

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER First Sunday of Lent -Year C

9th March 2025

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Gospel Reflection Jesus tempted off course Donal Neary SJ

Jesus was brought out of the ordinary into a place where he was tempted off course with three temptations - to comfort, power, and wealth - three things that can take us over. Money, power and comfort can lead us astray...when we want wealth, to be no. 1 and prioritise comfort in various ways.

He goes back to the word of God to find strength and insight to fight off evil - to the words he learned at home, and at school.

A big source of energy for us is the word of God. On Ash Wednesday the invitation was to believe the good news. That is where we may find life and strength.

We remain in the Church because of Jesus Christ. The word of God in his gospel remains life-giving and strong. Today's scripture shows us that temptations happen often to take us off the path. So too does the unexpected, and scandals have happened in many of the national institutions. Church life may leave us down and weak, but the spirit who kept Jesus strong in the desert will do the same for us.

A Lenten thing to do could be to

- *read a bit of the gospel every day.
- *Look up Sacred Space.ie. on the web and pray from that.
- *Or Pray-as-you-go. Pray your own favourite gospels.
- *Read the gospel to the children.
- *Hear the word at weekday Mass or check it on: www.catholicireland.net/readings/saints
- *We look to the word of God to build us up as God's children and community and find strength to use all in the service of God and others in love.



Speak your word O Lord, and we shall be the better for it.



Sincere sympathies to the family of

*Robert Francis (Bob) Knowles, Ashford and
Formerly Glenealy & Manchester*

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD	Peter Porter (MM) James Hegarty RD late of Ashford, died in USA	Liam Kelly (1st A) Geraldine Kelly (A)
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

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2nd March 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 215
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 345
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€ 180
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 40

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: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

PSALM: 26

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1

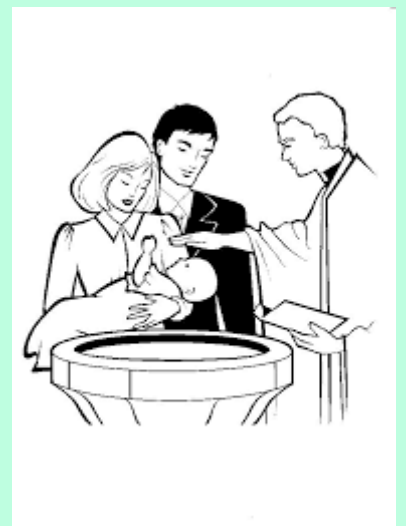
GOSPEL : Luke 9:28-36

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.





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.

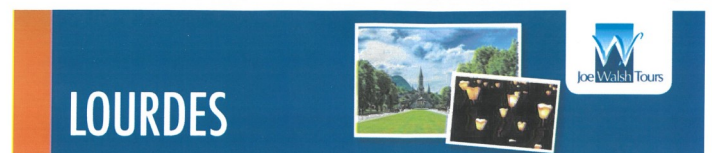
Amen

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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ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Providing support & a social outlet for older people

DRAW RESULTS February 2025

		Winner	Seller
1 st	€300	Ann's Grandkids	Ann Byrne
2 nd	€150	Kieran O' Connor	Ann Byrne
3 rd	€100	Betty Kenny	Fiona O'Rourke
4 th	€50	Sean Howley	Mary O'Brien

Tickets sold here

Thank you for your ongoing support

Registered Charity Number (RCN) 20200036

St. Patrick's Day Masses

Rathnew	9am	Ashford	10am
Wicklow	10.30am & 12 noon	Glenealy	11.30am
Barndarrig	10.30am		

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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.....

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**WHEN WE FALL
TO TEMPTATION
GOD'S LOVE AND
GRACE ARE
ALWAYS THERE
TO PICK US UP.**

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