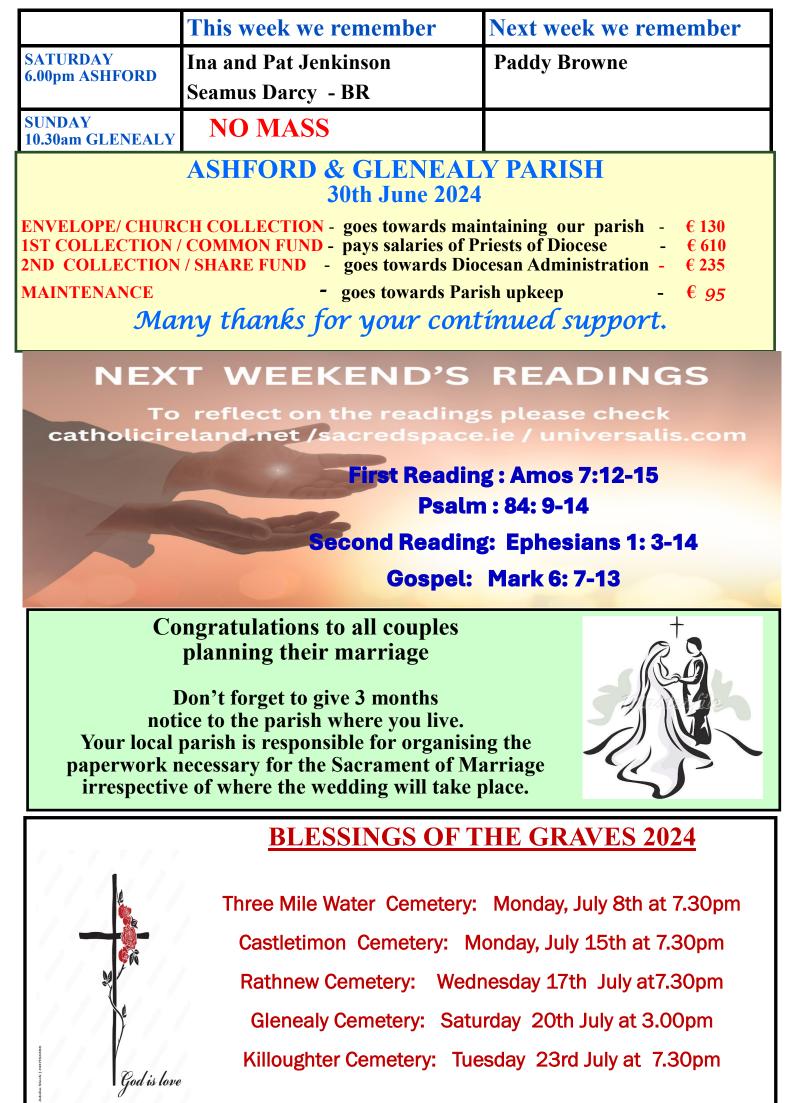


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## PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGES IN MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEKEND - 6th & 7th July/ & THE FOLLOWING WEEK

BARNDARRIG<br/>RATHNEW<br/>GLENEALYNO VIGIL MASS<br/>NO 9.00AM MASS<br/>ON SUNDAY 7TH<br/>ON SUNDAY 7TH<br/>JULYON SUNDAY<br/>ON SUNDAY 7TH<br/>JULY

Mass will be available in the following Churches at the following times: **Ashford Vigil Mass** 6.00pm (Saturday) 6.00pm Wicklow Vigil Mass (Saturday) 9.00am **Kilbride** (Sunday) (Sunday) Wicklow 10.30am **12.00pm** (Sunday) **Wicklow 12.00pm** (Sunday) **Brittas Bay** 

#### MONDAY 8TH JULY - NO 7PM MASS IN ST JOSEPH'S RATHNEW

Wednesday 10th July at 10.00am - in St Mary's, Barndarrig Liturgy of the Word Service with Holy Communion

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 25th July at 7.30pm in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Ashford

#### **Resedential Retrets - Lough Derg, Co. Donegal**

These resedential 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

#### **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.

Conversational Irish Tuesdays at 10.00 am

Line Dancing Tuesdays 12.00 to 1.00pm

Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00am

Choir Fridays 3.00pm-4.00pm

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

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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

Name
Contact Number
Address

You don't have to defend or explain your decisions to anyone. **It's your life.** Live it without apologies.

- MANDY HALE