

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

8th September 2024

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Gospel Reflections In the Ordinary Donal Neary SJ

Jesus avoids attention after his work of healing the deaf man. He's not a quarter hour celebrity. He didn't want admiration, he wanted love to flow into and out of ourselves - doing good quietly. The best of things are ordinary. In the ordinary Jesus worked the miracle and in the ordinary we will hear new things.

The theologian Karl Rahner SJ was once asked whether he believed in miracles. His answer: "*I don't 'believe in them', I rely on them to get through each day!*" Indeed, miracles are always present within our lives. Miracles of birth, of love, and hope. The ways people get over hurts and they forgive. Someone giving a lot from the little they have. It is the world of mystery – of little miracles. A miracle is not against nature – it is something that causes faith and love.

The first reading today sees more in the desert than a wilderness and flowers: we see and hear beyond created things to the healing work and word of the creator. Maybe we might listen to new voices about **G**od and life in our conversations - I heard recently a young person talking about the suicide of a friend and how this brought him to realise how much we really need **G**od. His chat strengthened my faith.

Can we recover the simplicity of life with the small miracles that get us through every day? i.e. like a sudden burst of sunrays in the midst of trees All of us have something new to say of **G**od and of life. And we get more than we knew out of the simplicity of life.

*Think today of something small that can remind you of something deeper and of God.
Praise to you O lord for simple surprises in my life!*



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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	Joe Doyle (MM) Martin Doyle (A) Mick Doyle and deceased members of the Doyle and Kearns families Seamus Byrne (A)	NO MASS
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	Peg O'Flaherty (MM) Justin Ryan (RD)	Paddy, Ned & Sonny Barrett Sheils Keegan (née Barrett) Fr. Eddie Barry Roger O'Donnell

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1st SEPTEMBER 2024

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 180
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 200
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration - € 160
MAINTENANCE - goes towards Parish upkeep - € 70

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 : Isaiah 50:5-9

Psalm : 114:1-6, 8-9

Second Reading : James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGES IN MASS
TIMES FOR NEXT WEEKEND (14/15 SEPTEMBER)**

ASHFORD - NO VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER
KILBRIDE - NO 9.00AM MASS ON SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER
BRITTAS BAY - NO 12PM MASS ON SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

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)

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.

Bishop Donal Roche will celebrate Mass at 12.00 (noon) in Wicklow today. Refreshments will be served after Mass in the de la Salle Pastoral Centre.

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.



Don't forget that Masses in Wicklow can be viewed live on the pastoral area website, www.stmantan.ie Mass leaflets are available in all the churches.

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.

Upcoming Funeral Team Training

Funeral Team training for existing funeral teams and those parishes within our partnership who wish to establish a Funeral Team will take place on 9th, 16th and 23rd October 2024. (all three sessions to be attended)

For those who have completed the funeral team training, there will be a further Funeral Team Leader Training(assisting and/or conducting a funeral service) on 6th, 13th and 20th of November 2024.(all three sessions to be attended).The venue and time will be decided once numbers of people registered has been confirmed. Please contact the parish office to express your interest in attending the training.

**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

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.

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Providing support & social outlet for older people
DRAW RESULTS AUGUST 2024

		Winner	Seller
1st	€300	Mick Collier	Mary O'Brien
2nd	€150	Jill Humby	Ann Lyons
3rd	€100	Lorraine Porter	Ann Byrne
4th	€50	Billy Crean	Billy Crean

Thank you for your ongoing support

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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